

'THE OLIVE CRESTER'

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INTRODUCTION:

Warm greetings and welcome to the onset of “the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”- which is John Keat’s poetic description of autumn.

Well, all the hype of Easter and the holiday happiness is now a thing of the past, and despite John Keats’s best intentions, it is now winter.

But we do have a spoiling at the end of April – two more Public Holidays. This will allow you to enjoy the tranquility of Olive Crest and watch the seasons turn, turn, turn, (as per The Byrds), via the changing colours and behaviours of the plants, birds and animals.

The humans of course just have to put on another jersey and watch more Super 15.

SOCIAL NEWS:

☺ Yay, we have some more newcomers to Olive Crest: A warm welcome to **TREVOR, CHERIE, TAYLA AND JULIEN DAWS** who have moved in to #54 and **CHRIS, CINDY, JON-JON AND CAMERON JENKS** in to #49.

Hope you have already had a chance to experience the special way of life here at Olive Crest.

The Great Big Easter Egg Hunt !!!!!!!!!!!

A few Saturdays back we held our annual Easter function at Olive Crest :



Playing Pass the Parcel on the lawn



Playing Holding a Balloon & Pointing Up



Playing Getting Ready for the Musical Chairs



Playing Making Easter Egg Nests

This Easter we had a super day at the clubhouse, with teeming herds of kids and their parents migrating across to the clubhouse for the morning fun. The Ladies Committee had organized the event, which included egg hunting, bunny chasing, nest building and musical game playing for the youngest residents of Olive Crest.

By eleven o'clock the clubhouse lawns were a seething running, jumping and screaming mass (and that was just the parents). The musical games were scripted by Corlia, and the absolute highlight of the morning was the surprise guest appearance (and subsequent chase back to her burrow) of the Easter bunny. The cunningly hidden Easter eggs were then mercilessly hunted down and devoured by the kids, leading to a sugar high which kept parents in a state of Code Red for the rest of the week.

Many thanks to all who came along to the Olive Crest Easter event and made it such a memorable day. And of course a special thanks to all the organisers and helpers and particularly all the Moms and Dads, who were very patient, assisting little hands in the making of nests for easter eggs.

Happy Hour

Once again we held a Happy Hour on the last Friday of March, with a big turnout. Welcome to Peter and Tertia Balt who were there for the first time and stayed to the bitter (or was it ale) end.

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS:

Guineafowl Breeding – We are happy to announce that the Helmeted Guineafowl resident on the Estate have had fair success with their reproduction this summer. While some chick losses did take place, there are now more than enough to wander around a scratch up all the freshly planted seedlings. If you wander down to the forest opposite #102, at about 16h30, you can count exactly how many of these lovely birds we have on the Estate.



Spotted Thick Knees at night – When driving in the grounds of Estate at night, please try not to drive over this fellow. He and his wife are still sulking over having their name changed (without proper

consultation) but thankfully have also had a successful summer to help get over it. Their chicks have now spread their wings and moved out the house,(as some people's kids often do), but they are walking on our roads.



Locusts on the Estate – Some of you may have noticed a myriad of bright green locusts with red petticoats flying in the olive trees. Relax, they will not destroy Olive Crest, as they are a natural occurrence, and the phenomenon has been taking place here long before we arrived. We will do more damage to the food chain and downstream ecology, by spraying poison, than any localized plant and leaf harm they do.



MATTER OF CONCERN:

Barking Dogs – Quorn Drive (sent in by Sue Frankland #51)

“We have been working with Environmental Affairs since Aug. 2011 and are at the point of submitting an affidavit to them in order for a summons to be issued. It has transpired, with the assistance of some of the plot owners adjacent to 301, as well as the SPCA, that they cage over 150 dogs on their premises. These animals are never let out or exercised, yet the SPCA apparently cannot do anything as

- a) they are refused access and
- b) when they last had access, the animals are allegedly well fed and cages clean.

We were told that if those 2 items are in order then the SPCA cannot have the animals removed etc. even though we feel it is cruel. With regard to the noise (and it is excessive) a summons is to be

issued. We would appreciate any Quorn Drive residents who are bothered by the continuous barking to please contact us.

It has been told to us by residents in the NR Equestrian area that part of their title deeds specifically state that any form of Kennel may not be operated from a plot. We are hoping to have the animals removed as attempts to reduce the noise have been fruitless.”

FORTHCOMING ATTRACTION :

Because Friday 27 April is a holiday, we won't be having our usual end of the month April 'HAPPY HOUR' at the Clubhouse, but we are going to get a very enthusiastic traveller who spent 3 months at the end of 2011 touring Antarctica and the Galapagos Islands to share his experiences with us and show us some of his photos. **Date and Time for the Antarctic/Galapagos Presentation will be 18h30 Friday 25 May 2012** at the Clubhouse. Watch the Notice Board for Details. Soup and Rolls will be served, bring your own drinks

A FEW PUNS TO MAKE YOU SMILE

- ☺ I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- ☺ This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
- ☺ I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.
- ☺ I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- ☺ What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.
- ☺ England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- ☺ Velcro – what a rip off!

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