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**EASTER MARKET 2019
(Villa 23 with Dutch delicacies)
at the Everglades**

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EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Readers,

The Easter Bunny visited us during the Easter Market. Our Dutch offspring enjoyed painting eggs; the egg hunt and participated in all kind of traditional games.

'Millie's Poffertjes Kraam' did well and business for the 'Villa 23' stall, the 'Coffee Van' outside and 'Ripaka Honey' was also quite brisk.



The new children's play area came in handy for the little ones and parents alike. The weather until lunchtime was quite kind so many of us spend time outside in the sunshine while enjoying a variety of Dutch favourite foods.

We made some new friends, who hopefully will join the Club. Especially the young adults seemed to be having a good time going by the laughing and chatting which went on.

The Committee's plan to organise a monthly Dutch market at the Everglades is taking shape. Many amongst us have already shown interest to become part of such an event. We will keep you informed!

Yoka Saris

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All,

What a lovely day it turned out to be! A bit of a slow start but after an hour or so the place was buzzing! The people, who only frequent the place now and then, admired the changes to the outside of the Club rooms.

The children ran around as if they owned the club (and so they should!). One little madam decided she had waited long enough for the Easter Bunny and decided to use that lovely old fashioned telephone in the entrance to ring 111 to demand to know when the Easter Bunny was going to arrive. Her Omie yelled at her to put the phone down and little (5-year old) Mila just walzed off giving everyone a very sweet smile. Well, what can you say?

'Millie Poffertjes' went like 'hot cakes' I am proud to say! But that was to be expected! Read the coming event page to find out what is coming up to help you enjoy life some more. Sunday, 23 of June will see another Annual General Meeting. The day where you can put forward your suggestions, bright ideas and, if any, what you think the committee should be doing to improve matters.

Subscriptions are slowly coming in. Don't forget if not paid you cannot have your say at the AGM. Membership cards will be despatched by the end of May, when I return from my holidays in Europe.

Ron van Santen



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IN MEMORIAM

ANNA CATHARINA te GROEN

9 February 1930 - 27 February 2019



Anna te Groen-Raau passed away peacefully at the age of 89 years 'young' at Burwood Hospital on Wednesday, 27 February.

She grew up during the war years in Velp, Gelderland and told us many stories of the German occupation and what amusing pranks she got up to with her neighbourhood friends. Often to the annoyance of her elderly neighbours.

Anna was a keen walker, member of a 'wandel club', often walking long distances in the weekend. She also cycled everywhere and used to ice skate in winter.

On one particular occasion she was approached by a dapper young gentleman who was coaxed by his friends to approach Anna and her friends. He offered her a bag of hot peanuts.

Roasting peanuts in the oven became a tradition in our family on many a Saturday funfilled night.

Her courtship blossomed and soon Anna and Derek were engaged and needed an adventure.

Hence their departure across the waves to a faraway exotic location - New Zealand!

Together with her fiancé, Derek te Groen, she arrived in Wellington on 30 November 1955 aboard the ms "Waterman".

From there they travelled down to Balclutha where they were billeted with another couple for a year.

During this time Anna and Derek were married in Andersons Bay Church on 25 December 1955. They moved to Dunedin where they raised 3 children.

After 13 years they decided to move to Nelson where they were blessed with twins. 3 more years later saw them move to Christchurch. As Anna missed her family in the Netherlands they decided to return.

But after 2 years they found New Zealand had not lost its allurements, so they moved back and settled in Shirley.

Anna was a great Mother and a spirited, kind woman. She joined the Neerlandia Choir in 1982 and held several positions in the committee. Singing, playing the mouthorgan and socialising with our Dad was popular in our family.

She will be missed. Her words of wisdom and her stories about her homeland will be remembered.

My lasting memories of Mum are simple: A hardworking, passionate figure of strength, who never waned in her support or love of her family: A woman who soldiered on even when times were tough!

