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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### REMIDA WORKSHOP

Crestwood Hall

Sunday, 26 June, 1- 4 pm

Contact Marjan van Dijk 9459 8776  
(See insert for full information)

## NEXT ISSUE

Deadline for the next **Crestwood News** is **5 August 2011**. Please send reports, announcements, notices, ads, articles and photos to Malcolm as early as possible before this date: 24 Coronet Court  
[crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au](mailto:crestwoodnews@iinet.net.au)

## Annual General Meeting

### Committee Re-elected Unopposed

At 7:36 the AGM was opened with an initial attendance of 32 homeowners, two over what was needed to form a quorum. This was in contrast to previous years when those present were forced to ring neighbours with a plea to attend just so the meeting could get underway. Three other homeowners arrived shortly after the meeting began and 28 proxies were received.

The meeting moved quickly to the election of officers with no questions raised about the minutes of the previous AGM or Special General Meeting in February. The auditor's report and financial statements were also passed without discussion.

There were five committee positions which needed to be filled. Michael Lee was the only nomination for auditor, and he was, as in all the previous years, elected. The other positions were for president, secretary, aesthetics and the pool. All of the positions were available for a term of two years, except that of the pool. As this position was filled permanently for five months last year, and then temporarily by our president, Trevor Davis, only one year remained of that particular term.

Absolutely no nominations were received outside of those already serving on the committee, and with the president, Trevor Davis, the secretary, Sandra Wilson and the aesthetics committee member, John Rushton, generously renominating for their respective positions, they were duly elected. Seeing there were no nominations for the vacant pool position, one of the homeowners, Darren Colley, agreed to serve in that capacity for the remaining year of the term and was appointed by the committee, no election being necessary.

Later in the meeting, when the discussion was opened to the floor, a question was raised about the position of treasurer and what would happen when Roy Malone was no longer willing or able to continue in that position. As this particular position required the expertise of an accountant, if no one on the estate could be found with such skills, we would have to turn to an outside source. This would inevitably be more expensive and the rates we pay would rise.

### Social Activities Coordinator

Discussion then turned to the social activities coordinator, a position which has been vacant for almost two and a half years. While those at the meeting agreed that social activities were an excellent way of getting to know others in the community, there was clearly no one present willing to take on the job of coordinator. A number of options were raised.

One person need not be saddled with the job of coordinating all activities. There were clearly those activities which were organised for children, and those more suitable for adults, and these could have different coordinators. A coordinator could also choose to be involved in just one activity, something they particularly liked and wanted to be involved in on an ongoing basis. The running of the Crestwood 20s Club

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# A Unique Way of Life

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<b>Goodbye Graffiti Hotline</b>			T: 1800 442 255
<b>Thornlie High School</b>			T: 9376 2100
<b>Canning Vale Police Station</b>			T: 9456 9555
<b>Life Threatening Emergencies</b>			T: 000
<b>Police Non-emergency</b>			T: 131 444
<b>Neighbourhood Watch</b>			T: 9493 3311
<b>Crimestoppers</b>			T: 1800 333 000
<b>Join e-WATCH</b>	ewatch@gosnells.wa.gov.au		

**Crestwood Committee Meetings**

Committee meetings of the Crestwood Homeowners Association for 2011 have been set on the following dates. Check the contents page of the latest issue of the *Crestwood News* for any changes. Crestwood residents are welcome to attend all or part of these meetings held at the Crestwood Hall. Visitors' business is always attended to first, so residents may leave whenever they wish.

**24 January 2011**  
**28 February**  
**28 March**  
**18 April**  
**23 May**  
**27 June**

**25 July**  
**29 August**  
**26 September**  
**24 October**  
**28 November**  
**19 December**

WELCOME TO CRESTWOOD

Paul Goodman 52 Hume Road

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

Murray Family 52 Hume Road

**R**ecent correspondence from the Committee of the Crestwood Homeowners Association.

## Aesthetics

1. [A residence on Regency Drive] Thank you for your telephone inquiry to prune and remove trees from your garden. At the Committee meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May we discussed your request. As I am sure you know we are reluctant to loose mature trees from the estate, but if they are a threat to safety or causing structural damage we will agree to their removal.

