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"So much to say for a something so lovely and Dutch"

**Mural at entrance of the NSC (Everglades)
painted by Any de Bodt 2019**

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EDITOR'S REPORT

"And here we go again, happy as can be..." goes a very well known old song.

Next year it is 30 years since I came to live in Christchurch after 32 years in Wellington. Wellingtonian friends warned me that I would feel very homesick for the windy city. And yes, I did find it difficult at first to make contact with 'the locals', may they have been Kiwis or Dutch. But I got really in the swing of things when I became migration officer at the Dutch consulate. I met new immigrants and many Dutch people with all kinds of difficulties. So much so that Majo Oorthuys, the Consul's secretary and I decided to start the Friendly Support Network, a group that already existed in the North Island. Many years later this group is still active with Heleen van den Brink as captain of the FSN ship.

A wellknown Dutch business man, Karel Adriaens, advised me to start a Dutch women's friendship group, to be able to get to know more people in the Dutch community. And after nearly 30 years the PDL group, as it is called, still meets once a month. Over the years many women have gone and others have joined.

Social contact is extremely important especially when one gets older. During the last Christmas gathering at the Everglades I met a man, who was visiting New Zealand from the Netherlands. He introduced himself as **Toon** and he said that he was ever so slightly envious of the people in the Dutch community in Christchurch. He told me: "You have a great social group here, which is something many of us in the Netherlands lack. Yes, we have our family, but often we feud like mad and don't communicate for years with each other.

And, yes, we do have many sport and card clubs, etc, but to have a group which gathers on a regular basis to have something to eat and a chat about the future or the past is something totally different. You don't have to be great friends, but you all seem to know each other and you can talk and have a laugh together and then go home and look back on a marvellous couple of hours. You are indeed lucky people!"

I thought about this and I have to say that Toon is right. We, as members of the Dutch Society, here in Christchurch have something quite unique, such as a pleasant spot to gather. You don't **HAVE** to be there but you can go when you feel the need.

The Youth Of Yesterday, for instance, who gather every Friday, is an example. You don't have to be lonely all the time. "Not having transport" does not have to be an excuse not to attend. You can ring me at any time and I will try and arrange it for you. So let us start this year being of a positive and happy mind!!!

Yoka Saris

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings, dear members,

We have made it once more...the jump into the New Year. Here's hoping we will have a good and fruitful club year.

I must say in December 2018 a lot of work was completed. For instance the outside area of the Everglades has gone through a bit of transformation. A new fence has gone up between the golf course and the car park. Paving has been done at the golf course side of the building so we can make proper usage of the new folding doors. From that area you have a view on the soft paved, fenced off area for the kids to play while the (grand)parents are enjoying a bit of fresh air while watching some golf with a cup of coffee.

Now we just need to get two benches in the front of the windows outside and then that area should be ok for another fifteen years (unless we come up with other improvements)
Next thing will be the 'work over' on the inside of the club, this will take place as soon as the 'inside committee' has come up with their final plans.

Although through work related circumstances I could not attend the Christmas BBQ but I have been told it was, once more, one of the highlight events of the year. With a real "Kindje Jezus!" and an amazing climax to the joyful occasion of two talented dancing angels!

*(Photos: Annie van der Dussen
and
Desiree Ellerly)*



I think I speak on behalf of all members of the Netherlands Society Christchurch if I say how grateful we are as a club to Any de Bodt for creating the beautiful background mural behind the windmill at the front of our clubrooms.
We are so lucky to have had Any to paint this for us.
By the way Any is also the artist responsible for all the scenery paintings for the performances of Toenail Culture Ale and also the stable, which has been used for the Christmas nativity play by the children during the last two years.
Once more: Thank you, Any!!!

Ron van Santen

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NEERLANDIA CHOIR CHRISTCHURCH

The Neerlandia Choir, inspite of dwindling numbers, can still look back on a successful year. Two concerts and some performances at retirement/care centres, etc. and an enjoyable Mystery Tour took place in the Choir's 36th year of existence. We gained two new members, one of the two was, more or less, immediately pushed into becoming a committee member. Our Musical Director, Teresa Jones and Accompanist Michael Zon are still 'putting up' with us and have managed to get the Choir ready for public performances.

