

CHARTWELL

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OCTOBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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CHARTWELL FUN RUN

Who thought 5kms could be so much fun & hot!

Judging by the number of entries and the feedback received about the returning Chartwell Walk & Fun Run, the event turned out to be a great success.

Well done & thank you to all who took part. With 70 entries and over 100 participants as walkers, runners, marshalls, refreshment points, music providers, security & spectators having fun, it was great to see a cross section of all Chartwellians come out to enjoy the day.

Whilst the top 50 participants received a Chartwell fridge magnet, congratulations particularly go to the following runners

Adult Male

- 1. Esau Mpofu 18.51
- 2. Trymore Sibanda 20.11
- 3. Martin Kamunda 22.06

Adult Female

- 1. Kate Smart 33.32
- 2. Kira McKenna 35.42
- 3. Pippa Copeland 45.30

Mixed Youth

- 1. Sarah Copeland 19.29
- 2. Kye Hall 26.45
- 3. Misha Jongbloed 33.23

A special mention goes to Sarah Copeland who's time gained her an extra prize for being the 1st youth, 2nd overall & 1st overall female.

This is a really inspiring achievement and we were pleased to see many of the younger generation of Chartwellians and staff getting involved in the community.

See the website for a full list of the top 50 soon to be published.

The CCE appreciates contributions made by local sponsors to enable the day along with all the prizes & lucky draws.

Spar, OSTERIA 1961, Zulu Nyala, Hoopoe Haven, El Dorado Stables, V Cell Clinix, Copper Lakes, The Sweat Shop, Chop it, KC Landscaping, The Raj, Woodpecker Laser Designs, Cycle United, REM Landrover, Spur, The Paint Emporium, Body Sense Day Spa.

We encourage you to support these locals as part of the 1st Mile principle that 'if you support your community, your community supports you.'

Encouragingly since the event the Chartwell walk & running whatsapp group has increased to 29. If you wish to join this just ask on the info group and there are discussions regarding a number of other events that can make use of Chartwells unique attributes for residents, outdoor and sports lovers who reside in or frequent Chartwell.

In closing, thanks go to Margie & Rick Currie, Eldorado Stables (whose staff came 1st & 2nd adult males!), Heather Third for water tables, REM Landy, Graham, Howie from Cogs along with ADT for marshalling, Ronnie Burns (Chariots of fire!), Tembali for the jumping castle, Karen Cox for wood, Hein Kuhn Tables & Chairs, Maureen Dalglish, Laura, Erin & Jemma Murray for all their assistance along with anyone I missed. A big thanks to Jenni Brown for her wisdom from past events, she was finally able to take part with her family for the first time!

Thank you Chartwell, let's hope to see you join in the next one & make sure to check out the photos on the website, FB & Instagram courtesy of Hannah

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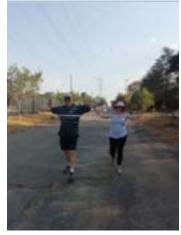


























Chartwell cleans up with Spruit Day

Spruit Days go back to before 2008 and by 2013 a regular annual day had been championed by a number of different organisations along the Braamfontein Spruit.

In recent years cleanups have been encouraged on the other tributaries which flow off the Witwatersrand to assist clearing the banks and reducing the amount of waste flowing into the main Jukskei River. From the East to West these are the Sandspruit, the Bramfonteim, the Klein Jukskei and the Crocodile and this year 22 resident associations and interest groups took part.

Chartwell and Farmall lay along the Klein Jukskei which starts around the Northcliff / Ferndale area and flows North through our Conservancy on route to the confluence at Heronbridge School.

A group organised by ARMOUR and Coastal Ghost was joined by residents and community members with over 20 visitors from Dainfern College. Kirsty who led their team said the experience was "1000 times better" than she had envisioned for her fellow students who were eager to make a difference and learn more about the challenges of waste from society and also to learn more about the rivers running through the neighbourhoods.

Supporting several initiatives underway in Chartwell to address recycling by residents and tidying up the community as well as objectives of the conservancy we are pleased to say that 92 bags of rubbish were collected from along the River area and subsequently removed by A&G recycling as a sponsor for the event.

This is an increase on last years event, though as much about the positive impact of clearing rubbish the objective is to create awareness and a change in around the challenges of litter & what we can all do to Reduce. Repurpose & Recycle.

Litter comes down the river all the way from its source with contributions being made by private residents, residential estates, Strydom Park & Kya Sands industrial parks, Recyclers by product, Cosmo formal townships and informal settlements on the borders.

One of the biggest contributors is illegal dumping which one was caught on camera this week being dropped directly into the river and a large amount being found at the bottom of 1st road. The new clean up campaign around the streets in conjunction with the recyclers has so far collected in excess of 100 bags of waste.

It is hoped that the new CCTV system can deter some of this illegal dumping

and a discussion with Cedar Creek is underway to address the mutual areas bordering our estates and to get jointly involved in further clean ups.