It was recommended at the meeting that you use Ashley form T & A Tree Service. They do all the tree lopping and pruning for the estate, they are a professional competent company, and they are familiar with all the Crestwood requirements. If you prefer to use an alternative company, the Committee will require a detailed description of the work proposed for approval before commencement.

As I suggested on the telephone if you contact Grant Douglas, the Crestwood gardener, he will be able to advise you and give you the contact details of T & A Tree Service. If I can be of any further assistance you can contact me on 9493 6096 or 0419 961 713

John Rushton, Committee Member for Aesthetics

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coordinated by Margaret Davies was such an example. Activities also did not have be coordinated by a single individual, but could be run by an interested group, or individual coordinators of unique activities could also coordinate on a joint undertaking when the occasion arouse. It was also suggested that particular activities could be advertised first, such as in the *Crestwood News*, and a leader chosen from among those who expressed an interest in attending.

### Security and Surveillance

The president reported, as promised, on his research into security and surveillance, a topic which was suggested during the Special General Meeting in February. His initial dealings with two companies have not been encouraging with one large company leaving him waiting at home at a scheduled meeting time, and a smaller company not even bothering to return his calls. While he is still attempting to get specific information, the general information he has received from those familiar with the Crestwood situation has not been positive.

The installation of security cameras at all of the entry points to Crestwood does not appear to be practicable as this would require cabling to be brought back to a central location for monitoring. This is expensive. Additionally, the cameras would have to be infra-red capable to allow them to function adequately after dark. Images taken by such cameras tend to be poor, not clear enough to identify someone sufficiently to be pursued by police, and certainly not sufficient to enable legal identification in court.

The question of a wireless connection was also discussed, but the feedback received was that this technology was still not reliable enough to be used in the Crestwood situation. This is where the discussion ended, with the suggestion that homeowners at the entry to estate decide if their personal situation warranted them installing security both within and outside the home. As for the estate itself, the immediate focus would be on updating and improving security around the Crestwood Hall and pool area.

### Watering and Reticulation

A city-wide sprinkler ban will come into force on 1 June and that will also mean the end of the reticulation season for Crestwood. Permission has been sought and given for the estate to continue its fortnightly Sunday sprinkler tests

and residents should be aware that these will occur throughout the Winter.

The future, however, of the water situation in Perth is not looking good. In the 10 years between 2001 and 2011 water in the Gngangara Mound has dropped by three metres and without sufficient replenishing rains over a number of seasons, this situation will only deteriorate.

### Parks and Gardens

At the close of General Business, the meeting was opened to the floor and most of the discussion which ensued focussed on the parks and gardens.

There was criticism from a few homeowners on the aesthetics of the estate, with blame apportioned to the Crestwood gardener and to homeowners who neglected the rear of their properties. An email from a former resident was read out comparing the parks then and now and concluding that there was a general deterioration.

The president explained that the primary task of the gardener during the summer season was the reticulation since this was a service that all residents received. Of secondary consideration was the parks. This situation was reversed during the Winter months when the parks were expected to receive primary attention.

A number of homeowners spoke out on this matter and the gardener also came in for a good deal of praise. The question of whether Crestwood needed two full-time gardeners was raised and dismissed in favour of holding busy bees when required. One resident suggested Crestwood needed a more formal system of tree replacement.

As a general conclusion, it was recognised that the estate was starting to show its age and much of the needed rejuvenation had to be up to individual residents. Fences needed painting or replacing and cracked walls needed filling. Additionally, trees and bushes that had outgrown their verge boundaries and impinged on the pathways had to be cut back. This was something that all homeowners could easily do.

The Committee already had a system in place where letters could be sent to homeowners reminding them to tidy up the rear of their properties. For those who did not comply, the clean-up would be done for them, and they would be billed for the work.

