

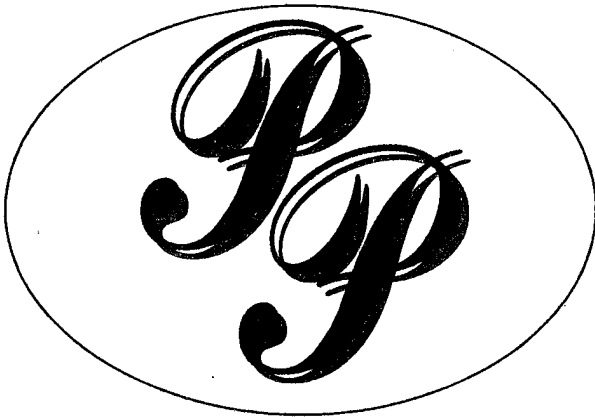
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HOW I SPENT MY JULY HOLIDAYS

Maurice Macdonald...

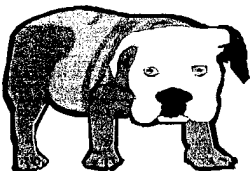
I never knew Durban could get so cold. What excitement there was when the snow hit outside Pietermaritzburg. We had terrific rain and some places had huge hail stones. We were lucky - we only had one sink hole from the rain while others in the complex had much more damage.

I went to spend three weeks with my step-mom and had a lovely time. I saw all my friends in and around Stanger. She was in the middle of moving and we had a lot of things to sort out. After she picked me up from Ballito we went and had a milk shake and waffle at the Wimpy.

My sister Liesle and her children went on holiday to Victoria Falls on the Zambian side. They went on a walking trail and were attacked by baboons. They had no food on them but all the baboons wanted was her hand bag. They grabbed it, and it had all her passports and papers and money in it. They pulled her and she fell, hit her nose on a tree root and had to have four stiches and her lips also had to have stiches. She was very lucky that that is all that happened. The guard found the bag and papers but all the money had gone. They came back to South Africa the next day and her doctor sorted her nose out. They were supposed to come and visit us after their trip, but of course they couldn't make it.

My niece Charde, entered a dancing competition with East Coast Radio and she came second which was very exciting.

Mom, Nev and I went and had a late breakfast at Steers in Toti. It was lovely. We had a seat where we could watch people on the beach. It was a perfect day for the beach.



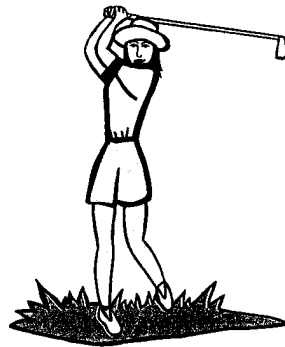
There is a Pug dog in the complex and when ever she

saw me she was up on my lap or if I was pushing my wheel chair, she would jump up and go for a ride. There is also a cat that does the same thing. They are so cute!

Submitted by Maurice Macdonald, assisted by his mother.

Celeste Olson ...

My mom and dad fetched me from Pevensey and I spent the first few days with my mom. On Wednesday I went to golf with my dad and saw my friends at the golf course.



My second weekend I spent at my school friend's house with her parents and brother. We had a great time going out for breakfast and to the movies. On Sunday we went to

MacDonalds for milkshakes.

I helped my mom in the sewing and embroidery factory in the holidays and saw all her friends.

I took presents for my nieces who both had birthdays while I was on holiday.

I helped my mom move the dogs to her new simplex. On Thursday night we had my brother and his family over for supper. It was nice to see my nieces again - they are so cute.

My last weekend at home I spent with my dad on the golf course. The last few days of my holiday were spent with Justin's family on their farm.

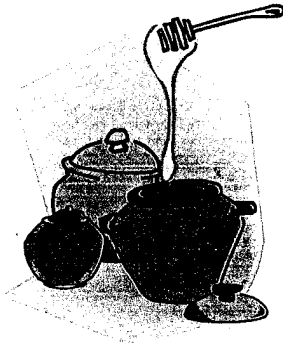
Submitted by Celeste Olson, assisted by her mother.