The rehearsals will commence again on Wednesday, 20 February, at 7 pm at the Everglades with a short interlude for a coffee in between and ending at 9 pm. If you are interested to join, please ring Annie 383 1594 or me at 384 9570.

At the end of 2012 Annie van der Dussen, our President, managed to get 'Het Oosterhoutse Nachtegalen Jeugd Koor' over from the Netherlands. This Choir toured the South Island and performed in Christchurch in St Mary's Pro Cathedral in Manchester Street. As this visit was such a fabulous event Annie has been able to organise another tour of the "Nightingales Choir" this year.

This year it is 80 years ago that the choir was established by 'rector-cantus' P Fick as a boys choir, however, in the 70' of last century girl singers were added. Since 1977 the choir has traveled extensively all over the world.

The group arrives on the 27th of February. Many of us have offered to host one, two or more of the members, while they are in Christchurch. But if there are any amongst you who would like to have any of these young singers stay for a couple of days, while they are in Christchurch, please let Annie know.



Het Jeugdkoor 'De Oosterhoutse Nachtegalen' while touring the USA.

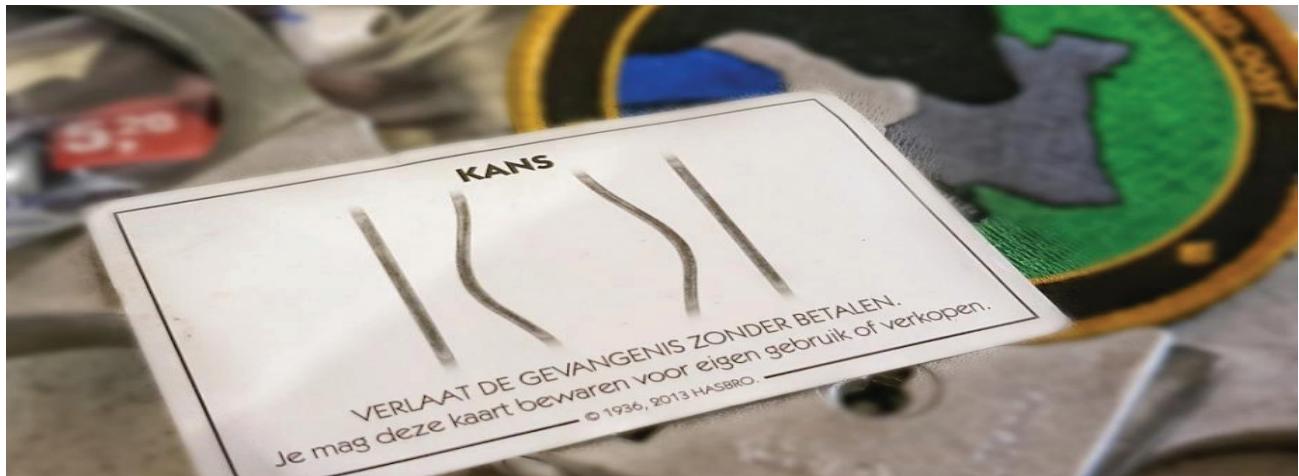
On Saturday, the 2nd of march the NSC organises a BBQ at the Everglades for the group. The Choir will entertain from about 2pm, whilst you enjoy a cup of coffee with something delectable to munch on and at 3.30 pm BBQ dinner will be served.

Members \$15 per person; non-members \$20. Please book before 26 February at Annie's.

Saturday, 12 January, our member and friend, An te Groen, was admitted to hospital. Up to date of writing this An is still undergoing tests and the family is awaiting the results.

On behalf of all the Neerlandia members I like to wish An and her family all the best.

Yoka Saris



AN EXAMPLE OF THE DUTCH SENSE OF HUMOR

Last month a man in Rotterdam East was arrested for trespassing the house of his ex partner.

He was taken to the police station and after questioning he was told he would be put in jail until his case could be heard in court.

When the officer stood up and summoned him to follow him to the cell the man, quick as a wink, pulled out of his pocket a Monopoly '**get free out of jail**' chance card and asked if he could exchange this for his freedom.