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Tafel boeken of iets te vieren?

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KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

Het is alweer zover! Ik hoor mijn zuster nog zingen: "Pasen, Pasen is nabij, niet meer huilen, Magdalena". Dat had ze bij de nonnen op school geleerd en ze zong het de hele dag tot dat onze moeder Lena het zat werd en haar het zwijgen op legde. Het is een teken dat je oud wordt als je steeds weer geniet van die herinneringen. Van huis uit waren we erg muzikaal, van de twaalf kinderen speelden er zes een muziek instrument. Gedurende het vaat wassen werd er gezongen gelijk een koor. De een wist de tekst nog beter dan de ander. Maar moeder Lena was de dirigent want van haar erfden we de muzikaliteit.

Ik denk dat het talent voor klaverjassen van mijn vader komt. Dus 'Geen geld maar wel talent' en daar ben ik dankbaar voor!

Voor het Paas Tournament spelen we met zestien spelers maar daar horen jullie later meer over. De winnaars van de afgelopen maand waren als volgt:

26 Maart:

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9 April:

1, Wim Slot, 5570 punten; 2, Ans van Vuuren, 5172 punten.

Wel, beste mensen, ik hoop dat jullie een leuke Paas gehad hebben. En niet te veel chocola gesnoept hebben. Het is beter om warme hot cross buns met veel boter te eten, dat is pas lekker! Ik wens jullie een goede gezondheid toe en heel plezier met het spel van het leven.

Wim



YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Hello everyone,

Hope you are adjusting to the change in the weather. I know I am sleeping in later in the mornings as it is so nice to snuggle up in my warm bed.

What yummy food they had at the Easter Market. The croquettes and poffertjes were so delicious. I really enjoyed what I had as that is food I don't make myself.

Thank you to the ladies who made the coffee, etc. during the Friday when I was away. I had a great trip South catching up with family and friends. The highlight was the open day at the Templeton Flax Museum at Riverton. This is the only working flax mill on its original site in New Zealand. It attracted about 400 visitors in one afternoon to watch the mill operating.

Our numbers have dropped again during the Y.O.Y gatherings on Friday with the Bridge Club not playing at the moment. Some people find it too cold and sometimes too far to travel in the winter. But don't forget the Clubrooms are always pleasantly warm and inviting for those who want to join us.

Till next time my kind regards to you all

Leona

An obstinate person does not hold opinions, they hold them!
(Alexander Pope 1688 - 1744)

COMING EVENTS IN MAY AND JUNE 2019

COMBINATION CELEBRATION KONING'S and BEVRIJDINGS DAG LUNCHEON PREPAIRED BY 'TRAITEUR of MERIVALE'

**Sunday, 5 May, 12 pm at the Everglades
Organised by 'Het Oranje Comite' & the Netherlands Society**

As already mentioned in the April Echo: Bookings are essential!!!

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**KING'S CELEBRATION FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART
SEE PAGE 4 OF THIS ISSUE OF THE ECHO
FOR MORE INFORMATION!**

**NETHERLANDS SOCIETY CHRISTCHURCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, 23 June 2019, 2 pm
Netherlands Society's Clubrooms
637 Marshlands Road, Christchurch
More information June Echo 2019**

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KINDEREN

(door Catherine Keyl)

Een paar maanden geleden stond er een brief in de krant van professor Hoksbergen. De inhoud kwam hier op neer: Als we niet zorgen dat er minder mensen worden geboren heeft het niet zo veel zin dat we iets aan het klimaat doen. Maximaal twee kinderen per gezin, stelde hij voor. Omdat ik het met hem eens ben, was ik erg benieuwd naar de reacties. Maar er gebeurde weinig. Geen uitnodigingen voor talk-shows.

