

CHIT CHAT

FROM

WAKKERSTROOM NO.4

Dear Chilly Wakkerstroom family and friends,

It might be chilly at night but we are having awesome days! Find a sunny spot and warm up!

- 1) **OUDE STASIE** - The railway line is 100 years old on Tuesday! Rita Wieseemann has done some extensive research and discovered that the line from Wakkerstroom to Amersfoort opened 100 years ago on 7th June 1916. She unfortunately can't find any info as to when the actual building opened. Sharmaine is going to have a pie and gravy evening on Tuesday to celebrate. Danny says he has been given an ancient recipe to make "olden day "gravy! There will be "moer" koffie and old fashioned melktert to follow. Those of us who are old enough will remember the awesome koffie that the South African railways used to serve. It starts at 18h00 and will cost R80 per head. Booking is essential. Rita and Berthus (Station Master) are donating 2 bottles of wine per table. It's going to be a real fun evening. Don't miss out.
- 2) **DIARISE** - Oude Stasie celebrations will continue on 24 September on Heritage Day. All interested parties will walk together from town to the Oude Stasie and then we will have a possible picnic, play croquet, have a market, etc! Events are still in the pipeline.
- 3) **BIRD CLUB** - Wakkerstroom Bird Club are meeting at the library on 14 June at 7h30. All are welcome. Just bring something to drink and a snack plus a hat and camera! We are off to **NEWCASTLE PONDS** to see flamingos amongst other birds. Wednesday 15th June the Bird Club is meeting at Birdlife at 17h30. Soup and Sherry will be served to warm the cockles of your heart and a fire should warm the bod! Brenda and Brian are going to tell us about their recent road trip to various Game and Nature Reserves in the Cape and Northern Cape. All are welcome.
- 4) **VLEI WALK** - The vlei walk on the first Saturday of the month is a must. Even though it's freezing in the morning it's worth getting out of bed and going along. This Saturday the walkers were delighted to see otters romping about and playing on the bank. Some were even privileged to see a fish eagle actually catch a fish. What a treat!
- 5) **DINNERS YOU DON'T HAVE TO COOK** - The hotel is serving on alternate

Monday nights - curry and oxtail. Nice and warming! Oude Stasie will have a special dinner on Tuesday nights. Contact Sharmaine to find out what is on the menu. Sharmaine says she now has a card machine! Die Meelsak always has a special on Thursday nights as well.

6) "ROCKING WITH SANTA ON 9 JULY"- The WTA and Lizzie (Papillon) are putting on a show called Rocking with Santa with music from the sixties and seventies. All proceeds to go to WTA so we can hopefully put together an appealing booklet on Wakkerstroom. It should prove an entertaining evening and will start at 17h30 to try to avoid the cold!

The performance is by a group called "The Spillage People "featuring our one and only James Scott. Your R225 will include a two course meal and of course a rocking, rolling show. Vegetarians will be catered for but please, when booking, advise Lizzie. Desert and drinks will be for your own account.

7) WOMANS DAY - Another day to diarise is 9th August for a woman's day lunch with live entertainment. Further information will be released closer to the time. Planning says we may include a wine auction. This will also be at Papillon.

8) WAKKERSTROOM WORKING ON FIRE TEAM - Have been busy burning fire breaks. They really are a well trained, smart and competent group of fire fighters. We are so lucky to have such a reliable, well organised group serving Wakkerstroom and surrounds. Wakkerstroom would like to thank the whole team for their dedicated efforts.

9) SEAMSTRESS - I mentioned two in the last Chit Chat and have just discovered we have another excellent seamstress in our midst. Her name is Hanneljie and she has been doing alterations, curtains, and blinds in Wakkerstroom for more than 10 years. Her prices are reasonable and you can contact her at 082 796 9451.

10) ARTS AND CRAFTS WEEKEND - What a busy weekend we have in front of us!

a) Seventh Annual Mountain Challenge by Wakkerstroom Walks and Trails - hope you have all worn in your running shoes! Starting time is 8.00 from NG Kerk grounds on Saturday 18th June. Meet at 7.00!! Don't be late!

b) Ramble - There will be activities for children as well. There will be a jumping castle, putt-putt, fabric painting, and Birdlife's activity themed 'birds in winter'. See online calendar of events.

c) On 16th June (Youth Day) is the Treasure Adventure for Duncan. The 6 km charity fund- raiser and treasure hunt takes place from 9am at Die Meelsak at a cost of R65 per person. All the money raised will go into a fund to pay for doctor's fees and hospital bills. The family will not receive the money. The fund is called the Shalom Help Fund. There will be many prizes including R1500 in cash, a whole sheep and more! This is a really good cause so please support.

d) Also on 16th June the children from The Clay Edu-Centre in e Sizameleni will be busking at the Bistro.

11) KARAOKE - at the Crowned Crane on Friday night at 18h00.

12) YOGHURT TUBS - Rosmarie Weber is collecting the large (1KG) yoghurt tubs. She is planning on planting cuttings in them and needs as many as possible. If you aren't sure where she lives you can drop them off at the info centre and we will deliver them.

13) OUR OWN TOUR OPERATOR - Naeem has started a tour company and organises tours to Joburg, Durban and The Kruger Park amongst other places. His last tour to the Kruger Park was a huge success as his guests managed to see the big 5. He also organises bird watching tours and hunting trips for plains game. You can see any details on Facebook - Awake travel and Tours.

14) TRANSPORT SERVICES - Anybody wanting to move house? Move furniture? Move general goods? Contact Solly - he has a very reliable transport service here in Wakkerstroom.

15) BIRTHDAYS - Happy birthday to two special ladies - YVONNE CLULOW at Dana who turned 91 on May 19th and KAREN GREYLING who turned 50 on 23rd May. Yvonne was a former Mayoress of Wakkerstroom and her husband was a former Mayor who was responsible for renovating the Town Hall. She was also an avid fundraiser. Karen celebrated her birthday at Papillon with an Out of Africa theme and lots of fun was had by all.

16) MARIMBA - Carol Preston is responsible for starting up a Marimba Group Project linked to the Music Festival. Contact her for any details.

17) WACKY KNITTERS - Now that the cold has kicked in I would imagine many people have chilly feet! The Wacky Knitters are busy knitting bedsocks for the residents of Dana. If anyone would like to help just let us know.

18) BINGO - Another Bingo afternoon is popping up soon with some really nice prize money! All interested parties to chat to Penny or Mike Bartolo at Crow's Nest as it will take place at Tudor Rose.

19) BOOK CLUB - Next book club meeting is on Tuesday 21 June. All welcome. The book club operates from the Dienssentrum at Dana.

20) BOOK - Wonderful news!! Our very own Douglas Steele has just published a book entitled OPERATION RIDGE BACK. It has been published on Kindle. The story is about the abduction of two white farmers during the bush war in the then Rhodesia. It is a non-fiction book and is a must read! This is his fourth book and I think we need to get a few copies for the Book Club! Well done Douglas!

21) WTA SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING. - There will be a Special General Meeting of the WTA on Tuesday, 14 June to discuss changes to the Constitution. This will be held in the Info Centre from 15h30 onward.

Ta Ta for now
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