This original offer got him laughter from all the police staff present and a mention in the local newspaper. However, bed in a cell was his only hotel accommodation that night.

EASTER BREAKFAST BOX

A bit early, I know, but 22 April is time for the Easter bunny to visit again. This was for me an incentive to tell you all about a custom in the schools in the Netherlands.

If you have children at a Dutch primary school, they, rather you, will probably have to make an Easter breakfast box which they will give to another child in their class.

This is a shoe box beautifully decorated with Easter things and should contain all the ingredients for a delicious breakfast.

Some schools have banned jam and sweet things, white bread and even chocolate eggs..... which is a little odd.

But hey, a cheese sandwich can be festive as well.



Fun idea to start at your child's school?

'Pinterest **paas dozen**' has many great ideas on its website!

TOEN WIJ UIT ROTTERDAM VERTROKKEN OP DE "SIBAJAK" IN JANUARI 1958.

A small article was placed in the Echo last year to ask people, who travelled on the "Sibajak", who might be interested to get together for a reunion. The incentive came from **John Kuipers and Cor Vermey.**

I have been told that 12 people attended and one got lost on the way to the venue. Well, we are all getting a bit older.....

By all accounts it was a fabulous event with lots of stories, laughs and here and there a nostalgic tear was wiped away. Sadly I did not receive any photos of the event but Cor and John said that they would repeat the reunion in five years time.

I did receive from one of the guests, **Elly Witteman**, a short story about her arrival in Wellington I like to share it with you all. I recognised Elly's first impressions as I too arrived in May of that same year on the "Sibajak" in Wellington.



"Sibajak" painting by Don Braben

ARRIVAL IN WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

Eager to leave the ship we lined up for our first steps on New Zealand soil. We were already fascinated by the views of Wellington: The houses, to us looked like villas surrounded by bushy green hills. We, Wout and Elly Witteman with our little baby son Bartje, 15 months old, had finally made it, after five weeks onboard ship, seeing nothing much more than water and sky.

On Waterloo Quay we walked up and down. A man, a dockworker greeted us, he said: "Welkom in Nieuw-Zeeland." The man was Dutch! Noticing us with a very tired baby he offered to take us sight seeing in his car. It was unforgettable! We drove up to the highest point to overlook the city and the bays. We will always be grateful for his kindness.

Later we sailed on the ferry through the beautiful Marlborough Sounds and arrived in Picton, where we had a great meal in a hall. However we did not like the sweet tasting salade, one of the many things we had to get used to.

At 8.30 pm we started on the last leg of our journey and boarded a train full of sheep as our travel companions. The immigrants like us were hooked in a few carriages on the back of the train. The trip seemed to go on forever, we enjoyed the scenery until it got too dark to look outside. During one of the many stops my husband complained of feeling hungry, so he left the train and after a while returned with a parcel of fish and chips, wrapped in a NEWS PAPER!!! Another thing we would get used to over the years.

At 6 am we arrived in Christchurch, at last! When we stepped down off the train on a small wooden railway station we felt as if we had landed in the Wild West.

Anton Witteman was there to meet us and took us to his new home, where Mary and their three children welcomed us. A beautiful bunch of flowers from the relations in the Netherlands awaited us. This gave me my first pang of homesickness.

In the afternoon we were invited to sit down for 'afternoon tea'. We were so bewildered with the amount of food and more and more friends and family of Mary and Anton bringing more and more plates with delicious home baked articles.

This friendliness made us feel like having come home. And although the Netherlands will always be special to us: After sixty years we can honestly say "New Zealand has been good to us!"