ZES KINDEREN

Misschien niet zo'n populair standpunt? Hoksbergen gaf een paar voorbeelden van landen waar de bevolking explosief groeit. Hij noemde Nigeria niet, maar dat is wel het land met de meest schokkende bevolkings explosie: van 174 miljoen inwoners nu naar..... 914 miljoen aan het eind van deze eeuw. Elke vrouw krijgt daar dan ook gemiddeld zes kinderen. Iemand erover nagedacht waar die Nigerianen later naar toe gaan om geld te verdienen?

GEWILD KINDERLOOS

Het zette mij aan het denken. Het onderwerp 'kinderen' is een taboe. Blijkbaar negeert iedereen een goedbedoeld advies, onder het motto 'dat maken we zelf wel uit'. Als je veel vliegt of veel gas gebruikt en je zegt: 'dat maak ik zelf wel uit' ben je a-sociaal. Voor kinderen krijgen zijn blijkbaar andere regels. Zelf ben ik wat dan heet 'gewild kinderloos'. Daar zijn een aantal redenen voor. Ik ben een perfectionist, en in de tijd dat ik totaal opging in mijn werk als verslaggever, zag ik niet hoe ik ook nog een goede moeder kon zijn als ik tachtig procent van de tijd op reis was. En, ook toen al, werd er gewaarschuwd door de Club in Rome: de bevolkingsgroei loopt uit de hand. Nog een reden dus.

ZIEK

Omdat mannen niet van doen hebben met dit soort zaken, even inzicht voor de professor wat er gebeurt als je niet bent zoals alle anderen. Ik was op reis in het Midden Oosten. Een taxi chauffeur vroeg hoeveel kinderen ik had. 'Geen', antwoordde ik naar waarheid. Hij zette de auto stil en vroeg of ik ziek was. Of ik de gore moed had om God's wil, dat ik gemaakt was om kinderen te baren, durfde te negeren. Tegen de volgende taxi chauffeur loog ik gewoon dat ik er vier had. Heel wat minder gezeur. Ik heb ooit eens iemand ontslagen omdat hij de boel had opgelicht. De man schreef een stuk over mij, met daarin de tekst 'dat Keyl natuurlijk nooit een normaal mens kon zijn omdat ze geen kinderen had.'

DE DURVERS

Er komen steeds meer jonge vrouwen die hun carrière belangrijker vinden dan kinderen krijgen. Dat zijn de durvers, de voorlopers. Probeer maar eens de dwingende vragen van je moeder te weerstaan als je net met iemand samen bent: "En? Word ik al oma?" Je kunt niet anders dan constateren dat je geen kinderen meer hoeft te krijgen om de mensheid in stand te houden. Dat gebeurt meer dan genoeg!

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WOLVES ARE BACK IN THE NETHERLANDS AFTER MORE THAN A CENTURY

(by Steve Williams)



The Netherlands has a resident wolf population after 140 years without wolves making their home in the Dutch country, but not everyone is happy.

Ecologists report that two female wolves have settled in the Hoge Veluwe nature reserve, with a male also roaming in that same region. Experts from groups such as 'FreeNature and Wolven in Nederland', as well as scientists from Wageningen University, have been tracking paw prints and scat (wolf droppings) since wolves were first sighted back in the Netherlands in 2015. At the time of their sightings, it seemed likely the wolves were passing over the border from Germany and would return there in short order.

However, Ecologist Hugh Jansman and team released information in March concluding that two vixen have indeed settled in Gelderland province. Various sightings led researchers to suspect there may be several more wolves in the area - which is not uncommon - but they may be joining the established population, something that would be a major milestone.

Wolves were hunted to virtual extinction across many places in Europe. In places where they did survive they have shown a remarkable resilience and, slowly, have made their way across their former European territories and started to reclaim land that was lost to them.

Some are celebrating the news of the wolves' return to the Netherlands, but not everyone is happy.

