

CHIT CHAT
FROM
WAKKERSTROOM NO.2

Hi All,

Everyone seemed to have enjoyed my last chit-chat which is wonderful as it is an easy way to keep in touch. The only thing that caused a little debate was the "Name and Shame". On giving it more thought I have decided that we will not be doing that as it will certainly cause unhappiness and that is not the aim of this little chit-chat.

1) **Birding** - The bird outing this month is not on the usual second Tuesday. This month it will be on the 17th. We will be going to the Wessel's farm and it promises to be a good morning trip. Meet at the library at 7.00am with your hat, drinks, snacks and deck chair.

- On Wednesday 18th is our usual meeting at Birdlife. This month we don't have a guest speaker but everyone is asked to bring along their own photos on birds, animals, natural history etc. Bring them on a flash drive, a tablet or on your cell phone. The meeting is an audience participation event so should be a lot of fun. Everyone welcome.

2) **Something To Do** -a) Movies are on Tuesday afternoon 10th May at 2.30. This month's fun movie is called "The Lady in the Van " starring Maggie Smith.

b) Pistol Shoot -If you own a handgun this is for you. It is taking place on 21st May at Lourens Van Der Schyff's shooting Range at 9.00am. Booking and further info at the Butchery.

c) Mountain Challenge - Get the tekkies out of mothballs and support Rupert and Gwynne to make this event a howling success. They are reviving this race and have put in a lot of work. It is on 18th May and starts at 8.00am.

d) The Crowned Crane - Saturday from 12.00 boerie rolls and hot dogs while you watch sport with like minded people. This Saturday 14th May will feature Rugby -Cheetahs vs Kings at 17.00pm and Lions vs Blues at 19.00pm.

On Sunday The Spanish Grand Prix is at 14.00pm.

e) Car Boot Sale - The next car boot sale is on Saturday 25th June. Bring along your goods and have a lovely social morning in the grounds of De Katzenhof. Cause one man's trash is another man's treasure !

f) Art and Craft Ramble- coming up on 16th-19th June. There will be lots to buy and different art and craft courses will be available. Details still to come.

3)Changes - a)I mentioned the second hand shop last week but I omitted any info. My apologies to Berry Duncan and her girls. The shop is called TWICE IS NICE and is on the corner opposite the old clinic. It is a charity boutique and they have good quality items on sale. You are welcome to donate or go and buy ! I went in there on

Saturday and they were really busy. Good luck girls- I hope you do really well. They are open Fridays and Saturday mornings.

b) Danny of Birdsong fame is back in town. He is running a Recruitment Agency from home specialising in hospitality. All the best Danny !

c) Hanneli and Len have named their new venture DE OUDE MELKSTAL . They will be doing meals and specials. There will be no pub so you will need to B.Y.O.

d) Welcome back Sharmaine ! Sharmaine has taken over the Stasie. At the moment she has just opened the bar but also has the coffee pot going ! What a lovely way to spend a warm sunny morning/afternoon on the deck enjoying a cup of coffee or swigging some wine and watching the vlei !

e) MOOI - is now located on the Bistro premises

4) **Heritage Quilt** - The draw for this quilt took place with the Whacky Knitters on Tuesday and the beautiful quilt was won by Magriet De Bruin from Pretoria. Well done Magriet. I hope you have many happy hours enjoying your quilt.

5) **LITTER** - A big issue for all of us. I was thrilled when I heard that Carol Preston is starting a long term project to sort out the litter in Wakkerstroom. She will be involving schools, educators, the local council and hopefully lots of help from the community. We wish you luck Carol - a litter free town would be awesome.

6) **ON WAY TO RECOVERY** - I bumped into Rosmarie Weber in town and it was lovely to see her up and about and back home again.

7) **UTHAKA** - the horse racing sounds like it was a huge success. The council cut a track in some fields on the Newcastle road and much fun

was had by all. Thank you to those who put photos on Facebook. They were stunning. Hopefully when they do the next race we can write about it here in Chit-Chat and more people can attend. It looked like you could even buy food.

8) **FIRE TRUCKS** -Kristi has 2 new vehicles which will carry 12 crew members and a driver plus 1500 litres of water to assist in fighting fires. They will soon be seen all over town. You won't miss them - they are bright yellow !

9) **WORKING ON FIRE** - Membership to the Seme Fire Protection is now due. Fees of R350 are to be paid by July please.

10) **IRIS FARM** - Runnymede Iris farm now has a show room and a shop. Famous AMOS is there from Monday -Friday and there is a massive selection of stunning irises to choose from.

If you know of anyone not getting the chit -chat please send me their e mail.

If you have any news or info to impart please let me have it in the next two weeks.

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