ZOMERAVOND CONCERT

Toon Hermans (1916 - 2000)

(Dit is speciaal voor alle Brabanders en Limburgers, die zich hier wel in zullen herkennen)

Het lieve land waar ik ben geboren
 dat had akkers vol met koren
 en het veld had honderdduizend bonte bloemen
 het pleintje had zijn oude linde
 en een cafe met blauwe blinden
 en op het buffet daar stond te veel om op te noemen
 en de danstent had zijn dansen
 de begijntjes roze kranzen en het park had zomers Sint Cecilia
 de zomeravond had muzieke, blije en melancholieke
 en m'n opa had zijn koperen hoempapa
 en ik lag met wat zoethout in het groene gras gazon
 en ik luisterde naar opa met die Franse bombardon

Hoempa, hoempa, hoem pa pa
 en de maan was zo rond als een rijstevla
 Hoempa, hoempa, hoem pa pa
 hoog boven Sint Cecilia

Als 't concert was afgelopen, ging mijn opa gauw een pilsje kopen
 het bruin nog op zijn pet en het goud nog op zijn mouwen
 dan stond hij bij die tap te denken en hij hield niet op met schenken
 al hing de hele kopersectie in de touwen
 de pastoor nam nog een neutje, gaf de koster ook een scheutje
 en de meester keek die avond niet zo schools
 zelfs Louis van de Gendarme had iets lekkers in zijn armen
 het vrome stadje had die avond iets frivools
 en ik vond m'n eerste meisje in het warme groene gras
 dat ronder dan de maan en zoeter dan het zoethout was

Hoempa, hoempa, hoem papa
 en de maan was zo rond als een rijstevla
 Hoempa, hoempa, hoem pa pa
 hoog boven Sint Cecilia

Aan het einde van zijn leven
 hij was zo graag nog wat gebleven
 en werd soberder en telde al de glazen
 dan liep die bij de beukenbomen
 van zijn bombardon te dromen
 de dokter zei dat die er niet meer op mocht blazen
 en in zijn stille witte huisje
 gaf de pastoor hem nog een kruisje
 en in een zwart foedraal, daar stond zijn hoempapa
 we stonden rond zijn bed te zwijgen
 toen zei die zachtjes in zijn eigen ik zal de groeten doen aan Sint Cecilia
 en toen diezelfde avond in het park het concert begon
 toen miste ze allemaal die lieve Franse bombardon

Hoempa, hoempa, hoem pa pa
 en de maan was zo rond als een rijstevla
 Hoempa, hoempa, hoem pa pa
 hoog boven Sint Cecilia.

THE SATNAV

(satillite navigation)

Pam Ayres**1947 -**

I have little Satnav
It sits there in my car
A Satnav is a driver's friend
it tells you where you are
I have a little Satnav
I had it al my life

It's better than the normal ones
My Satnav is my wife
It gives me full instructions
Especially how to drive
“It's sixty miles an hour” it says
“You're doing sixty five”

It tells me when to stop and start
And when to use the brake,
safe to overtake.
It tells me when a light is red
And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively
just when to intervene

It lists the vehicles just in front
And all those to the rear
and taking in account
it specifies my gear
I'm sure no other driver,
has so helpful a device

For when we leave and lock the car
It still gives its advice
It fills me up with counselling
Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it
and get a quieter sort?

Ah well, you see, it cleans the house
makes sure I'm properly fed
It washes all my shirts and things
And keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages
And my tendency to scoff
I only wish that now and then
I could turn the b..... off.

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hebben we iets niet, dan bestellen we het!

KLAVERJAS CLUB ‘ONS GENOEGEN’

Zo, daar zijn we dan weer met een gloed nieuwjaar, we hopen, net als jullie, dat het een goed jaar zal worden.

Ons Genoegen's break-up is goed verlopen, ten minste dat denk ik zelf, ik hoor wel als er zijn die daar anders over denken zodra we weer beginnen. Ach, je moet maar denken dat 'de beste stuurlui altijd aan de wal staan'. Maar ik vond het gezellig, zeer relaxed en het etentje was ook goed. Dus wat wil je nog meer?

De prijs op 4 december was een Van Vuuren affaire; eerste prijs voor Ans met 5630 punten, op de tweede plaats kwam Theo met 5453 punten. Gefeliciteerd!

De uitslag van het roster voor 2018 is:

- 1) Theo van Vuuren, 102094, \$70 en een fles wijn.
- 2) Bep van Polanen, 101704 punten, \$65 en een fles wijn
- 3) Hermien van Lieshout, 101119 punten, \$60 en een fles wijn
- 4) Koos van Nieuwkerk, 100945 punten, \$55 en een fles wijn
- 5) Ans van Vuuren, 100741 punten, \$50 en een fles wijn
- 6) Truus Nijssen, 99198 punten, \$45 en een fles wijn
- 7) Arda Hogendoorn, 99198 punten, \$40 en een fles wijn
- 8) Wim de Winter, 99155 punten, \$35 en een fles wijn
- 9) Thea Beulink, 95910 punten, \$30 en een fles wijn
- 10) Ursela Krijnen, 89985 punten, \$25 en een fles wijn.

