

Fairseat Foundation



Fairseat News – 15 May 2020

- **LINK Meeting – Saturday, 16th May at 12 noon in the Widgery Room.** This will be to receive an update from Ben on the present situation, hear what the Fairseat board have been busy doing and to hear what proposals are being looked at for the future. Ben will also be wanting to hear about concerns that residents may have. I think this is an important meeting and I urge residents to attend and be in a position to ask any questions they may have and voice their concerns or suggestions.
 - **Resident News** – we have 2 more birthdays in May with Barbara (20/5) & Edna (27/5). Then in June we have no less than 5 residents in their 80's celebrating so I think we may have to practice social distancing and look to a garden lunch if the sun comes out.
 - **Fairseat lockdown** – It is now 2 months since our last LINK meeting when residents agreed to start a lockdown process for Fairseat. Much has happened in that time & we have just begun our first rotation of annual leave for staff. We have a quarantine room plus a tent for staff who are coming back from leave. We have developed a 14-day cycle for staff to come and go with a planned absence of 28 days each. Carolyne and Alice both completed their 14-day quarantine period and we now have two carers, Lilian & Josephine and Leonard, our gardener, isolating for the next 14 days.
 - **Link** – the residents' social calendar continues to be full of activities & it is great to see so much participation. We are still looking for a 2nd boules' set if anyone has one that we can use & any retired putters for our staff to play clock golf with - thanks?
 - **Drinking water** – Nairobi water supply have had a major disaster with their supply line from Sasumua Dam into Nairobi damaged by a landslide in the Aberdares. Apparently, access is a challenge with a walk of over 10km through the forest to get to the damaged pipeline and as a result we have had no supply for weeks and it looks like it could be a few more weeks yet before we receive any. We only use this for drinking water but can I please ask everyone to make sure we do not waste water.
 - **Staff** – we commiserate with John Kamau, our maintenance man, who lost his mother yesterday after a long illness. He will now take a fortnight's leave until he is able to enter our quarantine tent on Tuesday, 26/5 & start work 14 days later on 9/6.
 - **Fairseat Rainfall** – My apologies for the error in the rain records in the last news. We somehow lost April figures? Anyway, these are correct now up to & including 15/5 which shows that as of mid-May, we have already had 89% of our annual average.
 - Jan – 132mm over 20 days Vs Average of 66mm over 4.9 days
 - Feb – 110mm over 8 days Vs Average of 48 mm over 4.1 days
 - Mar - 206mm over 14 days Vs Average of 105mm over 8.6 days
 - Apr – 323mm over 19 days Vs an Average of 208 over 15.6 days
 - May to date – 133mm over 12 days Vs Average of 157mm over 12.7 days for the full month
- Year to date** – 905.75mm over 72 days Vs Ave of 585mm over 45 days until end of May.

- **Astronomical events of interest** – we have a **new moon** due on Friday, 22nd May. Then we have a **full moon** due on Friday, 5th June which also coincides with a **Penumbral Lunar Eclipse** visible in Nairobi on both 5th & 6th June, starting at about 8pm and at its maximum effect at about 10.25pm. Then on Sunday, 21st June we will have the **June Solstice**, the shortest day of the year in southern hemisphere where the sun is directly above the Tropic of Cancer. We also have a **Partial Solar Eclipse** starting at about 6.45am on Sunday 21st June and at its maximum effect at about 7.45 am – remember not to look into the sun without proper protection.
- **Pub Nite** – on Wed, 20th May at 5.30 pm on B & F’s verandah with Andy, Neil & Debs. Edna’s daughter, **Karen, has promised everyone a drink for Edna’s birthday** so don’t be late. Last Pub Nite was a great success, fueled no doubt by Chip and Yvonne’s generosity – thank you to them both.
- **Quiz nite** – will be on Friday, 29th May at 5.30 on B & F’s verandah – **please note change of date to a week later.**
- **Friday, 15th May @ 5pm** – Boules with Anja on the Big Lawn
- **Saturday, 16th May @ 9.30am** - Bridge with Fiona at the manager’s house. (NB early start time)
- **Saturday, 16th May @ 12 noon** – LINK meeting for all residents in the Widgery Room
- **Sunday, 17th May @ 11 am** - Clock Golf with Mike under the Terminalia Tree
- **Monday 18th May @ 11 am** - Crossword with Shirley in the Widgery Rm
- **Monday 18th May @ 11 am** - Boules with Anja on the Big Lawn
- **Monday 18th May @ 3 pm** - Scrabble with Shirley on the Widgery Rm Verandah
- **Monday 18th May from 3.30 pm** - Clock Golf for staff with Mike under the Terminalia Tree
- **Monday 18th May @ 5 pm** - Croquet with Debonnaire on the Top Acre lawn
- **Tuesday 19^h May @ 11 am** - Exercises with John on Big Lawn, under Terminalia Tree
- **Tuesday, 19^h May @ 4.30 pm** – Video “Grantchester” with Debs in Widgery Rm
- **Wednesday, 20th May** – Happy Birthday Barbara F.
- **Wednesday, 20th May @ 10.30am** - Bingo with Jane in the Widgery Room.
- **Wednesday, 20th May @ 11.00am** - Clock Golf with Mike under the Terminalia Tree
- **Wednesday, 20th May @ 3 pm** - Bridge Lessons with Fiona at the manager’s house.
- **Wednesday, 20th May @ 5.30pm** – Pub Nite with Andy, Neil & Debs on B&F’s verandah
- **Thursday 21st May @ 11 am** - Exercises with Yvonne on the Big Lawn with **NEW** music now
- **Thursday, 21st May @ 4.30 pm** - Video “The Bletchley Circle #2” in Widgery Rm
- **Friday, 22nd May @ 11am** – Math’s games with John G in the Widgery Rm
- **Friday, 22nd May @ 5pm** – Boules with Anja on the Big Lawn
- **Friday, 22nd May** – New Moon
- **Saturday, 23rd May @ 10.30 am** - Bridge with Fiona at the manager’s house.
- **Sunday, 24th May @ 11.00am** - Clock Golf with Mike under the Terminalia Tree
- **Monday, 25th May** – Public Holiday for end of Ramadan, Eid al-Fitr. **Office will be closed.**
- **Tuesday, 26^h May @ 4.30 pm** – Video “Homefires” with Debs in Widgery Rm
- **Wednesday, 27th May** – Happy Birthday Edna
- **Friday, 29th May @ 5.30pm** - Quiz night on Ben & Fiona’s verandah.
- **Monday 1st June** - Public Holiday for Madaraka Day. **Office will be closed.**
- **Friday, 5th June** – Full moon and also Penumbral Lunar Eclipse