After everyone had had their say, the president closed the meeting at 8:55.

*Text by the Editor*

# INCIDENT REPORT

Incidents reported on the Crestwood Estate

The *Comment News* reported a vehicle theft (issue 19 April) and burglary (issue 26 April) on Regency Drive.



No crime statistics were published in the *Comment News* 3 May - 31 May.

## POLICE WATCH - Thornlie

from the *Comment News*

Break-ins Forest Lakes Dr, Jacqueline Dr, Jana Rd, Spring Rd, Tonbridge Way, Berehaven Ave, :Lavender Cl, Warton Rd; vehicle theft Regency Dr, Timbercrest Rd (19 April)

Break-ins Sugarwood Dr, Regency Dr; vehicle theft Spring Rd (26 April)

## MOBILE PHONE SECURITY

Mobile phones are a great way for children to stay in touch with their parents, family and friends. Mobiles allow users to make calls, take photos, play games, send texts (SMS) and images (MMS), and access the internet. Mobiles are a regular feature in teenager's lives and increasingly used by younger children.

While mobiles provide immediate contact and can be fun to use, the fact that they can be on 24/7 and you can't always be there to supervise, means there are potential risks. These include:

- ... **High Bills** – Children and young people may not consider the impact of their mobile phone use, or the cost of premium services like ringtones or games which are more expensive than a standard SMS.
- ... **Scams** – Young users may also be more susceptible to mobile phone scams that are designed to steal personal details or money. Children may not know they've been scammed unless invoices or online statements are checked carefully for unusual charges.
- ... **Cyber bullying and unwelcome mobile calls** – Mobile phones are often used for cyber bullying as they are easy tools for bullies to use. Mobiles can also be used to make calls that are threatening, offensive or harassing in nature.
- ... **Sexting** – A growing issue is young people's use of mobile phones to send sexual images to one another. This can have social and legal consequences.
- ... **Access to inappropriate material** – Internet enabled mobiles allow children and young people ready access to a range of material that their parents may consider inappropriate for them.

There are a number of ways that parents can increase their child's phone safety. These include helping them to block unwanted calls from specific numbers or disabling internet access. Contact your mobile phone provider to find out how to do this.

Most phones can also be manually locked with a password or PIN number so no one except you or your child can make calls or access details. This is especially helpful if your child's phone is lost or stolen.

Some mobile phones can enable your child to access the internet. As parents can't always be there to supervise, it's more important than ever to teach children and teens how to protect themselves. Not sharing too much personal information online is an important first step.

### Tips for Parents

- **Stay involved** with your child's use of new technologies. Ask your child to show you how their phone works and what they are using it for.

- **Find out** how access for the internet and other services can be managed. This information is usually available on the carrier's website.
- **Help your child** to understand that their phone is like a wallet and every text message, phone call or download service costs money.
- **Remind your child** that they shouldn't let anyone borrow their phone.
- **Talk with your child** about their experiences with their mobile phone. Let them know it's okay to tell you if they come across something that worries them.
- **Teach your child** that there are ways they can deal with disturbing material. They should not respond if they receive something inappropriate and they should immediately hang up if they feel uncomfortable or worried.

### Tips for Kids and Teens

- **Never post your number or other personal details** on the internet or share it with anybody you don't know. The more private your number is, the less likely you are to be contacted by strangers.
- **Be wary** of anyone who asks to borrow your phone in public, even if it's for a supposed emergency. If it is a genuine emergency, dial Triple Zero (000) for them and pass on the phone. Do not leave a stranger alone with your phone.
- **If you receive** a text message from an unknown source, don't reply. It could contain a virus or be an attempt to sign you up to an expensive subscription or premium service.
- **Say no!** Don't accept any offers that seem too good to be true, like a free mobile phone. Check with your parents or guardian first.
- **Stay aware** of what's going on around you and guard your privacy. Remember, if you can take pictures of everything and everyone with your phone, so can others, and you may not want to be the subject of their photos!
- **Be considerate.** Only send the kinds of messages and photos you would be happy to receive.
- **Tell your parents** or another trusted adult if someone sends you unkind or bullying messages or asks you to do something that makes you uncomfortable. Make a note of the number it came from, the date and time of the call, or save the message. It may need to be followed up by your school, Internet Service Provider (ISP), mobile phone carrier or the police.