Michelle Botha...

I went home on 17 June. On the way we went to see some friends of ours. We gave them some honey.

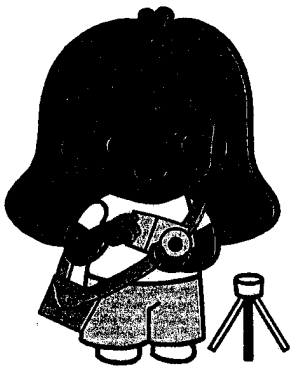
I also went to church while I was at home. We went to Durban for a day and I helped my mom pack because she is moving to a new house.

Submitted by Michelle Botha, assisted by Tracey Greig.



Alison Pattle...

I left Pevensey on 19 June for the holidays. When I got home I unpacked and had lunch. Later we went to my brother for supper. When we arrived at my brother's house I went to play with my nieces in their playroom.



The next day I went shopping with my mom. Later that afternoon the family came to visit us and we had afternoon tea. My mom and dad bought me a camera and I am enjoying taking photos with it.

Submitted by Alison Pattle, assisted by Tracey Greig.

Mark Southall...

On 19 June, my dad picked me up at Pinecrest Centre. We were waiting for the luggage so Mr Niemand phoned Miss Mackie to ask where she was with the luggage. She said that she was on the far side of the parking, but Mr Niemand told her she needed to come to where we were. In the meantime Miss Mackie had unpacked all the luggage so we had to walk to the bakkie and help her put the luggage back in the bakkie.

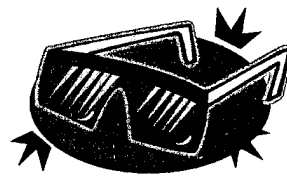
When Miss Mackie came down from the top parking area, she put the ticket in the machine, and then drove back to the upper parking. She discovered she was in the wrong place so she turned around. When she put the ticket in the slot, the pole wouldn't move. She phoned Mr Niemand and asked him to drive the bakkie out.

Eventually we got our luggage. We got home at about 10h00 and then my dad had to go back to work.

The first week at home I spent shopping with my Mom. She bought me a pair of shoes and I paid for them to help her out.

Over the weekend I went with my dad to fetch some timber to finish the kitchen cupboards. On Sunday we went to church as a family.

On the first Monday at home, I went with my dad to see his new offices which are two stories high.



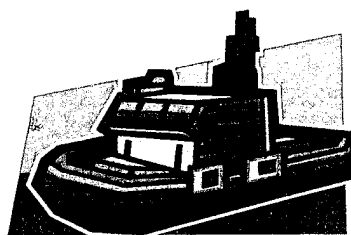
On 27 June I went to Addington hospital with my mom and dad for an eye test. They said I needed new glasses. I chose blue frames because blue is my favourite colour. The following Friday my Dad and I had to go back to the eye clinic.

On Sunday just my mom and I went to church and then my mom made a lovely stuffed roast chicken and vegetables. After lunch we had a walk on the beach and then my mom treated us to a video called Ordinary People by Angus Buckan.

During the next week my mom and I went shopping and I bought myself some gloves.

The following Sunday we went to see my aunt whom I hadn't seen since Christmas. We had lunch there and watched a video about my aunt's concert.

On Monday my brother and sister-in-law picked me up. They took me to the ship museum at Durban harbour. We looked at all the tugboats and it was a bit scary in the engine room because it was a bit dark. After that we went to Durban's fun fair.



We went on the cable car which my brother did not like and then we went on the shells. My brother preferred the shells.

We had lunch at Zack's Restaurant where I had a big burger called a Daddy's Burger. After lunch we sat and chatted and my brother fed the seagulls.

On Tuesday I packed and we watched some movies at home and on Wednesday my mom and I walked all the way to Kingsway hospital and back. In the afternoon my mom treated me to an ice cream called Oreomacflurry and we ate the ice-creams facing the beach. It was lovely to sit and watch the sea rolling onto the beach.

Thanks mom and dad for such a lovely holiday.
Submitted by Mark Southall.

