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## EDITOR'S REPORT

**WE, THE NETHERLANDS COMMUNITY IN  
CANTERBURY, WISH HEREBY OUR KING  
WILLEM ALEXANDER A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Dear Readers,

A committee member, who attended the AED instruction evening held on Tuesday, 20 March, told me that the evening was very informative. Many questions were asked and answered. Those who did attend feel confident that they will now be able to assist in case of an 'heart' emergency. Thanks must go to Annie van der Dussen, for organising the instruction night.

Several times we have asked people not to drop off unwanted books; magazines and news papers for the committee to have to clean up and in most cases dispose of them as nobody is interested in them.

But I must say I have received a couple of times telephone calls and received emails with offers for some really special books. For those books I have been able to find new and appreciative new owners.

I have now a box of the most well kept and amazing Dutch craft books from the estate of Mrs Adele van Soest. Books regarding making dolls, kites, the creation of felt (wol-vilt) and clay and pastry figurines, embroidery and many others.



Anyone interested in these fabulous hobby books ring me 384 9570 or email [yokasaris@gmail.com](mailto:yokasaris@gmail.com).

**Yoka Saris**

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# PRESIDENT'S MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATION

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1 April 2018.

Dear Member,

Yet another year has passed and the Club's Family and Single membership subscription fees for the 2018-2019 year are now due.

We, the committee, hope you have enjoyed last year's membership.

If there is anything you would like to see changed within the club, please let us know.

If you'd like to become a committee member or help out at events, we are always looking for helping hands.

Especially now that a few committee members will not be up for re-election.

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This will make life **a lot** easier for our Treasurer.

Kindest Regards,

Ron van Santen.  
Membership Administrator.

**Please have your subs paid by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April**

*If membership fee is not paid by 20 May 2018  
the Echo magazine will no longer be sent and  
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# DE NEDERLANDSE KRAAKBEWEGING IN DE JAREN 80

(Overgenomen van SeniorPlaza.nl)

In het naoorlogse Nederland ontstond er een typisch gebruik om je van woon- en werkruimte te voorzien: kraken!

In de jaren zeventig en tachtig gold Nederland internationaal als krakersparadijs. Die tijden lijken definitief voorbij: sinds 1 oktober 2010 is kraken wettelijk verboden. Uiterlijke kenmerken van de krakers: zwarte kleding, lang haar, hanekam of ragebol kapsel.

Begin jaren tachtig was er voor de krakers keus te over want de huizenprijzen waren in elkaar gezakt en de hypotheekrente kwam lange tijd boven de 10% uit. Ondanks de woningnood lieten eigenaren in afwachting van betere tijden hun bezit liever vaak leegstaan. De speculant groeide uit tot volksvijand nummer een.



Kraken was weliswaar niet strafbaar maar geoorloofd was het ook niet. Eigenaren konden door middel van vaak langdurige civielrechtelijke procedures krakers uiteindelijk wel uit hun pand krijgen. Dus ondanks de rugdekking die het recht bood, kwam vroeg of laat de sterke arm langs met een dwangbevel tot ontruiming. De succesvolle protesten tegen de anti-kraakwet hadden de krakers nog meer gesterkt in de overtuiging dat ze gelijk hadden en dat daarmee alles, of bijna alles, toegestaan was om de veroverde woonruimte te verdedigen en de politie van het lijf te houden.

Vooralsnog dreigden de krakers alleen nog maar met het gebruik van geweld. Om een gewelddadige escalatie te voorkomen weerhield de overheid zich van ingrijpen om de openbare orde niet nog verder in gevaar te brengen.

Het geweld deed uiteindelijk zijn intrede in het conflict tussen krakers en de overheid op het moment dat de sympathie voor de kraakacties op het hoogtepunt was. Met daadwerkelijk gewelddadig verzet tegen het overheids optreden kwam de geest uit de fles en zou er lange tijd niet meer in terugkeren.

Het zou nog jaren duren voor het op krakersgebied wat rustiger werd. De politiek had er zijn hnden aan vol. De besluiteloosheid van de politiek werd door de kraakbeweging flink uitgebuit. Het woonbeleid moest op de schop om een betere verdeling mogelijk te maken, maar dat zou nog jaren duren!



