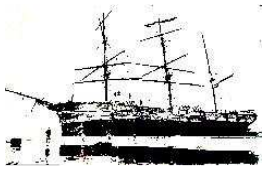

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Die lente is hier in sy volle glorie in die Oos Kaap, saam met hooggety en vlae wind. Ons was verras met die teenwoordigheid van swaeltjies wat dwarsdeur die winter hier was en nie migreer het nie. Noudat die somer kom, sluit groot getalle windswaels soos gewoonlik by hulle aan.

Die koraalbome is 'n gesig om te aanskou, vol in die blom oral in Boesmans en Riversbend. Veral die ingang na die dorp is prentjiemooi met die hulp van die grassnydiens wat privaat gefinansier word. Aan al die anonieme skenkers - baie, baie dankie! Dankie ook aan Jenny Murray en Desree Green wat so op en wakker was om verskeie publieke tuinareas te herbeplant en skoon te maak, veral die "eiland" by die ingang na Hoofstraat toe.

'n Nuwe inwoner, wat anoniem wil bly, het baie gedoen om laaghangende boomtakke af te sny, die tennisbaan se draad te herstel en oor die algemeen te versorg. So pak gerus die tennisrakette in en kom speel in vrede tennis.

Die swaar reën van Junie tot Augustus het sy tol geëis op onversorgde, onbeboude en ander leë erwe. As dit nou sou droog bly en die veld droog ook uit, sit ons met 'n brandgevaar in Boesmans en Riversbend. Ons dring aan by alle eienaars om te verseker dat die gras op hulle eiendom kort gehou word om die moontlikheid van wegholbrande soos in die verlede te verminder. Ander nagevolge van die vloede is dat sommige septiese tenke oorloop. Ons raai almal aan om hulle tenks te laat uitsuig voor die vakansie om

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Spring has arrived in the Eastern Cape with its accompanying high tides and gushes of wind.We noted with interest that through this whole winter some of the swallows remained in our area and did not migrate. They are now being joined by great numbers of the usual swifts and swallows who are returning for our summer.

The coral trees all over the Bushmans and Riversbend areas are in full bloom and looking beautiful. The entrance to the village, in particular, is looking spectacular, especially with the grass cutting maintenance that is now being privately funded. To these anonymous donors – a big "Thank You". Many thanks also to Jenny Murray and Desree Green who have so diligently replanted and cleared various public garden areas, particularly the "island" at the entrance to Main Street in Bushmans.

A new resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, has done a wonderful job of cutting the overhanging trees, repairing the wiring and tidying the tennis courts in general. So pack your racquets - you can now play tennis without fighting the surrounding vegetation.

Resulting from the torrential rain that occurred between June and August, the grass on un-kept erven and empty development land has grown very long. Should the rains now cease and the vegetation dry out, the village and Riversbend will be faced with a potential fire hazard. We urge all owners to ensure the grass on their properties is kept short to reduce the possibility of run-away fires similar to those experienced in

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onaangename verrassings te voorkom wanneer u hier aankom.

Na die reën is die paaie in so ‘n toestand dat slaggate so te sê ‘n “Ingang”- en “Uitgang”-bordjie nodig het! Ons is egter optimisties dat die Munisipale Padwerkerspan alles in orde sal kry teen die vakansieseisoen. Ons sou graag ons huiseienaars en besoekers met herstelde paaie wil verwelkom.

Nog ‘n verrassing ná die reën was die waarskuwingsbord van rotse in die Boesmansrivier wat in die middle van die river by die Ghiobrug gekry is. ‘n Reddingspan het die bord,(met twee betonblokke wat daaraan vas was!) aan boord gesleep. ‘n Mens kan jou voorstel hoe sterk die rivierstroom moes gewees het tydens die piektyd van die vloed om die swaar blokke tot daar te sleep. Ons dank aan die behulpsame belastingbetalers en Estuary Care.