Cheryl Crichton ...

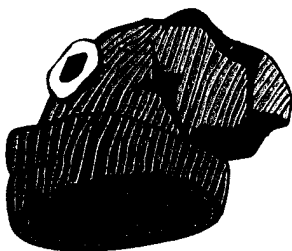
It was a very cold, wet and windy holiday which sadly kept me indoor for most of the time. Anyway it was good to be back home with my mother.

I now have a beautiful little niece called Kelly who was born on the 24th of May. Unfortunately I will have to wait awhile until I meet her as my brother and sister-in-law live in Johannesburg, but they have sent my mother plenty of photographs by e-mail so I do have a good idea of how cute she is.

With the weather being bad, I only managed one long beach walk but we did go visiting and I joined my mother at her weekly patchwork and lace group meetings.

On my last Saturday at home, Aunty Carol, mom and I went out for an early birthday treat. In all the years I have lived at Pevensey, this is the first year that I have not been able to celebrate my birthday at home.

My holiday project this winter was to make some beanies and I managed to make twenty beanies and crochet a small knee blanket. The day before my holiday ended my mother took me to hand over my donation to the Gansbaai Welfare



Society who were happy to receive my gift as there is a great need for warm articles during these very cold months.

A final treat, even though it was cold, was to have a milkshake at the Wimpy.

*"Smiling is the key that fits everybody's heart" -
Anthony J D'Angelo.*

Submitted by Cheryl Crichton, assisted by her mother.

Nigel McKay...

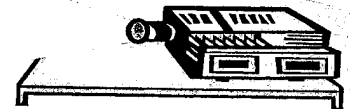
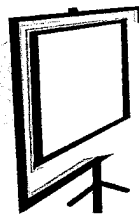
I flew from Durban Airport to Cape Town where my sister Clare and my mom met me. I stayed in my mother's small house.

Sometimes I did my cross word puzzles or I read. My brother Steven who lives near Perth in Western Australia sent me a book called Closer to God.

We went to church on the first two Sundays, but on the third Sunday we went to the City Hall to watch some singers.

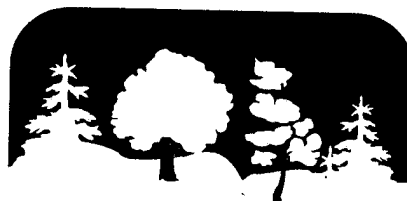
I watched Isidingo and some other TV programmes and walked around the complex.

On 6 July it was my 50th birthday. We had a lovely supper with my brother and his wife and family and some of their friends, and afterwards we went to see a slide show of a man who sailed from Cape Town to St Helena which is an island between South Africa and South America.



On Thursday 12 July I flew back to Durban from Cape Town.

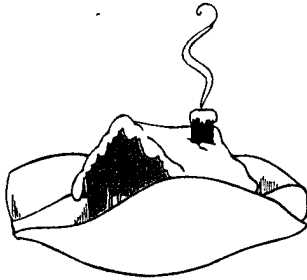
Submitted by Nigel MacKay.



SNOW AT PEVENSEY

Di Bohmer...

On 7 August we woke up to a winter wonderland. The snow was very beautiful on the trees and the ground. It snowed all day on the 7th. The snow was very thick and it took a few days to melt.



The electricity went off for a couple of days and the water was also off so we couldn't bath. Thank goodness we have a generator so that we could at least have electricity while there was enough diesel. The

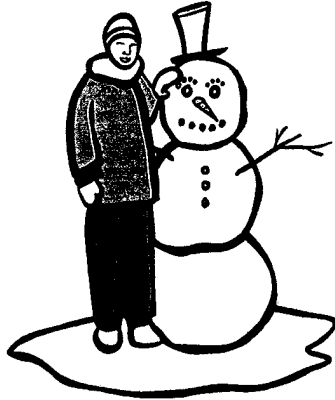
generator worked overtime, and Mr Mingay had to go to the village to get diesel as soon as he could safely drive on the slippery road.

On the 7th September we woke up to see that it had snowed on the mountains again. It was the day of Brynn's birthday. Happy birthday Brynn. I hope you enjoyed your day.

