



A FOND FAREWELL TO 2025

As summer settles over Garlington and the holiday season approaches, we are reminded of what makes this time of year so special — unhurried days, warm evenings, and the simple enjoyment of being at home.

We would like to take this moment to thank our residents for the care, respect, and consideration shown throughout 2025. It is these everyday gestures — from looking out for one another to taking pride in the estate — that quietly shape the atmosphere we all enjoy.

Looking ahead to 2026, we do so with optimism and excitement. The year to come holds the promise of new ideas and gentle additions that celebrate seasonal living, shared moments, and the simple pleasures of this special place.

Wishing you and your families a joyful festive season and a peaceful start to the new year.



GENERAL MANAGER'S MESSAGE

As we draw the year to a close, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who has played a part in making 2025 a meaningful and memorable year at Garlington. Each project undertaken on the estate has been guided by our commitment to improving efficiency, enhancing the value of our shared environment, and uplifting the spirit of this remarkable community.

My heartfelt thanks go to our staff, whose dedication and steadfast commitment have carried us through a demanding and rewarding year. Their hard work is woven into every corner of Garlington, and we are deeply grateful for all they do. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our Board for their time, effort, support, and guidance throughout the year. Their leadership continues to play an important role in shaping the future of the estate.

To our residents, thank you for your continued support, kindness, and engagement. It is your presence that gives this estate its warmth and sense of belonging. As we enter this special season, I wish you and your loved ones a time filled with rest, joy, and togetherness.

"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more.
May nothing but happiness come through your door."

We look forward to being of service to you in the new year and to sharing in the exciting things that lie ahead for our estate.

Wishing you a blessed and joyful Christmas from us all.

Malcolm Carlyle



Meet Mark Telfer

Chairman of the GHOA Board

We are pleased to introduce Mark Telfer, Chairman of the Garlington Estate Board, whose wealth of expertise and passion for meaningful community stewardship enrich the Estate.

Mark joined PwC in 1982 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant (SA). Early in his career, he specialised in Governance, Risk and Compliance, particularly in the field of IT Risk and Security, and he headed up this business unit for PwC nationally for some 20 years. He was admitted as a partner in 1995 and served in this role for 24 years. He also gained valuable international experience, serving on and leading global teams for over a decade.

Mark served on the PwC Governing Board for eight years and was part of the Africa Advisory Leadership Team for 13 years. Upon retirement, he continued to lend his expertise to several start-up boards, guiding young entrepreneurs through strategic acquisitions. Mark has also served as Chairman on other estate boards and currently chairs a Finance Committee as well.



Passionate about making a meaningful difference, Mark views the role of an Estate Board as one that balances diverse community needs while upholding the integrity and reputation of the brand.

Mark has been married to his wife, Jenni, for 33 years, and enjoys mountain biking, walking and swimming as his preferred forms of exercise. For relaxation, Mark and Jenni love spending time in the bush and have many African wildlife experiences under their belt. Mark is also an avid wildlife photographer, with many of his images adorning the walls of their home.

We look forward to the steady, considered leadership he brings as we continue shaping the future of the Estate together.

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Events That Brought Us Together

FAMILY DAY

Gathering as Neighbours, Celebrating as Friends

The Family Day was a wonderful celebration that brought neighbours and friends together across the estate. Residents relaxed under warm skies while enjoying live music from Carmen Rodrigues and Afritude, whose performances added a joyful energy to the day. A vibrant market added charm, while Cure House and Nova Coffees ensured everyone was well fed and refreshed.

Children enjoyed giant inflatables and creative craft stations, keeping the younger crowd happily entertained. The Bistro supported the event with a variety of drinks, completing the festive atmosphere. It was a relaxed, memorable day where long-time residents reconnected and newcomers were warmly welcomed. After such a memorable day, we're excited to bring the festivities back in 2026.





CANCER WALK 2025

Honouring the Journey

Residents dressed in shades of pink gathered for the Cancer Walk, standing together in support of those who have endured breast cancer, those bravely walking the road to recovery, and in remembrance of loved ones lost. Our Tree of Hope was adorned with beautiful pink ribbons – each one placed with love, honour, and hope.



CANCER TEA

Tea, Togetherness, and Thoughtful Awareness

Hosted on Friday, 24 October, the Cancer Tea was a gentle and uplifting morning filled with connection and compassion. Friends gathered to enjoy cupcakes, cappuccinos, and heartfelt conversation. Our guest speaker Sarah Barnett from Kauffman and Partners shared valuable information on screening options and the importance of early detection, offering knowledge and encouragement in a warm and supportive setting.



