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FROM

WAKKERSTROOM NO.3

Hi to all

- 1) The highlight of the past two weeks was the Dirt Maniacs' WAG Fundraising weekend. Dirt Maniacs put together a biking weekend and ALL proceeds were donated to WAG. For WAG, it was a highly successful weekend! The participants had a lot of fun and raised an enormous amount of money for a very grateful WAG team. I was told that a ton of food plus some blankets and a kennel were donated. A very big thank you to Pieter Bruwer and his Dirt Maniacs team for organizing such an awesome event.
- 2) On 14 May we had two cyclists in town who were raising awareness for people who are sight-impaired. BARRY and GEORGE are cycling from Beit Bridge to Sedgfield to encourage folks to dig deep into their pockets and support their initiative by sending money to KNYSNA LIONS SIGHT. If you are keen on supporting them, please visit Knysna Lions Sight. Then click on *CYCLE FOR SIGHT: KNYSNA RETIREES PEDALLING FROM BEITBRIDGE TO KNYSNA...*
- 3) With less than a month to go, our next big function is going to be our 3rd annual ARTS & CRAFTS RAMBLE to be held on 16 to 19 June. Mark and Karen Kotze have put in an enormous amount of time for this function. I am sure that the whole town is behind them to make it a really successful event. The weekend will be jam-packed with artists and crafters displaying throughout the village. There will be reasonably priced art and craft courses covering a range of items from felting to pewter and mixed media art to mixing of oil colours.
- 4) An Art Auction (Artworks, prints, historical original newspaper items from 1900, a handmade quilt from the 1930's, accommodation, half day birding guide, wine, craft kits, cushions, etc.) will be held on Sunday 19th June at 14h30 (2:30pm) in aid of Dana Retirement Frail Care Centre. Items on auction will be able to be viewed on our website closer to the date. The venue of the auction will be advised in due course
- 5) On the subject of Art, Ina Millman has a workshop on Saturday 28th May and Sunday, 29th May. Interested people will be painting abstracts and no experience is necessary. The cost is R380 per day and lunch at the Bistro is included. Ina can be reached at 083 409 3867.
- 6) Recycling - Kristi Garland has asked those who leave items for

recycling at Birdlife to please ensure that these are cleaned / rinsed out. Please put the stuff in boxes or packets and only leave recyclable material and NOT general rubbish.

7) Kyknet - Hope many of you watched the program on this channel. The Wakkerstroom Music Festival was on Fiesta and was really good to see. Sean Pyott was interviewed and we saw many of the participants in the festival. I must admit that some of the photos they took in and around Wakkerstroom were stunning.

8) We need to welcome Jeff and Sue Lawrence and their new business THE OWL AND HARE to Wakkerstroom. Sue has been running it for two months now and seems to be extremely busy over weekends; their beer and bread being a big draw card. Sue has completed the installation of her brewing equipment and is hoping to have her first brew ready in the next few weeks. Jeff's bread is very popular and he even had the winning article in the newest "Food and Home" magazine. You need to buy the June edition of this magazine to read all about his experimental bread. The photo looks divine! We did ask him about buying a loaf and were told that you would have to order one as it is very complicated to make. It looks irresistible!

9) Welcome to Eric Anderson! He is doing computer repairs and sales. He works from home in Von Wielligh Street. It's good to have someone local to fix one's computer equipment.

10) Janet Rowse and Carol Preston are collecting plastic bottle tops and bread tags. It is for a very good cause as they are donated to a group who then donate basic wheel chairs to those in need. If you'd like to discuss this with either of them, Carol's number is 083 701 4670 and Janet can be reached on 083 462 2729 in the afternoons.

11) Birding - The Bird Club members went to the Wessels' farm on the Dirkiesdorp Road on the 17th May. They have some beautiful aloes flowering there at this time and we were lucky to see number of sunbirds as well as a Gurney's Sugarbird. What a treat! On the way there we saw a Secretarybird perched on a high branch enjoying the sunshine.

12) Crowned Crane -On Saturday at 12h00 Boerewors rolls and Hot Dogs are available and then you can settle down to watch rugby. At 15h00 The Stormers will be playing against The Cheetahs and at 17h00 The Bulls will be taking on The Lions. On Sunday the motor racing Monaco Grand Prix will start at 14h00. A feast of Sport indeed!

13) Mountain Challenge - Also, nearly here, hope you are all in training. Mark it off in your diary - Saturday 18th June beginning at 07h00. The route has now been changed and will take place on the Amersfoort Road.

14) If one would like any sewing done, we are lucky to have 2 people in town that we can call on. Penny Bartolo of The Crow's Nest and Mbali in a garage at The Department of Arts and Culture, just before Miltec are the ladies to get hold of.

15) English Themed Lunch - Grasslands Cottage will be having yummy English grub on 5th June for lunch. On the menu is Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding and/or Pork Chops with apples. Bread and Butter Pudding or Rice Pudding is also part of the feast. Booking is essential; phone Claudine on 083 347 2770/017 730 0316 to see if there are any places left.

16) Keep in your diary: The Dirt Maniacs' Biking Weekend on 4 June and The Garage Sale on 28 May at the Wheeler plot on the Volksrust road - 09h00 to 15h00.

17) Wakkerstroom Country Inn - Monday evenings are now going to be Oxtail and Curries. Winter has kicked in and it's too cold to Braai

If you know of any exciting or interesting events or important local news please feel free to let me know on 082 378 5637.

Cheers!
Sue.