### For more information, contact:

Australian Communications and Media Authority, Cybersmart program, Cybersafety Contact Centre — 1800 880 176, [cybersafety@acma.gov.au](mailto:cybersafety@acma.gov.au), [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)



**Committee Business:**

**Parks and Reticulation:** The committee discussed the need to identify jobs that require doing and to prioritise them.

Also discussed was the Hume Rd verge mowing which the committee is happy with and what the planting possibilities are for the areas by Regal Drive.

Small problems have been experienced with the reticulation.

**Pool:** There is nothing of note to report with regard to the pool as all is going well. A note will be placed in the Crestwood News about the busy bee for closing up the pool for the season which will take place on Sunday, 1 May.

Belgravia has agreed to provide new shirts for the pool attendants without the word *lifeguard* on the back. They have also expressed a preference for their staff to move about the pool area rather than sitting on a raised chair. Belgravia will also get a tiler to inspect, assess and fix all necessary tiling around the pool during the off-season.

Students from All Saints College will be allowed to swim after completion of painting Underpass E.

**Aesthetics:** The fence at one property on Cavalier Court is to be replaced and a second property has decided on a brick enclosure due to concerns with a large dog.

**Finance:** Michael Lee will renominate for the position of auditor and Roy Malone will do the same for the position of treasurer at the upcoming AGM.

Insurance premiums are to be renewed as suggested by Cowden Ltd. Honorariums to committee members and associated positions have been paid. As for the current year's homeowners fees, these have already started to be paid by some homeowners.

**Social:** An end of season inflatable is to be organised for the closing day of the pool with details to be published in the Crestwood News.

**Visitors' Business:** Two visitors attended the meeting and raised various concerns, the majority of these pertaining to the estate's grounds. The issues raised were about making the gardens at the Regal Drive entry to the estate more attractive, trimming overgrown shrubs at the Spencer Road end of Park 15 and the addition of woodchips to more garden areas. One visitor also questioned the effectiveness and priorities taken by the gardening staff. A suggestion was also made about repainting the ends of the underpasses which are currently a patchy grey and adding watering issues to the agenda for the coming AGM.

Other topics mentioned by the visitors were updating the board listing committee members, which the visitor offered to do, and establishing a record of residents' emails for use in sending out important and urgent information. Concern was also raised about recent noise at a Grenadier Drive property.

**April 2011**

**Committee Business:**

**Parks and Reticulation:** Vandalism of reticulation control boxes in the parks has caused great problems requiring a lot of time and energy to rectify. The Total Eden employee who first wired the boxes has been called upon to assist.

Trimming of tree branches which overhang one resident's garage is to be undertaken. Regarding the beautification of the Regal Drive entry to the Crestwood parks, Grant has suggested using only native plants.

The painting of Underpass E by All Saints College students is currently underway.

**Pool:** All is going well. An inflatable is scheduled to be at the pool on its last day open, Tues, 26 April. A note regarding the busy bee has gone into the Crestwood News.

**Aesthetics:** The fence on Cavalier Court has been repaired. An application for a patio on Princeton Court has been approved. Limestone blocks are planned for the rear boundary.

**Finance:** A motion was put by Roy that \$20,000 of the surplus funds be transferred to the sinking fund and the remainder be transferred to association funds. This was seconded and the motion was carried.

**Social:** The Crestwood 20s Club luncheon is scheduled for 1 May.

**General Business:** Reports for the AGM are to be sent to the secretary by Tuesday, 10 May, and then distributed by post to homeowners as soon as possible after that date.

A check is to be done on which committee positions are actually up for nomination before the notice document is sent out.

