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It's time to take the Times Newsletter out of hibernation. Any snippets you may have for inclusion in our upcoming newsletters, please pass them on to me.

From your Manager's Desk

Greetings everyone

I think we will all be glad when this year comes to a close; Fires, drought, floods and covid 19. What Next? I think we have coped admirably and I thank you all. It has not been easy, especially with the Community Centre being closed for weeks and now it is open with limitations... Never mind – one day it will be over.

Meantime, welcome to new residents who have moved in since our last Newsletter

Villa 8	Irene and Brian
Villa 25	Sharon and Chris
Villa 43	Margaret and Frank
Villa 65	Patricia and Alan

Ann and Bernard Woodward are likely to move to Villa 22 before our next Newsletter.

I'm sorry I can't tell you about our fun outings or functions in the Centre because nothing much has happened since April in our social calendar.

There have been a few small social gatherings in the BBQ area, mainly morning tea for 10 for example. We had a welcome morning tea on the 19th September in the BBQ area for Frank and Margaret. Next week there is a small morning tea for Irene and Brian with 10 residents. We managed to welcome Jules, Lynette, Sharon and Chris at previous manager's morning teas. Hopefully it won't be long before we can have one of those. I had better lay on a banquet for you!

Meanwhile stay safe and be happy! Patricia



Welcome to Frank and Margaret v 43 pictured with their nearby neighbours. Unfortunately restricted to 10 people

Birthdays and Community Centre Diary

Please refer to Christine's Village Monthly Calendar of Events and Birthdays. You are welcome to join in any of the events currently available.....

*Scrabble and Scrapbooking (Monday)
Card Making (Tuesday)
Arts and Crafts (Wednesday)
Boys' Club (Thursday with an occasional Sausage sizzle)
Cards (Friday)
Readers' Group (monthly as advised)*

Don't forget that Lenore (villa 15) keeps a good supply of hand-made birthday/etc. cards (around \$4) in the Community Centre, together with an honesty box for your purchase. If you require a card for a specific occasion (i.e. wedding, etc.) contact Lenore.

Our Authoress, Elaine (v 16), is cheering us up once again with “one” of her latest

CELERY

Not many people write about celery, but I am. When I hopefully looked in the refrigerator, wishing that some kind fairy had overnight deposited something wonderful in there for lunch (which has never happened yet) I looked at the vegetable drawer. Now that was unusual because I would never have vegetables if there was anything healthy available like a custard tart or even an apple turnover. The vege drawer would be a last resort in case I was forced to choose a tomato if available to put on a Sao biscuit with some of that plastic cheese. As I stood ruminating, looking at a disappointingly shrivelled tomato I spied some green stuff lying comatose at the back. Upon further investigation it proved to be sticks of celery needing the last rites. You couldn't say they were “sticks” because they were laying here needing mouth to mouth resuscitation or maybe those electric paddles paramedics have to restart life.

I took them out of the refrigerator and laid them in the kitchen bench. They looked so sad, lying there so limp and dejected. I felt like apologising because it was my fault. I had left them in the fridge drawer for too long. It was just like me who was once an upright virile, springy individual, but now a shuffling shadow of my former self because time marched on and nobody had put me in a fridge drawer for longevity.

I looked at the celery and it, sadly, looked at me as if to say “Am I of no use? Will I just be put in the bin? I knew how it felt.

Times just now are difficult but it's not the time to give in, even if it's just celery, shrivelled tomato, the half carrot, the quarter Zucchini, the onion, the potato, stock and of course, the “piece of resistance” the celery!

NINA'S EASY and NO FUSS BANANA BREAD.

1 cup Self raising flour.
1/2 cup sugar.
3 medium over ripe bananas {mashed}
tablespoon of golden syrup or honey
1/2 cup of sultanas or raisins {optional}
1 egg.

METHOD

Put everything in a large mixing bowl
Mix till combined with a wooden spoon.
Spoon into greased and floured Loaf Tin.
Bake@ 180 degrees.

....so easy and will work every time. Serve with butter.



Ollie was so impressed by our last Village Newsletter - he read it cover to cover. (Upside down even)

Makes you wonder “who makes these up?”

1. ARBITRATOR:
A cook that leaves Arby's to work at McDonalds
2. AVOIDABLE:
What a bullfighter tries to do

3. BERNADETTE:
The act of torching a mortgage
4. BURGLARIZE:
What a crook sees with
5. COUNTERFEITERS:
Workers who put together kitchen Cabinets
6. ECLIPSE:
What an English barber does for a living
7. EYEDROPPER:
A clumsy ophthalmologist
8. HEROES:
What a guy in a boat does
9. LEFTBANK:
What the robber did when his bag was full of money

Curly's column

Gardening tips for the next 3 months

OCTOBER

Mulch garden beds; dig in compost and or manure.
Lift and divide bearded iris if more than 3 years in garden.
Remove dead flowers from spring bulbs.
Apply fertiliser.
Pick roses often to encourage flowering through summer.
Dig garden beds for summer vegetables, plant veges.
Put indoor plants out in rain if possible to wash leaves.
Remove unwanted suckers that appear on any plants.

NOVEMBER

Sow and plant annual flowers. Continue with planting veges.
Keep a look out for insects and remove accordingly.

Pinch back azaleas and rhododendrons.
Water everything.

Drench potted or contained plants and fertilise.

Prune geraniums and pelargoniums to compact bushes.

Buy a living Christmas tree and get it acclimatised.

Lift bulbs that have flowered and turned brown, or leave in place and fertilise after watering.

Restore worn lawn areas, break surface & sow grass seed.

DECEMBER

Water constantly in dry weather. Mulch trees & shrubs.

Check for white wax scale on citrus, spray with white oil.

Keep planting annuals like petunias, marigolds, alyssum and phlox.

Harvest stone fruit when ripe. Pick up fallen fruit and place in a garbage bag in the sun to destroy fruit fly larvae.

Spray black spot on roses with fungicide.

Throw out infected leaves in the green waste bin.

Heinrich's Springtime Double Duo vine



Our Probus Club (over the road) recently organised a self-drive tour to the once bustling historical town of Portland, built around the cement works. Stopping off at the Bilpin Fruit Bowl for coffee we met up with our fellow travellers and journeyed on to Portland via Lithgow. The old bottle kilns (circa 1888) still survive and enjoy heritage protection. The silo art work is well done and the town buildings display dozens of old advertising murals that brighten the town.



Just one of the many murals

After lunch we left our group and drove to Cowra for two days followed by an overnight stop at Orange. We were lucky to get accommodation as the caravan parks are full with the "Grey Nomads" on the move.

These days it is essential to carry extra luggage (rubber gloves, disinfectant, sanitisers, face masks and our own pillows). How times change.

The countryside is absolutely beautiful with green meadows everywhere and (for the first time in four years) the Canola is blossoming.

Looks like it'll be a good year for farmers.



**I AM NOT TURNING MY
CLOCK BACK AN HOUR
THIS YEAR!**



**NONE OF US NEED AND
EXTRA HOUR OF 2020!**

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