# COMING EVENTS IN APRIL 2018



## KONINGS DAG CELEBRATION 2018

(Organised by the Christchurch Oranje Committee)

For the celebration of the 'younger' generation,  
on Saturday, 28 April, please,  
look at page 8 of this issue of the Echo  
for all information.

For the more 'mature' fans a special lunch, provided by  
Traiteur of Merivale, will be served on  
Sunday, 29 April, from 12 pm onwards, at the Everglades.  
Members \$15.00 and non-members \$25.00 per person.

This event is organised by the Netherlands Society  
Christchurch and the Oranje Committee Christchurch.

Bookings at Annie: 383 1594 **before** 22 April.

The Committee would like to stress that bookings for this  
event are essential to prevent disappointment!!!

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# THE EASTER EGG HUNT AND MARKET

The weather was beautiful, members together with approximately 70 children, grandchildren and friends came to enjoy the games, the poffertjes, croquettes, herring, etc. Sales tables with honey, jewellery, salads, 'boterkoeken', candles, etc. did good business. One table had lovely paintings, houseware, footwear, clothing for one guilder a piece. No guilders? No worries the items could be taken free of charge! The Easter Egg hunt saw many little ones leaving with plenty of eggs. What a marvellous day!



ALL WELCOME! ENJOY SOME DUTCH HOSPITALITY!

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## IN MEMORIAM

**JOHN PETER VAN HERPT**  
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John, of 'Jantje', as he was lovingly called by many of his Dutch-New Zealand friends, has left us and with him a large void in the Dutch community in Christchurch.

John was definitely a cornerstone of this community. For many years his beautiful bass voice in the Neerlandia Choir Christchurch enhanced the yearly concerts.

As Editor of the Echo (and the many other tasks which need to be done before a magazine is ready to go to the printers) John was always 'on deck'. For many years it seemed as if producing the Echo was a family business together with Margaret (Greet) and son Trevor working to get the monthly news to the members of the Netherlands Society Christchurch on time.

In later years John played a mean game of petanque at the Everglades. One day while a big tree was in the way it was decided that this obstacle had to go. Getting the tree down was easy, however, getting the stump out was a different matter. A job that was a long time 'hmmmed and ahned' over between the members. At last a large hole was dug around the stump. The members looked at the deep hole and then at each other. But there was John, not even hesitating, he jumped in the hole with the stump and started chopping.

Such a man was John: **KLEIN MAAR DAPPER!!!**

John, may you rest in peace, we will remember you always with a smile on our faces!

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BNZ Building, Cashel Street, Christchurch  
More information will be published closer to  
this date.

## KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

We moeten dit klaverjas artikel deze maand beginnen met een verontschuldiging over de datum van het Paas Toernooi, gepubliceerd in de vorige Echo, dat had moeten zijn 31 maart (*grote verontschuldiging van de redacteur want die had er 13 maart van gemaakt: "Het spijt mij zo!" Yoka*).

Maar na al deze verontschuldigingen moet ik nu mededelen dat het ook op 31 maart niet door gaat. Er is besloten dat de Easter Card Drive op Zaterdag, 7 april, zal worden gespeeld. Denk maar zo, dan hebben jullie nog een weekje langer om te oefenen! En wat nog meer belangrijk is dat we het toch hoofdzakelijk doen voor de gezelligheid, waar of niet?

En vergeet ook niet dat iedere week dat we weer kunnen genieten van een spelletje kaart een bonus is!

De winnaars van de afgelopen maand zijn:

### **27 february:**

1) Theo van Vuuren, 5533 punten; 2) Wim de Winter, 5445 punten; 3) Wim Slot, 5320 punten.

### **13 maart:**

1) Wim de Winter, 5140 punten; 2) Agnes Stolp, 5051 punten; 3) Ans van Vuuren, 4959 punten.

Verder heb ik niet veel te vertellen alleen dat ik hoop dat jullie allen een goede gezondheid blijven behouden en veel plezier met het spel van het leven zullen hebben!

**Wim**



## YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Hello Everyone,

Autumn is here and you can feel the change in the temperature. I, personally, enjoy the cooler weather because I have a better night's sleep. But...I am still not looking forward to the winter!