The lack of street numbers along Hume Road is the cause of some problems, such as when requesting a taxi. Mike is to approach the City of Gosnells about the possibility of adding street signs with numbers at the entry for each cul-d-sac.



## Christmas in July

This is an event which has not been held for two years; that is the length of time that Crestwood has been without a Social Activities Coordinator. Following a suggestion raised at the AGM, the Committee is looking at the possibility of having homeowners coordinate particular social events, either on a one-off or an ongoing basis.

The next major event which has in the past been scheduled is Christmas in July. If there is someone in the Crestwood community willing to undertake coordination of this event, please contact the Committee secretary, Sandra Wilson, or the editor of the Crestwood News (see Contacts, page 2).

## eMail Notification

Would you like to get instant notification of reticulation breakdowns, emergency pool closures, strangers in the parks and other security issues on the estate? The easiest way to do this is by email.

The Crestwood Committee is attempting to establish an email data base to enable these types of warnings to go out to residents. Under no circumstances would this information be given to others and used for advertising purposes. If you are interested in contributing your email address - and we would encourage you to do so - please contact:

Bill Walter, 23 Grenadier Drive / corpcredit@bigpond.com /  
Telephone 9459 3994

NOTICES

PERSONAL

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Leon Van der Linden and Emma Wheatley of Coronet Court on the occasion of their marriage.

EVENTS

UNDERPASS E

## ALL SAINTS' COLLEGE STUDENTS TRANSFORM UNDERPASS E

Since the Helping Hands Project was launched in 2005 at All Saints' College, Year 10 students have participated in a variety of community service and charity projects which this year took place from 18-21 April during the Easter break. One of the two new projects which was added for the current year was the repainting of Crestwood's Underpass E, a project which has transformed the aging, drab inside of the underpass to a bright, shining rainbow.



Twenty hours of community service work is compulsory for All Saints' students and the 130 students participating this year were divided into small groups each focussing on projects which varied greatly. Some groups worked on the rehabilitation of wetlands at Bull Creek and Penguin Island, others on helping the elderly maintain their gardens and still others on the sorting and cataloguing of items for the Girl Guides and the Salvation Army.

The second new project added this year was fabric craft where participating students worked on items such as cushions, aprons and vanity bags for elderly residents at St. Ives, Murdoch.

*Adapted from the All Saints College Website; photos by James Wilson*

## Heavy Trucks Restricted Access to Parks

From 12 June and for the duration of the Winter, entry to the parks by heavy trucks will not be allowed. The reason for this is that the ground gets very soft at this time of year and considerable damage is incurred when heavy trucks move about the estate.

This restriction will remain in place until the heavy rains have finished.

## Crestwood is only as attractive as Your Back Gate

This is yet another reminder to look out your back gate at the area of your property that abuts the parks. Does the lawn need cutting, trimming or weeding? Do your trees or bushes overhang the pathways? Does your fence need painting or repairing? Is your wall in a safe condition?

Crestwood may age, but there is no reason why each of us can't contribute to a collective facelift so that its age isn't quite so obvious. The rear of our properties is visually an extension of the parks and the nicer they are, the more enjoyable the parks will be for everyone.

INBOX

LETTERS

**MORE ON CROWS** Thanks to Mr Keays (*Crestwood News* November-December 2010) for his informed comment about ravens, or crows as we mostly call them. Having worked for many years in the Agriculture Protection Board answering calls about problem crows, I can say that most problems are caused by people feeding crows directly or feeding other birds. Mr Keays is right; stop the food supply and crow numbers will decrease.

John Tapley



# Crestwood Hall Hire

NOTICES

SOCIAL

The Crestwood Hall is available for use by residents. It is ideal for large or small functions: birthday parties, morning teas, playgroups, meetings. It can be hired on a one-off or regular basis. Charges are as follows.

**Daytime (to 5pm) — \$11.00/hour to a maximum of \$55.00**  
**Night-time (to midnight) — \$22.00/hour to a maximum of \$110.00.**

Up to 50 people are allowed in the Hall. Full use of the kitchen is included for both day and night functions.