One of the JW repurposed bins was placed on the junction of 1st & Seven Oaks to encourage the use of them in the area and as part of this a garden area has been identified to establish & plant the *trees donated by city parks with a connection made in the community to look after them once ready.

With the heat wave we were all grateful to Broadacres Spar for sponsoring water of which all the bottles were recycled. Encouragingly our local Spar mentioned it has its own recycling program and they are looking at ways to reduce single use plastics. The Mad Giant beers were also welcome as was the support and hospitality of the local restaurant, Osteria1961, where some refuelled whilst watching the rugby afterwards.

Thanks to all those who helped, including the landowners who kindly allowed access along the river. It's always a fun, challenging day and rewarding to see these positive initiatives growing. Rather than once a year, more clean ups are being planned, hopefully in conjunction with the rehabilitation of the river by Jhb water once they have finished with the rising main upgrade.









DAINFERN COLLEGE & THE SPRUIT DAY

My name is Kirsten Roberts and I have been appointed as Head of Environmental Affairs for 2019/2020 at Dainfern College.

Growing up, I always had a passion for nature and saving animals. I was particularly interested in saving the rhinos, and so I hosted a bake sale at school when I was still in the Senior Preparatory. We raised over R1000 and I donated it to WWF for them to use in their anti- rhino poaching campaign. During my Grade 6 year, a friend and I manned a stall at the Dainfern Family Fun Day where we sold baked goods and all the proceeds were donated to Wetnose Animal Rescue Centre.

However, in more recent years, I have become aware of the critical issue of plastic pollution and how this has a much larger affect on not only our environment, but also us as people. Hence, as my first initiative in my Environmental Portfolio, I organized for Dainfern College to participate in the Spruit Day River Clean Up. It was super successful and this will definitely be the first of many. I really enjoyed the fact that we learnt a lot more about plastic pollution and how it's affecting our environment but also how we should be going about trying to make an end to this issue-talk less, act more!

I am looking forward to learning more from the Spruit Team with ARMOUR and Coastal Ghost throughout the next year and thank you to Chartwell for the opportunity. I have high hopes for Dainfern College and I believe we can truly make a difference, even just one bag at a time.











Aunty Maureen tells:

THE FOURWAYS DRIVE-IN
By Maureen Dalglish

Once upon a time – long before the advent of Fourways Mall and TV – there was a 4-way stop at the intersection of Witkoppen and William Nicol roads.

On one corner was a garage, a small "Goldy Star" café which closed at 7pm, a pharmacy and hardware store and on the opposite corner was a thatched fruit and veggie shop.

From the 4-way stop, travelling north on the right hand side of Cedar Road (originally Rietvallei Road) almost where the Caltex garage is today, was the Fourways Drive-In cinema. The large screen could be seen for miles as there were no trees or buildings to hide it.

The Drive-In was the centre of entertainment in the area and people from Chartwell would time their journeys so as to avoid the Drive-In traffic! We had no idea then that some day in the future the traffic would be a hundred times worse along that same road! For those who weren't around in the 1970s and 1980s – a Drive-In cinema worked like this:

Mom, Dad and the children plus the children's friends, plus the family dog would pile into the car with their pillows and blankets and would set off for the evening's movie which only

started at 8pm as obviously it would need to be dark outside.

After paying the entrance fee (quite nominal as children were charged half price and the dog would be hidden under the blanket) father would drive around the parking area to find the best place from which to see the screen. He would connect up the sound box to his open window and read out the evening's food menu to the family.

The general plan was that people would remain in their cars, order their food and wait there to be served. But seldom did that happen – the children would want to go to the kiosk for an ice cream cone and then run about with the dog behind them. So a real fun evening was had by all! The other frequent visitors to the Drive-In would be the young lovers – who of course remained in the car and generally under the blankets... But in spite of all these distractions, some good movies were shown there and enjoyed.

Then at the end of the movie the sound box would be unhitched and the cars would race to queue at the exit to leave.

Once out of the Drive-In there was nothing but pitch blackness outside and the Chartwellians would have to travel north three kilometres to find the bend in the road and the dusty turn off.

Coastal Ghost

Coastal Ghost was born when a passionate wildlife warrior returned to where the birds sing the sounds of his soul.

26 year old Stefan Graunke started Coastal Ghost as just an expedition. 60 days of collecting rubbish off 97 beaches around South Africa. Along the way the trip became more complex and by the time it was all over there was a need for this to become an organisation.

The story behind the name.

"I named my trip, that is now my organisation coastal ghost, based on how I felt as a kid growing up. From when I can remember, as a family, the beach was a yearly holiday. Later on in life, I started realizing that although I am not from the coast, people would treat me like a local there, but no one knew who I was. Therefore the 'ghost' at the coast began. It worked perfectly. Our entire trip was to be done early in the morning and late in the evenings as it was too hot otherwise. As we swept the beaches erasing any evidence of humans from the sandy shores – we left only water washed footprints to be partially remembered by."