De meeste 'pitten' werden behaald door op de 1ste plaats door Ans van Vuuren en Lilly Willemsen, 28 pitten, 2) Hermien van Lieshout, 27 pitten en 3) Bep van Polanen, 25 pitten. Allen ontvingen een fles wijn.

Dit waren de kampioenen van het jaar 2018 en wij feliciteren ze van harte.

We hebben nog een klein prijs voor alle leden, helaas staan die nog steeds in de kast omdat we ze zijn vergeten uit te delen (net als vorig jaar!) Nu, dat is dan wel een goede rede om weer aan te treden voor een stevig potje klaverjas op Dinsdag, 22 Januari.

Wel mensen, dit is het dan alweer voor deze keer, veel plezier met het spel van het leven en veel geluk in tuk!



YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Welcome everyone to the New Year. I do hope 2019 is going to be kind to you and that you have had an enjoyable Christmas.

I had a wonderful holiday period joining my brother and two sisters along with sixty of their offspring in the Cromwell Camping ground for a week. But it was so good to get back in my own bed again so I guess I am starting to show my age.

As stated in the last issue of the Echo the Youth Of Yesterday will resume again on Friday, the 1st of February. I am looking forward to seeing you all again. Do bring along a friend or invite anyone you know, who could benefit from the company and a game.

Remember, the cost is only \$2 per person, this entitles you to a bottomless cup of coffee and a speculaasje....and no, not two or three at the same time! Don't forget to bring your own lunch.

See you all on the 1st of February.

Leona

**“Age is strictly a case of mind over matter,
if you don’t mind it doesn’t matter.”**

(This quote or one similar is possibly by Mark Twain 1835 - 1910)

Op dit moment staan de Wadden eilanden in Nederland weer erg in de belangstelling omdat een paar weken geleden gedurende een zware storm 270 grote zee containers van het vracht schip MSC Zoe even buiten deze eilanden in zee verdwenen. Sommige containers en inhoud spoelden aan op het strand. Direct nadat het nieuws bekend werd kwamen honderden mensen naar de wadden eilanden om te kijken of er iets te halen viel. Nadat alles van enige waarden opgepakt was vertrokken zij weer en kwamen andere mensen en soldaten (met meer bewonderenswaardige bedoelingen) de overgebleven rommel van het strand en de duinen verwijderen. De eerste categorie die aankwam noemen zichzelf ‘strandjutters’. Maar zo romantisch klinkt dat tegenwoordig niet meer. Vroeger was strandjutter nog een echt beroep. Ik las in De Volkskrant een verhaal van een van de laatste strandjutters, dat ik graag met u wil delen.

Yoka Saris

EEN VAN DE LAATSTE STRANDJUTTERS

Maarten Boon 1953 - 2015

Hoefsmid, strandjutter en bekend inwoner van Texel. Maarten Boon vermaakte vakantie-gangers met sterke verhalen, leidde ze rond, maar zette zelf zelden een stap van het eiland.

Hij kon de stadsbewoners ongenadig de les lezen. “Jullie hebben allemaal een klokje, maar jullie hebben geen tijd. Ik heb geen klokje en ik heb alle tijd.”

Vooral de uitspraak “We moeten nog op vakantie” van de gasten van de vaste wal, die daar woonden in “konijnenhokken met ruitjes” konden zijn haren ten berge doen rijzen. Maarten Boon verliet Texel nooit. Of alleen als het strikt noodzakelijk was.

Hij was hoefsmid en jutter op het noordelijke puntje van het eiland. Maar het grote publiek kende hem vooral van de grote jutters- en stroperstochten die hij hield in de duinen en het strand bij De Cocksdorp. Hij vertelde toeristen dan ijzingwekkende en sterke verhalen waarmee hij iedereen wist te boeien. Na afloop ging iedereen mee naar zijn zelf getimmerde Juttershol, waar ‘de duvel en zijn oude moer’ was verzameld. Maarten vond alles mooi wat hij vond: boeien; flessen en aangespoelde Hollywood sigaretten.