**Commercial (for-profit events or those charging an entry fee) — \$25.00 per hour to a maximum of \$100.00 – 8am - 5pm**  
A \$300 bond applies to all bookings made by homeowners and \$500 to those bookings made by tenants. A minimum cleaning charge of \$150 will be taken from the bond if the hall is not cleaned to a satisfactory standard.

Hall hire does not include access to the pool area. For children's parties there is a minimum adult supervision requirement.

To book or obtain further information call Marjan: 9459 8776



**ZUMBA®**  
FITNESS

## PARTY YOURSELF INTO SHAPE

The Latin-inspired, easy to follow, calorie burning dance-fitness party is now at Crestwood.

**CRESTWOOD HALL**  
**Wednesdays 6:30 pm**

**For more information**  
**phone Lisa 0450 957 025**

## CRESTWOOD PATCHWORK & QUILTING GROUP

**Meeting on a Tuesday night in  
the Crestwood Hall**

**6:30 pm - 9:00 pm**

**New members welcome. Come and  
meet us or ring Jan on 9493 0045.**



## CRESTWOOD MOTHER'S GROUP / PLAYGROUP

**New members and their friends are always welcome. —  
We would love to hear from you.**

We meet on Friday mornings at the Crestwood Hall  
10.00 am—12.00 noon  
0 years to 6 years old / \$10.00 per term

*Runs during School terms*

**Call Ros on 9493 2597**

## Social Card Mornings

Join me for a creative morning of card making, a great way to meet people and develop friendships.

**Where:** 24 Princeton Court

**When:** Friday mornings, 10:00 - 11:30  
am during school terms

**Cost:** \$6.00 to cover materials for 2 pre-prepared  
projects, morning coffee or tea and biscuits.

**Contact:** Joanne Brand for further information —  
Phone 9459 6114 / 0403 474 075 or email —  
brand\_family@iprimus.com.au



## Belly Dance

Ladies, come and try something different. Have fun and learn how to belly dance. Our friendly group welcomes beginners or experienced dancers.

Come join us. Non-Crestwood residents welcome.  
Cost \$10.00 per class — includes drumming class.

**Phone Gillian 9459 9904 or Heather 9452 2427**  
**for time and location of the class.**





## Neighbouring Trees

### Questions and Answers

#### What can I do about my neighbour's tree roots and/or overhanging branches?

If you have a problem with overhanging branches or invading tree roots talk to your neighbour and try to resolve the complaint first.

#### Can I cut down an overhanging branch or a tree root that has come onto my property?

If a branch or root comes onto your side of the fence, you are allowed to:

- ... Cut off the branch to the point it overhangs your property.
- ... Dig up the root and remove it up to the boundary or fence line of your land.

You must NOT:

- ... Cut the branch or dig up the root on your neighbour's side or enter your neighbour's property without their agreement.
- ... Poison the neighbour's tree or any roots that are on your property.

You must:

- ... Take care not to cause unnecessary damage to the tree.

#### Do I have to let my neighbour know?

You do not have to let your neighbour know you intend to cut things back from your property, but it is a good idea to let them know there is a problem and what you are going to do.

#### Do I need anyone else's permission?

Some local governments have tree preservation orders in place. These orders may prohibit the pruning and removal of specified trees. Check with your local government.

#### What should I do with what I cut off?

Any root, branch, flower or fruit growing on a branch that you cut back still belongs to the tree's owner and should be returned to your neighbour. With the owner's permission, you could throw it out.

Be careful about how they are returned. You are responsible for any damage or littering that might happen. It is sensible to let your neighbour know what you are going to do.

#### How do I get payment for removal of branches or roots or any damage caused by my neighbour's tree?

A few residents have expressed concerns over trees in the parks and on neighbouring properties. Sandra Wilson, our secretary, has compiled the following information for those interested in this topic. The information comes from the following website and readers can access this site directly to obtain more information.