The Vision of Coastal Ghost

With this area of conservation, there are many desires that we wish to achieve. So lets start at the bottom and work our way up.

Daily Mission. Inspire one person a day to take better care of the environment they are living in. Raise awareness of the power that each individual has when it comes to changing the world. We do this by going out and clean the areas that need it most. From the streets that we drive – to the parks and waterways that we walk through. Each bag collected is one less that threatens our beautiful wildlife.

Weekly Mission. Educate the people on the importance of looking after our waterways and on the effect and spread of pollution with regards to wildlife and our ability to survive on this earth in the future. How should we shop, dispose and reuse items that are causing the most damage to our environment.

Monthly Mission. Connect with people and organisations and work together to influence brands and consumers to move to a greener way to do business. Host talks and implement strategies that offer all parties a feasible and reliable alternative to plastic.

Bi-annual Mission. A National expedition to raise awareness. Each trip has a different objective and deals with different issues. These trips take cleaning up to an extreme level. With each trip averaging 3000 kms and taking 2-3 months it is the adrenaline side of the organisation.

Annual Mission. #1millbagchallenge is a challenge that aims at collaborating all the above missions.

Everyone can take part and share the success. To pick up 1 000 000 bags of plastic and other waste from nature within 365days – this is the goal. It is an international event and will be managed by counting the bags in each of the posts to social network. This is made possible by the use of the hashtag #1millbagchallenge. With daily updates to our running total, we feel this is how we will inspire the most people.

Overall Mission. Raise the Consciousness of the human race to a level where we automatically adapt environmentally friendly actions to our life. This will also change the relationships between humans and other animals – but also between ourselves. It will spark a respect for all living beings and form a foundation that has the strength to take us into the future.

There are many ways to support our mission. Any donations in any form are appreciated. We have an online shop on Facebook where all profits go to the cause.

Links are Facebook page Coastal Ghost and our shop is Coastal Ghost Market Place. Our Instagram is coastalghostza and our website is www.coastalghost.org









CHARTWELL ACHIEVER

The Chartwell Achiever this month is Sarah Copeland (17), who is an incredibly talented runner. Despite being in the youth category for the Chartwell fun run, Sarah was overall the first female to finish the 5km run, in an impressive time of 19min 29sec. She is a grade 11 student at Heronbridge College, and is the Head Girl for 2020. We spoke to Sarah and this is what she had to say about her athletic achievements so far and her plans for the future.

QU: How long have you been serious about running? What plans do you have for the future, and do you plan on taking running further?

ANS: I am a grade 11 student at HeronBridge college and am passionate about running. I have run since a young girl- from being in the cross country team in Primary school to just casually running with my dad on the weekends. He, himself, is a superb runner and has always been there to train with me. I have two older brothers, both very talented, who have challenged me and pushed me to excel countless times. However, it was only last year in September that I started taking it seriously. It's been such a special process and especially now seeing my improvement, it is incredibly rewarding. As any athlete, I have learnt to "trust the process" because sometimes progress can be slow. I definitely intend on taking my running into the future; however, I

am uncertain as to which varsity.

It was such a privilege to be able to take part in the Chartwell fun run and it was equally as special to spend time with the community that drive the same roads I do everyday.

Truly, I love Chartwell. I have spent countless hours running up and down the tarmac/gravel/ dirt roads, yet it never gets boring. There is so much beauty to behold and it is an excellent escapism from the rush of reality. Not to mention that the uphills are brilliant training for cross country and equipped me well for that season earlier this year.

QU:What are some of your top achievements in running and other areas at school?

ANS: I was able to place 8th at the Cross country Nationals held in Centurion, running a time of 14:58 for 4km. I am currently training for the track season in which I will compete in the 3000m and 1500m and hope to compete in the track Nationals early April next year. I am looking forward to continuing my training on the roads I know so well.

A huge thanks to my family for all their encouragement and support. They are the reason I am able to do what I love so much!



Current total 91 members Break down 56 residential 8 river properties 11 businesses 16 tenants Contact jenni@chartwell.co.za

ADT **SUBSCRIBERS Current total**

143 Required for

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A SAFER LIFE

While crime in our neighbourhoods remains an ever-present reality, by considering certain safety precautions, home owners in Chartwell can better protect their homes. A little know-how can make a massive difference towards keeping you safe.

- Stay safe with these tips from the Chartwell Residents Association, in partnership with Fidelity ADT:
- To prevent being a target for smash-and-grabs and hi-jackings, ensure that you are vigilant while
- Ensure you are aware and alert when approaching crime hotspots.
- Ensure that you have adequate perimeter security on your property.
- Request a free risk or security assessment to help you upgrade your
- Ensure that your gates and doors are locked at home, even when you are with guests.
- Ensure that you have a remote panic button with you at all times.







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