Submitted by Di Bohmer.

Mark Southall...

A big storm started on Monday 6 August around about 18h00. At about 21h00 it started to snow. The next day when I got up the ground was white everywhere and the snow was about 10 cms thick.



It snowed right through the day and the night. The snow was about 30 cms deep and when I got up there was no electricity and no water so we used the snow which we heated on our gas stove to have coffee and to wash the dishes and ourselves. That day Mr Mingay went to Underberg to get more diesel for the generator. On Friday we still had no water and no Eskom until about lunch time. Mr Mingay went to try and fix the reservoir so that we could at least have a shower or bath. On the weekend it was very cold and uncomfortable because the wind was blowing.



The snow is very nice at first, but then it gets very cold and forms ice which I call Slush Puppy.

Submitted by Mark Southall.

Udette Pretorius...

It was nice in the snow but it wasn't so nice not having water to bath in. I enjoyed playing in the snow and made a snowman.

Submitted by Udette Pretorius, assisted by Tracey Greig.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

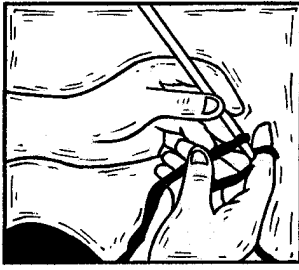
A Visit From my Sister...

On the 10th August, I went home to see my sister Alice and Justin who came over from England. It was the best day of my life. They are expecting their first baby. My mom sewed a cot quilt. On Sunday we went to my mom's friend for lunch and on

Monday Justin's mom and dad came to fetch them. We were very sad to say good-bye to them.

Submitted by Janet Stobart, assisted by Tracey Greig.

My Royal Show Work ...

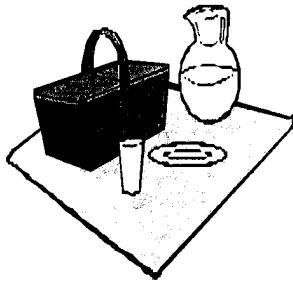


I entered a tray cloth in the Royal Show and won a special prize for it. I also entered a pullover for which I won a second prize. My mom was very happy to hear about the prizes I won and she was very proud of me.

Submitted by Michelle Botha, assisted by Tracey Greig.

My Birthday Surprise...

My three sisters came to visit me on Saturday 18 August. They came to spend time with me and to help me clean my room and throw things away. They brought a picnic lunch so we sat under the trees near the aviary to eat it..



It was a very big surprise for some of the Residents as my middle sister, Robyn used to be a Friday teacher to some of them long ago at Underberg School and they hadn't seen her for years.

Submitted by Janey Olver.

My Work at Pevensy ..

I work in the hostels, cleaning the bedrooms and bathrooms. I also look after the pet ducks, geese and chickens.



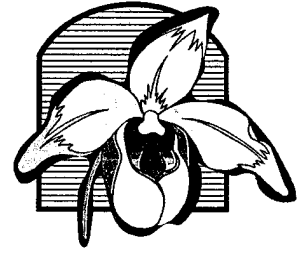
On a Monday afternoon we have Monday Ladies and I do some needle work. I enjoy going to Monday Ladies.

I love being here at Pevensy because I have lots of friends and everyone is so kind to me. I enjoy playing soccer and cricket.

Submitted by Bongji Jilli, assisted by Tracey Greig.

The Green House...

I started the green house in 1976 when I started looking after orchids. I left the green house for a while and did some wood work.



My passion is still looking after orchids in the green house. I am trying to teach other people how to look after orchids. Some of the orchids have buds now. At the moment there is a flowering orchid in Mr Niemand's office. An orchid only flowers once a year. The flowers last for three months.

Submitted by Shaun Collins, assisted by Tracey Greig.

Our August Resident's Birthday Treat

On the 22nd August our August group of Birthday Residents and their best friends joined us at the Grind Restaurant in the Underberg Mall where the OK is. It was most enjoyable.

Submitted by Janey Olver.