HALLOWEEN

A Night of Fun and Frights

Halloween is always one of the most eagerly anticipated events for the children of Garlington, and this year did not disappoint. The afternoon began with an impressive gathering of excited trick-or-treaters dressed in a wide variety of imaginative and spooky costumes from skeletons and superheroes to playful characters and creative themed groups. Children admired each others outfits, posed for photos, and eagerly awaited the start of the evening.

Once trick-or-treating began, the estate was filled with activity as children made their way from home to home, collecting treats and enjoying the festive atmosphere. The excitement and fun carried throughout the route, with little buckets quickly filling and costumes holding strong despite all the running and laughter.

After the trick-or-treating adventure, the evening continued at the Bistro, where families gathered to enjoy a specially prepared Halloween menu. The mood remained lively as Quiet Storm took to the stage, providing wonderful live music that kept the festivities going well into the evening. It was a fun and memorable Halloween celebration enjoyed by all who attended.



One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals.

- JEAN VANIER

CHRISTMAS MARKET

A Heartwarming Start to the Festive Season

On Wednesday, 20 November, Garlington came together in the most joyful way to welcome the festive season. The estate buzzed with Christmas cheer as residents browsed the lovely market stalls, finding handmade treats and thoughtful gifts to share with loved ones.

Excitement rippled through the crowd as Father Christmas, accompanied by his cheerful elf, made a surprise appearance. Wide-eyed little ones gathered eagerly as they were gifted small treasures, their laughter and excitement carrying across the lawns.

As evening fell, the estate was filled with the beautiful sounds of Christmas carols, led with warmth by Tanya, Grace, and Charles. Children played happily around their families, their new gifts in hand, while neighbours joined in song. This was an evening that truly reflected the spirit of our community.

A heartfelt thank you to Seeff Midlands for their generous support and for being part of this special Garlington tradition.



SPRINGBOK RADIO DAYS SHOW

“Those were the days, my friend” was the theme of Kath & Crew’s highly entertaining Springbok Radio Days show, performed on Thursday, 27 November.

The Garlington Clubhouse was transformed into a radio studio for a live recording, complete with placards urging the audience to offer “Warm Applause”, and inviting everyone on a nostalgic journey through the presenters, programmes, advertisements, and, of course, the music from “those days”... days of “braaivleis, rugby, sunny skies and Chevrolet”; days when cigarette adverts promised exotic locations and “after action, satisfaction”; days when we sang along to number-one hits about a “polka dot bikini” and “sunglasses”; days when we tuned in — and laughed along — to the remakes of Forces’ Favourites, Check Your Mate and Pick-a-Box.

Warm thanks to everyone involved — Kath and her talented crew, the staff of the Care Centre, and the organisers — for giving us the chance “to raise a glass or two [and] remember how we laughed away the hours... oh yes, those were the days...”.

GARDENS OF GARLINGTON

Beauty in Bloom Across the Estate

What a truly wonderful morning it was for the Gardens of Garlington judging! Each garden we visited was a reflection of the love, creativity, and care that our residents pour into their homes and surroundings. Every garden was unique, each with its own beauty, story, and charm making it an absolute delight to spend the day among such inspiring spaces.

A heartfelt thank you to our judges – Greg Dowsett, Andrew Line, Gill Wilson, and Gail Birss – for giving so generously of their time and expertise. We are also so grateful to Blackwoods Nursery for partnering with us, and to Gardena and Makita for co-sponsoring the prizes.



Congratulations to our winners!