<http://www.legalaid.wa.gov.au/InformationAboutTheLaw/Homes/neighbours/Pages/Dividingfences.aspx>

Repairing damage caused by a neighbour's tree can be costly. Roots can damage foundations, block drains or raise brick paving. Overhanging branches can drop leaves into your gutters or prevent your own trees and crops from growing.

If you need to have repairs done or have to get a specialist in to remove the roots or branches, write a letter to your neighbour setting out what the damage is and giving them copies of quotes for getting the work done and asking them to pay to fix the problem so it does not happen again. You should keep a copy of the letter.

Once your neighbour knows of the problem (or should have become aware of it) they have a responsibility to fix the problem so it does not keep going or worsen.

If there is a cost involved in fixing the problem, you should reach an agreement with your neighbour about who will pay before you start the job.

#### What if we cannot reach an agreement about who should pay for the removal or damage?

There are mediation services available that can help neighbours reach an agreement when there is a dispute. Legal action against neighbours can lead to bad relationships that cannot be repaired. Where possible, think about negotiating an agreement or going to a dispute resolution service instead of taking court action.

If you cannot reach an agreement, you may have to apply to court for an order that your neighbour has to have the branches or roots removed. Before taking any steps that may become costly or starting any legal action, get legal advice.

#### My neighbour's tree has fruit that overhangs my property. Who owns the fruit?

The fruit belongs to the owner of the tree.

Have you ever wondered how tall your trees were? As a rule of thumb you can find out by doing the following. Place yourself so that you can sight the top of the tree at an angle of 45 degrees. Mark that spot and measure to the base of the tree. That is the approximate height of the tree. You can then determine how far that tree is from any nearby buildings and if any property might be at risk if the tree were to fall.

John Tapley

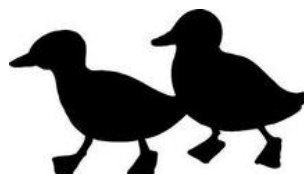
## At Last

For weeks now we've been flying past to see  
If things are perfect for our nursery.  
My mate and I have this urge you see  
To begin to start our new family.

April has gone and now it's May  
But the sails and chairs are not packed away.  
My mate and I have this urge you see  
To begin to start our new family.

We sit in the trees, waiting to nest  
Wishing the swimmers will take a rest.  
My mate and I have this urge you see  
To begin to start our new family.

At last our dream has come true  
The chairs are all gone and the sails too.  
My mate and I have this urge you see  
To begin to start our new family.



The residents have had lots of fun  
Chatting, swimming and meeting everyone.  
My mate and I have this urge you see  
To begin to start our new family.

Lifeguards have left, they were first rate  
Remembering to put the lock on the gate.  
My mate and I have this urge you see  
To begin to start our new family.

Grant will watch us if we roam  
Clean up our mess without a moan.  
My mate and I have this urge you see  
To begin to start our new family.

Crestwood pool is a little piece of heaven  
To raise our brood, could be six or seven.  
My mate and I have this urge you see  
NOW we can begin to start our new family.

Chris Wynen, 2011





The Crestwood 20s Club held its first luncheon in just over a year, an unusually long break. The Crestwood Hall was again set up as a high class restaurant with white tablecloths and formal place settings. The May luncheon is always held in the Hall, and a caterer is sought who is willing to cook for a relatively small number of people. As the attendance at this luncheon was just 24, it turned out that outside catering was just too expensive, so, as was the case last year, Margaret Davies and her husband, Trevor, rose again to the challenge and prepared a meal for the guests every bit as tasty and professional as an outside caterer.

A basket of warm rolls was waiting on each table, and this was soon joined by plates of pumpkin soup. For mains there was chicken mignon, baby potatoes, carrots, peas and cauliflower with a white sauce. The meal concluded with a fruit sponge flan with cream followed by tea or coffee and biscuits.