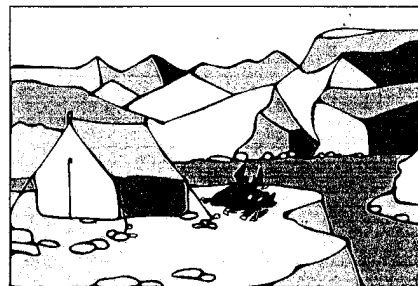
The Annual Fete...

The fete is going to be held at the Underberg School Hostel Hall on Saturday 22 September. The doors open at 09h00. We are going to have the usual stalls: fruit and veg, handcraft, cakes, sweets, cards, books, tea garden, Highland's sweets and gingerbeer, plants, boerewors rolls, hamburgers, pancakes, meat, cool drinks and raffles.

Submitted by Janie Olver.

My Camping Trip...

I am going home before the fete. My parents and



I will be going on a camping trip for my birthday. We will also be going out for dinner. I will be going for lots of walks

on the beach and I will also be helping my dad with the dishes.

Submitted by Megan Robinson, assisted by Tracey Greig

Home Improvements...

Since I became a Resident at Pevensey Place a lot of improvements have been made to the building itself as well as improving the quality of life at Pevensey.



Firstly, thanks to the kindness of David Andrew's family we were able to get a generator which has helped tremendously. It is also thanks to them that we have been able to build a new talking lounge. The Residents are waiting in great anticipation for the building to become operational.

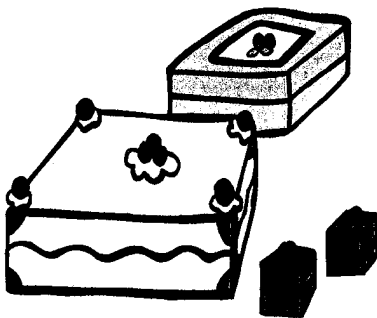
Secondly, a very kind lady offered to paint and decorate most of the ladies' sections. This has had a very homely effect and we are very grateful.

It is nice to know that we have people looking out for us and I would like to thank each and every one who have been involved in the improvements of Pevensey Place.

Submitted by Ashleigh Oosthuyzen.

Cakes...

I would like to thank Mrs Prinsloo for baking cakes for the Resident's birthdays. Thank you for all your hard work. Your cakes are the best.



Thank you for all your love towards us and for all you do for us.

Submitted by Moira Gray.

Welcome...

Firstly, welcome to Stacey Comins who is at Pevensey for her trail month. We hope you will enjoy your stay with us. We also welcome Tyrone Collins. He has been accepted as a full time Resident.

A new phone system and surveillance cameras have been installed at Pevensey for added security.

Submitted by Charlie Higginson.

Two New Residents ...

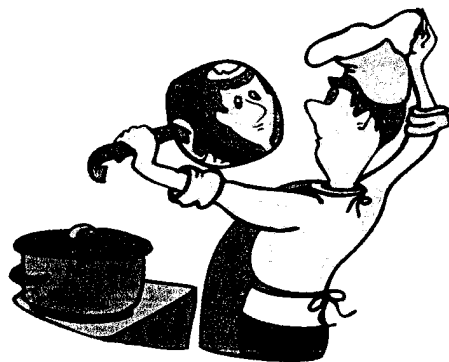
Here at Pevensey Tyrone has been accepted as a new Resident. He is very happy about it. We have a prospective Resident visiting us - Stacey. She is only 23 years old. She comes from Howick. She looks like a very nice person. We will know how she does in a month's time. She will be here for the Pevensey fete. I hope they will both be very happy here and that Stacey will get to know everyone here and discover where she will be happy to work.

Submitted by Moira Gray.

Welcome to New Resident, Tyrone Collins ...

Tyrone is a friendly 22 year old from Kloof. He enjoys watching DVDs, playing sports as well as listening to music and watching wrestling.

He is currently working in the kitchen and attends the Congregational Church.



Tyrone would like to thank his family, friends and the Pevensey Management Committee, Staff and Residents for making him feel so welcome.

Submitted by Jonathan de Bruin.