LARGE GARDENS

1st – Bev Beckett

2nd – Jenny Earl

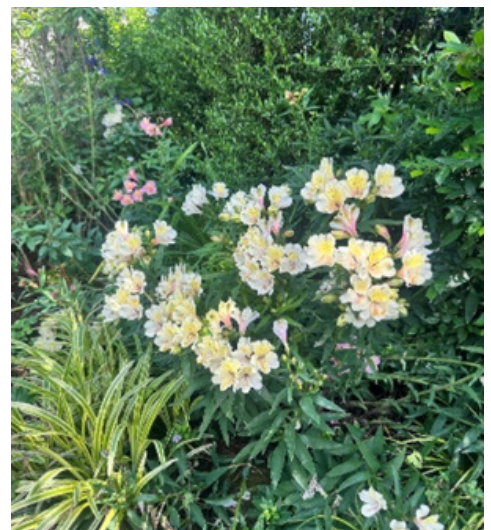
SMALL GARDENS

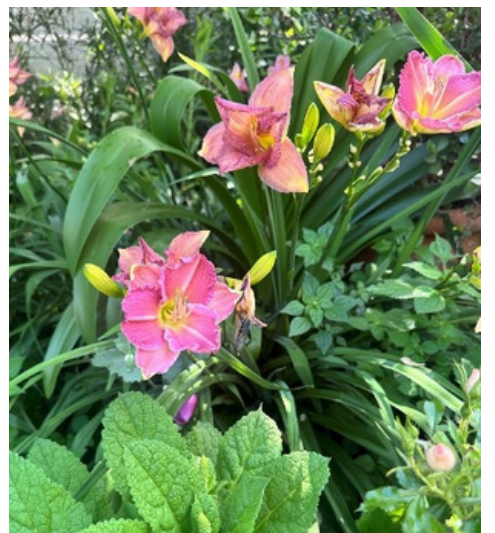
1st – Greg Bellars

2nd – Jean Carter Brown



A big thank you to every resident who took part – the judges had a very difficult task, as each and every garden was spectacular. We look forward to making this a much-loved annual event, and we encourage more residents to join in next time. It's a light-hearted and joyful celebration of the beauty that blossoms right here in our estate.







GARDENING TIPS

Understated Elegance: The Power of Green-on-Green Planting

There's a quiet sophistication to gardens that rely on texture, form and tone rather than bursts of bright colour. Green-on-green planting celebrates foliage in all its shades; from silvery sage and cool blue-green to rich emerald and chartreuse, creating depth, calm and timeless beauty.

Layering is key. Use contrasting leaf shapes to create visual interest — the bold, glossy leaves of Clivia or Agapanthus against the fine texture of ferns or ornamental grasses can be breathtaking. Variegated foliage, subtle seasonal shifts, and dappled shade add gentle drama without overwhelming the senses.

Play with structure and form. Low hedging can define pathways and borders, while clipped spheres or pleached trees introduce architectural rhythm. In a restrained palette, even the smallest change becomes captivating — from new growth to the flicker of light on leaves.

Green-on-green gardens invite you to slow down and notice the details. They exude confidence, balance, and an enduring sense of peace — a reminder that true beauty often lies in simplicity.

(Courtesy of Blackwoods Nursery)

Celebrating Excellence

James Peattie to Lead Hilton College in 2026

We are delighted to congratulate James Peattie, one of the newest members of our Garlington community, on his appointment as Head of School of Hilton College for 2026. James is known for his calm confidence, humility, and thoughtful leadership, qualities that have earned him deep respect among his peers.

This is a proud moment for his family and a wonderful honour for our community. We look forward to watching his year of leadership unfold with grace and purpose.



A Landscape Alive with Life: The Earls' Garden Journey

We moved to Garlington in 2020 after many years on a farm and were delighted to find an empty plot with a view that felt almost as beautiful as the one, we had left behind. The generous size of the stand gave us the opportunity to create a garden that reflected what we value most — a space that honours nature, invites wildlife, and feels at peace in its surroundings.

One of the reassuring factors in choosing Garlington was the Guidelines for Gardens, which encourage indigenous planting and support the broader ecological wellbeing of the Estate. Inspired by this, we set out to create a garden that would be a sanctuary for birds, insects, and small creatures — a space shaped as much by nature's rhythm as our own ideas.

Our neighbours had already planted beautiful trees, so we chose to dedicate much of our garden to grassland — a landscape once common in the Midlands but now increasingly rare. With the help of an Environmental Rehabilitator, we seeded the area with a variety of grasses, including Rhodes grass and Smuts finger grass, gradually introducing others such as red grass, thatching grass, panicum maximum, setaria and melinis. Today, more than 15 varieties flourish here. Reedbuck often visit at night to graze, and by day, the long grass shelters field mice and other small creatures. Among the grasses we are slowly establishing indigenous bulbs and wildflowers, such as watsonias, dierama, crinum lilies and scadoxus, along with the welcome appearance of volunteer milkweed bushes — the host plant of the African Monarch butterfly.

The trees we planted were chosen with care for their value to birds and insects. These include several stinkwoods, a knobwood, wild peach and white ironwood. To protect the light needed for the grassland, most shrubs have been planted close to the house or along the southern boundary. They include buddleja, proteas, metarungia, cat thorn, leonotis leonora, plectranthus, psychotria and dombeya — all chosen for their role in feeding, sheltering, or providing nesting sites for wildlife. This year we added a eugenia natalitia hedge, whose flowers and berries attract a wide array of birds and insects.