Dan werd de houtkachel opgestookt, werden er ‘juttertjes’ geschenken en werd er van een klauw zelfgeraapte kokkels en wat groenvoer een maaltijd gemaakt. Soms werden er zelfs palingen gerookt!

“De meest relaxte Texelaar” noemde de Texelse Courant hem, nadat hij zijn collectie van zijn Juttershol overdroeg aan het officiële Juttersmuseum Flora op Texel.

Hij was de toeristen zat. Hij voelde zich ook niet meer optimaal. Wel begon hij nog een klusbedrijf met zijn zoon. Maar in oktober 2015 werd er alvleesklier kanker geconstateerd, nadat dat al in zijn hele lichaam was uitgezaaid. Op 26 november 2015 overleed Maarten Boon op 62-jarige leeftijd. Hij was een van de laatste jutters in Nederland. Met een sjekkie in de hoek van de mond kon hij bij goed weer urenlang vanuit een duinpannetje turen naar de zeehondjes. Met zijn oranje overall, muts, door de zon, zand en wind verweerde gezicht, enorme snor en wilde haardos viel hij op. Een echte oermens die door de stadsbewoners vaak als wonderkind werd gezien.



Maarten's vader was een zeehondenteller voor het Staatsbosbeheer. Het gezin telde vier kinderen. Ze groeiden op met fazanteneieren zoeken, konijnen vangen en braden, pieren verkopen en kokkels en mosselen rapen. Allemaal waren ze vrijgevochten en wars van formele regels. Ze hielden niet van banen van 9 tot 5. Daarom werd de familie op het eiland 'Boon-aparte' genoemd.

Maarten was de echte jitter van de familie, maar eigenlijk waren ze allemaal jutters in de betekenis dat ze leefden van wat ze vonden. Een door een toeristenauto aangereden reiger, die niet meer was te redden, ging meteen op de barbecue.

Maarten was net als zijn broers ook een uitvinder en knutselaar. Toen zijn moeder overleed gebruikte hij de accu van haar scootmobil voor het maken van een der eerste elektrische fietsen. De accu's werden ondergebracht in zelfgemaakte fietstassen. Zijn palingrokerij was gemaakt van oude koelkasten.

De jongens van Boon-aparte waren allemaal zo. Zijn jongere broer Sil trotseerde de bureaucratie door een veerdienst van Texel naar Vlieland te beginnen. Hij timmerde daarvoor een enorme lange steiger in elkaar, die nu als een van de monumenten van Texel wordt gezien. Sil overleed al in 2013, zijn andere broer Herke ook.

"Rustig aan, zo zijn we opgegroeid en zo doen we het nog," zei Maarten altijd. Hij dacht niet na over de vergankelijkheid van het leven.

"Als ik morgen het loodje leg, heb ik een mooi leven gehad. Je kunt wel zeuren als je tijd komt, maar dat was het dan, zo simpel is het." zei hij.

Maarten Boon werd overleefd door zijn echtgenote Corry en drie kinderen, van wie er twee op de vaste wal wonen!

Peter de Waard, De Volkskrant

Organ and tissue donations reached record levels in the Netherlands in 2018. (DutchNews.nl)

A record number of people donated organs after their death in 2018, according to figures from the Dutch Transplant Foundation (NTS).

In total 273 people who died donated organs, out of 336 who were registered donors. The number of transplants was 815, a 15% increase on the previous year.

There was a slight fall in the number of living donors, from 561 to 522. Living organ donations nearly always involve kidneys.

The NTS said a change in the rules on tissue donation to allow tissue to be taken from people who had suffered blood poisoning was partly responsible for the increase. Last year 2398 people donated tissue such as skin and bones, which is used in almost half of all transplants.

Bernadette Haasse, director of the NTS, said: "Although the growth in organ and tissue transplant is a very hopeful development, we are still not there. There are still people dying because they don't receive an organ in time."

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