The next luncheon of the 20s Club will be in November and will be held at an outside venue still to be determined. Any current or former Crestwood resident who has lived on the estate for twenty years or more, is welcome to attend these luncheons. If you are interested in receiving an invitation, please leave your contact details with Margaret (see Contacts, page 2) and watch out for an announcement in the September-October issue of the *Crestwood News*.



## Swimming Pool Busy Bee

It was much like a film shown in reverse, the exact opposite to the time in October when all of the lounges were pulled out of storage, washed and set up for the season, the sails rehung to offer shade to those lounging by the pool and the barbecue checked to see if it was still clean and serviceable. On this first day of May the lounges were again put into storage and the sails removed, their numbers checked to make sure their place was easily identifiable when it came to rehang them, then folded and stored away. There was a small group of volunteers who showed up for this occasion, but all went to plan and in just over an hour the tasks were finished and it was time to go home and enjoy the rest of the afternoon with the family.

## Looking for the Perfect Job

I have had a very unfortunate time of it finding a suitable job. Here is a depressing list of all my attempts.

1. My first job was working in a orange juice factory, but I got canned. Couldn't concentrate.
2. Then I worked for a timber company, but I just couldn't hack it, so they gave me the chop.
3. After that I tried working as a tailor, but just wasn't suited.
4. Next I tried a muffler factory, but it was too exhausting.
5. Then I accepted a job as a chef since I thought it would add a little spice to my life, but I ended up being burned by my boss.
6. After that I tried working in a deli, but the hours were terrible and I felt sandwiched between my other commitments.
7. My best job was as a musician, but after a while it was clear my performance wasn't noteworthy.
8. I wanted to be a doctor, but realised I just wouldn't have the patience.
9. My next job was in a shoe factory, but they considered me a bit of a rebel since I refused to toe the line.
10. So I then became a professional fisherman, but found I couldn't live on my net income.
11. I also managed to get a job at a pool maintenance company, but the work turned out to be too draining.
12. Then I tried work in an exercise centre, but just wasn't fit for the job.
13. After many years of trying to find a job, I got one as a historian, but I quit when I realised there was no future in it.
14. My longest job was working in a cafe making espresso coffees, but I eventually quit when I realised every day was the same old grind.
15. Eventually I applied for a job as a teacher in a very exclusive private school, but withdrew my name when it became obvious I was outclassed.

## Fun for the Retired Keeping Boredom at Bay

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well, for example, the other day Mary, my wife, and I went into town and visited a shop. We were only there for about five minutes. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

We went up to him and I said, "Come on, how about giving a senior citizen a break?" He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a dumb so-and-so. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn-out tyres.

Then Mary called him a thickhead. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windscreen with the first. Then he started writing out a third ticket for having an ornament dangling from the rear-view mirror. This went on for about 20 minutes. The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Just then our bus arrived and we got on it and went home.

## Understanding Engineers

1. Two engineering students were walking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want."

The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."

2. An engineer was crossing a road one day when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog and put it in his pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want."

Again the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog, now that's cool."

3. A priest, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greens-keeper. Let's have a word with him."

"What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They are rather slow, aren't they?" The greens-keeper replied, "Oh yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."

The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I'll say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea." I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist and see if there is anything he can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

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## Sweet Potato, Corn and Green Chilli Soup

**Ingredients**

1 medium onion, finely chopped  
 55 g butter  
 675 g sweet potato (white or yellow) peeled and chopped  
 1 litre chicken stock

200 g fresh or defrosted corn kernels  
 1 green Jalapeño chilli, seeded and finely diced  
 salt and freshly ground black pepper

**Method**

1. Sweat the onion in the butter for 5 minutes. Add the sweet potatoes and stock and bring to the boil. Cover and simmer until the potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes.
2. Strain, reserving the liquid. Puree the potatoes until smooth. Return the stock to the rinsed-out pan and mix in the potato puree.
3. Add the corn, chilli, salt and pepper to taste and simmer for a further 10 minutes. If the soup is too thick, add more chicken stock.
4. Just before serving, heat the soup thoroughly. Serve with a crusty roll.

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