As ons in ag neem dat daar DRIE vloede was van middel Junie tot einde Julie, met sewentien huise wat vloedwater teen hulle mure gehad het, insluitend die NG Kerk, en sewe wat water in een of meer gedeeltes van die huis gehad het, is ons dankbaar dat die skade so min was. Die Vlei dreineer nie vinnig nie en is 3 km lank. Skade was daar wel. Die Munisipaliteit het gehelp deur sandsakke te pak waar nodig en TLB’S te huur om die watervloei te verlig terwyl baie inwoners ook gehelp het waar hulle kon. Die nadraai van die vloede sal nog ‘n geruime tyd sigbaar wees, maar die Munisipaliteit is onmiddellik betrek en ‘n vergadering is gehou waar sowel die nuwe burgemeester, die nuwe Wyk 3 raadslid en ‘n aantal senior amptenare met ‘n afvaardiging van BRRAG vergader het. Ons sal by die volgende AJV in meer besonderhede verslag doen. Laat ons intussen volstaan met die burgemeester se opdrag dat konsultante aangestel moet word om te adviseer met betrekking tot sowel kort- as langtermyn maatreëls.

Ons is jammer dat Robot Furnishers weg is na ‘n nuwe gebou in Kenton. Die meeste families in die dorp besit ongetwyfeld ‘n artikel wat by hulle gekoop is. Anne en Errol Nightingale het ook ‘n

the past few years. Another problem caused by the flooding is that some of the sewage systems have been affected. We advise that you have your tanks emptied before the season, to ensure there are no surprises upon your arrival.

After the rains the roads are in quite a state with some potholes needing “Entry” and Exit” signs! We are, however, hopeful that the Municipal road works team will have all in good order by the Festive Season, ready to welcome our returning residents and visitors.

Another surprise from the rains occurred when the sign warning of rocks in the Bushmans River was found down by the Ghio Bridge, in the middle of the river. A rescue team dragged the sign,(with two concrete blocks attached!) onboard. Imagine just how strong the flow of the river must have been during peak flooding. Many thanks to the concerned ratepayers and Estuary Care.

Considering that we have had THREE floods since the middle of June to the end of July with the result that seventeen houses had flood water against their walls and seven had water in one or more structures within their homes, we are thankful that there was no serious damage. The Vlei itself is not draining very fast and is more than 3 kilometers long. But damage there was. The municipality assisted by placing sand bags where necessary and renting TLBs to ease the flow of water while many residents assisted where they could help. The aftermath of the floods will still be visible for some time, but we have engaged the municipality immediately and had a meeting where both the new mayor, the new Ward 3 councillor and a number of senior officials met with a delegation from BRRAG. We will report back in more detail at the AGM; suffice to say that the mayor instructed that consultants be appointed to advise on both short and long term measures.

Robot Furnishers has sadly moved to new premises at Kenton. Undoubtedly most families here have at least one item in their homes which came from this source. Anne and Errol

pragtige nuwe tak van Pennywise in Kenton oopgemaak - Pennywise Interiors – en ons wens hulle alle sukses toe in die pragtige nuwe winkel. Die goeie nuus is dat Pennywise steeds deur Ann in Boesmans bedryf gaan word.
Die ontspanningsfasiliteit by die Red Apple-kompleks is ongelukkig verwyder, maar ons wag met belangstelling wat volgende by die bekende kompleks gaan gebeur.

Laastens ‘n versoek: Help ons asseblief met idees vir ‘n logo vir ons dorpie - iets soos *BOESMANS IS DIE BESTE* . Ons verdwyn dikwels van die padkaarte af en dit is nodig dat Suid-Afrika weer sal kennis neem van een van die beste bestemmings in die land ……!

Nightingale has opened a beautiful new branch of Pennywise at Kenton, and we wish them every success in their new and lovely premises. The good news is Pennywise, run by Anne, is still here in the village. Sadly the amusement facility at the Red Apple complex is no more, but we wait with great anticipation for the next step in this well known development.

Please help us think about a logo for our Village – something like *BOESMANS IS BEST*. We have disappeared from the map for some time and it is necessary that South Africa again will know where one of the best destinations is.....!

Boesmans is die beste!

Boesmans is best!

Dirk Meiring
Voorsitter/Chairman BRRAG
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