The Youth Of Yesterday gatherings on Friday mornings are still going along just fine. This is in no small way thanks to the Bridge Club. Their members are boosting the numbers, who attend.

It is sad to see that some are no longer joining us because of ill health or transport problems. If anybody knows of people, who would benefit of this social outing, please bring them along with you. They are most welcome in our friendly circle.

It was lovely to see Tinie and Wim de Winter back amongst us. They now own a van in which Tinie's wheelchair can be transported.

As you know by now, the charge for a cup of coffee and 'speculaasje' is \$2.00. May I ask you to have correct change (coins or small notes). We have difficulty in changing large notes.

Till next time take take care!

**Leona**

**Do what you feel in your heart to be right for you will be criticised anyway!**

## FLOWER BULB FIELDS EXPAND WHILE GROWERS CONSOLIDATE.



**TOURISTS TAKING PHOTOS OF THE WORLD FAMOUS TULIP FIELDS.**

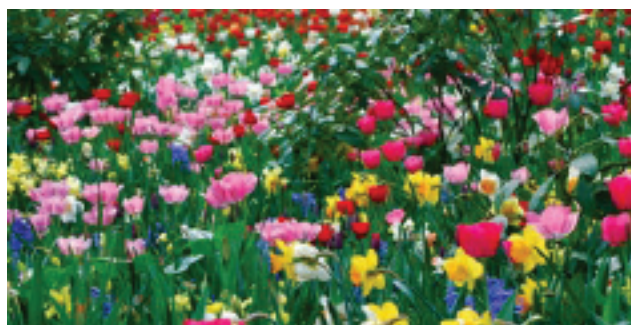
Fewer growers are working the country's ever-expanding flower bulb fields, the national statistic office CBS reported last month.

The area used for growing flower bulbs reached 26,000 hectares in 2017, an 18% increase since 2000.

Tulips were the largest single category, covering half of the total bulb growing area. But the number of tulip growers shrank by 47% in the same period, the CBS said.

The areas devoted to raising lilies expanded by 27%, while that used for hyacinths was 25% larger. As with tulips, there were fewer growers.

The expansion of the tulip fields was partly at the expense of other sorts of flower bulbs such as gladioli and narcissus, which fell by 30% and 19% respectively in the 2000 - 2017 period.



## ORIGINAL DUTCH “APPELTAART”



The Dutch have been enjoying **appeltaart** or apple pie for centuries. The first printed cookbook dating back to 1514 contains a recipe for one. An appeltaart is a deep pie with pastry top and bottom, unlike the French apple tarts, which are open. It's filled with a mixture of slices or pieces of apple - often slightly tart variety called **goudreinnet** - sugar; cinnamon and lemon juice. Sometimes raisins or currants are added too.

Traditionally, the top of the pie is made from an attractive lattice of pastry strips, so you can see the filling through it. Enjoy served with whipped cream (slagroom) and a cup of coffee.

### RECIPE (serves 8 - 12)

#### For the dough:

300gr of self-raising flour  
180gr of butter  
150gr of brown sugar  
1 teaspoon of vanilla essence  
1 pinch of salt

#### For the filling:

1 kg of apples  
100gr of raisins (washed & dried)  
40gr granulated sugar  
3 teaspoons of cinnamon  
2 1/2 teaspoons of lemon juice

#### And:

1 egg  
3 tablespoons of semolina

#### Directions:

Sieve the flour, brown sugar, vanilla and salt into a bowl. Cut the butter or margarine into small cubes and add these to the flour mixture. Beat the egg and add 3/4 to the flour mixture. Using 2 knives, mix butter and the flour mixture. Using one hand, knead to form the dough. You should be able to form a ball. Put the ball in the fridge for about an hour. In the meantime make the filling. Peel the apples and cut into cubes or slices. In a large bowl combine apple; raisins; sugar; cinnamon; lemon juice. Mix well to allow flavors to blend. Butter a 9-inch round springform. Line the pan (bottom and sides) with 3/4 of dough. Cover the bottom with semolina (to absorb juices). Roll the leftover dough 1/2 cm thick and cut into strips and layer them over the apple pie to form a lattice work to leave space to see apple mixture. Use the remaining eggs to coat the dough strips.

Bake the pie at 175 C, just below the middle of your oven, for about 75 minutes.

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