Farmers say they need more power to prevent wolf attacks on their livestock. Wolves are an endangered species in Europe, so people can only shoot them under specific circumstances, such as them being a present threat to human health. Dutch farmers say they have lost over 130 sheep in 2018 to roaming wolves, and they fear that an established population will only increase that number.

It is worth noting, however, that while there are stories of farmers observing wolf attacks with their own eyes, the majority of incidents are not confirmed as wolf attacks.

Under recent plans, farmers can apply for compensation to recoup the earnings they might lose as a result of wolf attacks, a scheme that has worked with some success since it was put in place in France..

Beyond the farming sector, there have been other critics. The Hoge Veluwe National Park's director has reportedly come out against the wolves reintroduction. "We are working hard on a daily basis to maintain the unique ecological balance of the park," Seger Emmanuel, Baron van Voorst tot Voorst, told DutchNews. "There will be big consequences if we let the wolves in."

Not everyone shares this negative opinion. Others have cited on-the-ground research which has demonstrated that, with a bit of work, wolves can be taught that going after domestic sheep simply isn't worth the hassle when there is plenty of other prey around.

Wolves actually tend to favor deer and other similarly-sized animals. Working with farmers to install things like electric fences around their sheep farms could help keep the wolves away from domestic livestock in favor of the abundant wild prey animals in the area.

For conversationists, that is one of the major selling points of the wolves. Due to hunting and other factors, the Netherlands lacks large land predators to keep herbivore populations in check. Wolves could provide a significant balancing to the equilibrium in the area.

"We shoot 50% of deer and 80% of boar to maintain a socially acceptable level," Ecologist Hugh Jansman said. "I think the wolves could do a lot of good."

Conversationists believe that the region could house around 20 small wolf packs of up to eight animals. This will certainly be a challenge for local farmers and the wider ecology, but as other nations have shown, it is possible to achieve a balance with wolves that can be beneficial for them and for us.



Waarom huil je nou
 Waarom ben je bang mijn kind
 Kom geef mij je hand
 Droom nu maar terwijl ik zing
 Kijk maar niet naar het behang
 Slaap gerust en wees niet bang
 Want er zijn geen wolven in het bos mijn zoon
 Alleen een kleine nachtegaal zingt in zijn boom
 Jouw dagen zijn een prentenboek
 Vol met kleur, warm en zoet
 Maar als ik, mijn zoon, later oud zal zijn
 Kom dan als ik dood ga
 En verzacht mijn pijn
 Wees mijn steun in dat uur
 Blijf bij mij zo lang het duurt
 Ook als ik bang zou zijn
 En zou huilen als een kind
 Houd mijn hand dan vast
 Als je zachtjes voor me zingt
 Dan zal ik zonder een traan
 Zonder vrees slapen gaan
 Want er zijn geen wolven in het bos mijn zoon

ELECTRIC CAR ADVENTURER, WIEBE BAKKER, ARRIVES IN ADELAIDE



Dutch electric car adventurer, Wiebe Bakker, seen here in Mount Isa, has arrived in Adelaide.

Wiebe Bakker has arrived in Adelaide after a 1050 days road trip through Europe, the Middle East, India, South East Asia and Australia, including a stop in Mount Isa.

In March 2016 Mr Wakker left Amsterdam with a mission to showcase sustainable mobility, travelling without money and relying on the helpfulness of people around the world to bring him to Sydney, his ultimate goal. He has crossed 33 countries and driven 89,000 km without visiting a single petrol station.

Mr Wakker's website **plugmeinproject.com** offers people to support him with a meal, place to sleep or electricity for the car.

Mr Wakker's aim with his project 'Plug Me In' is to educate, inspire and accelerate the transition to a zero carbon future.

"Electric vehicles are a significant part of the solution to the global environmental problem we all share, sadly the uptake of electric cars is going slow mainly because there are a lot of prejudices, people believe they are not reliable or not fit to cover long distances. By driving from Holland to literally the other side of the world I hope to change people's mind." Mr Wakker said from Adelaide.

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