We also sought guidance on plants that truly support butterflies — not only the flowers they feed on but also the host plants needed for their caterpillars. We have identified more than ten species so far, and each year their numbers seem to grow. A large bank of crassula near the house draws remarkable numbers of bees and butterflies when in bloom. A few non-indigenous plants, such as perennial basil and heliotrope, have been included near the home for the vital nectar they provide. We keep the formal lawn to a minimum, creating space instead for more textured, life-supporting areas. Fallen logs and stumps have been used to edge the beds, encouraging fungi and insects, and the long grass mown from the grassland is used as mulch to enrich soil health and reduce watering needs.

When we built our home, we needed to install a septic system — and chose to integrate it thoughtfully into the landscape. All wastewater flows into a holding tank and then through two small artificial wetlands before running, cleansed, into a garden pond planted with reeds, papyrus and bulrushes. This water feature has become one of the most vibrant parts of the garden, alive with dragonflies, frogs and countless insects. We intentionally did not introduce fish so as to protect frogspawn and insect life. A variety of birds visit the pond, including grey herons, woolly-necked storks, Cape wagtails, weavers and even the occasional hamerkop.

Every sighting of a wild creature finding rest or nourishment in the garden feels like a quiet affirmation of what we are trying to achieve. We built a tall perch that now serves as a resting point for a long-crested eagle and a black-shouldered kite. Owls sometimes visit the roof, and we hope the perch may encourage them to hunt in the grassland. A Burchell's coucal nested recently in the thick undergrowth beside the pond.

One of our loveliest memories is returning home one evening to see hundreds of swallows swooping over the grassland in the golden light — feasting on something that must have hatched mere moments before. We have discovered sunbird nests, watched robins raise their chicks, and observed countless small moments that remind us of the quiet magic of a living landscape.

When we began establishing the garden, its unusual layout attracted curiosity and the occasional sceptical comment. Over time, as it has matured into a thriving ecosystem, we have been deeply encouraged by the warm and positive feedback from neighbours and visitors. Many admire its natural character, with some even comparing it to the work of Piet Oudolf, whose approach we greatly admire. It has affirmed our belief that when a space invites nature in, it brings with it a sense of calm, gentleness, and connection.

This journey has taught us that with patience, thoughtful choices, and the guidance of knowledgeable people, it is possible to nurture spaces that support wildlife and restore balance. Planting indigenous species, caring for soil health, creating shelter for birds, insects and small creatures, and allowing nature to take the lead where it can — these simple steps contribute enormously to a thriving, harmonious garden.

We are grateful to have been able to create this special space within the Estate, and deeply appreciate Garlington's support for gardens that honour and protect our natural environment.



Festive Flavours

Rosemary & Orange Glazed Gammon

A classic Christmas centrepiece with a fresh, aromatic twist

INGREDIENTS

- 2–3kg gammon
- 1 onion, halved
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 orange, quartered
- 2 sprigs rosemary
- 1 cup orange juice
- ½ cup honey
- 2 tbsp wholegrain mustard
- 1 tsp ground ginger
- Fresh rosemary to garnish



METHOD

1. Simmer gammon with onion, bay leaves, rosemary and orange in water for 1½–2 hours.
2. Remove, cool slightly, and peel off the rind.
3. Score the fat.
4. Mix orange juice, honey, mustard and ginger.
5. Brush over the gammon.
6. Roast at 200°C for 25–30 minutes, basting until caramelised.
7. Garnish with rosemary.

*Wishing our wonderful Garlington
community a happy holiday season!*

Photography

COMPETITION REMINDER

There's a quiet beauty to life on Garlington – from golden sunsets over the hills, to gardens in bloom, morning walks with the dogs, or joyful moments with family and friends. Every resident experiences the Estate in a unique way, and we would love to see Garlington through your lens.

The Garlington Photographic Competition is a chance for residents to share the unique images and stories that capture the essence of life here at home.

How it Works

- Theme: Life at Garlington – what makes it so special to you?
- Entry period: October 2025 – March 2026 (6 months).
- Closing date: 31 March 2026.

How to Enter

- Email your photo(s) to marketing@garlington.co.za.
- Please include your name, address, and photo title/caption.
- Photographs must be original and taken within Garlington Estate.

This is your opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our surroundings and capture the moments that mean the most to you. All entries will be considered for the final prize, which will be awarded in March 2026.

Important to Note

By submitting photographs, residents acknowledge and give Garlington permission to use these images in our publications, on our social media platforms, and on our website.

We look forward to seeing Garlington through your lens!



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