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**ARCHEON MUSEUM PARK:
A PLACE WHERE HISTORY IS COMING TO LIFE!
ALPHEN aan de RIJN, THE NETHERLANDS**

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Dear Readers,

Great to receive so many results to last month's Zweedse Puzzel. This means that people are interested. The very first correct result was received from Mrs Mary de Wagt. The prize has been forwarded to Mary.

STARTBLOK was the wanted word.

A new puzzle you will find on page 14 of this Echo. Same rules as last time. First correct result will win the prize!!! Although the winter has been quite mild many amongst us seem to have been laid low by colds, etc.

My little greatgranddaughter Kendall was sent home from her Pre-school a couple of weeks ago because some bug had taken over. The place had to be thoroughly desinfected. This meant that I had the honour to take care of my little darling. So we coloured in about 75 pictures, I read about a 100 books to her (Yes, I know I do like to exaggerate) and she learned me how to dance The Floss (I am still aching!) After a few hours of such intensive exercise I asked Kendall how she would like to visit a lovely pink house. "A pink house? You mean like Barbie's house?" "Hmmm," I replied, "similar, but much better!"



We jumped in the car and I drove to Villa 23, where we were met by Hedwig, who looked at my face and said: "Coffee is it?" Kendall whispered: "Disgusting!" Hedwig then asked her "And a fluffy for you?" You should have seen that little face change. And when the poffertjes were added Hedwig had acquired a fan for life! So if you are desperate take your little darlings to that wonderful 'Pink House' in Mandeville Street!

Yoka

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi All,

There is not a lot to report this month. Just this: During the last AGM it was decided to increase the membership somewhat. This was accepted by those who attended.

Another point is that there still seems to be a misunderstanding regarding the Echo. Some want to receive it digital and others by mail.

To stop all the confusion: It was decided that if you want to receive the Echo digital you will no longer receive a paper copy. Therefore the secretary, Desiree van der Dussen, would like to hear from you. You can email her via Secretary.nsc@gmail.com or in writing to P O Box Christchurch

Those who have still not paid the membership subscription for the 2019/20 period will no longer be a member and therefore not receive the Echo any longer.

I am sorry, but dear people, we have to draw the line somewhere.

European Luncheon

This event was once more a success and saw 80 people enjoying the food (*prepared with much love by a few committee members*) and each others company.

The committee would like to see those of other clubs, who attended, to take up the challenge and organise something similar with their countries traditional dishes served.

No facilities? No problem: the NSC kitchen is there to be used if need be!

A lovely musical intermezzo was presented by Joe Keller, Austrian Society's president. The well known German song "Muss I Denn Zum Stadtele Hinaus" (Elvis Presley's "Wooden Heart") brought back a lot of memories. Joe accompanied himself on a kind of zither. Afterwards the Austrian Choir sang a few songs, which the audience really enjoyed.

For dessert Oma's Appeltaart was served, baked by Hedwig of Villa 23, who is by now famous for creating lovely food. (For information regarding Villa 23 see page 7 of this Echo)

Ron



Photo: Dee Segeren



Photo: Elly Bouwmeester

COMING EVENTS AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2019

**Sunday, 18 August, 2 pm - 4 pm
at the Everglades**

'BINGO'

Tea and Coffee 'met lekkers' served!

Cards \$5.00 each

Caller: Jose Nijstad with Bingo Spinner: Dee Segeren

Bookings required to give us an indication how many prizes to purchase!

Ring: Jose at 337 6151 before 14 August, please.

DUTCH FOOD MARKET

Your committee has been discussing this for quite a while and we have decided to give it a go.

On Sunday, 8 September from 10 am until 2 pm, at the Everglades the first NSC Dutch Food Market will commence. From then on every month (13 October; 10 November; 8 December) This is a trial period so we need you all to attend to see if this is a viable project to carry on.

We are in the process to contact Dutch food companies in Canterbury to see if they are keen to have a stall at this market to sell their products.

And there will be 'een lekker bakkie koffie' of course so you can sit and discuss this latest venture of the club at your leisure!

Advertising closer to the date will be via FaceBook and local radio announcements.

We are looking forward to see you there. Tell your friends.

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THEME PARK ARCHEON 'EXPERIENCE DUTCH HISTORY FIRST HAND'

Are you anticipating a visit to the Netherlands during your next travel to Europe? Why not visit this amazing theme park in Alphen aan den Rijn. The park is open from April to October. The park is divided in three sections that all serve to educate the visitors on Dutch history.

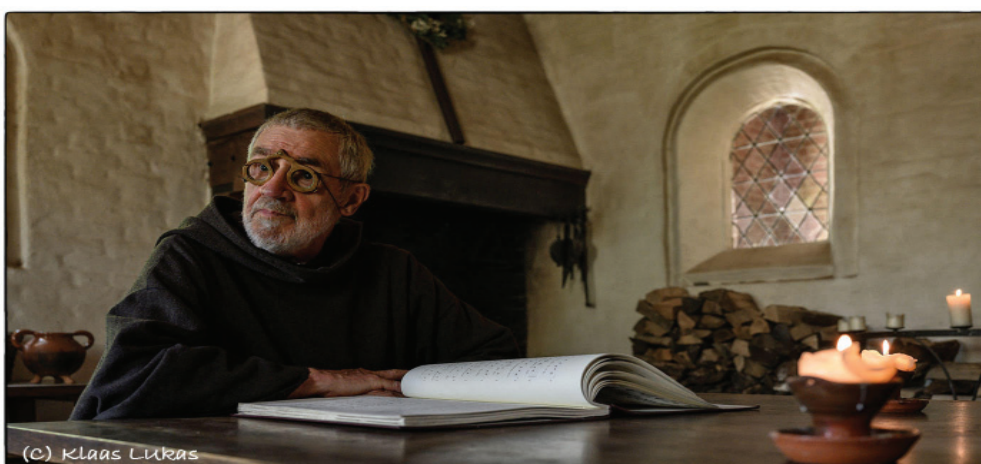
Prehistoric Times

In the prehistoric times section of the park, visitors are taken back to the time of their hunter/gatherer ancestors. As part of the interactive experience of the park, visitors can ride in a canoe carved from a tree or hunt with a spear. Over in the Linear Pottery Culture section, guests can try their hand at milling grain and in the Bronze Age, they can see how metal objects were created during prehistoric times.



The Roman Era

Archeon features its own Roman town called Trajectum ad Thenum. A unique mosaic workshop can be found as well as period themed pottery and intriguing herb gardens. Guests can even spend some time in the formal dining hall or seek counsel from the Gods in the Roman temple. This section of the park also features an authentic Roman bath house where park visitors can relax in soothing spa waters and indulge in a true Roman massage. In the afternoon hours, gladiator matches are held in the arena.



Middle Ages

In the park's medieval town Gravendam, visitors can take a trip back to the 14th century. Watch the town baker, blacksmith and carpenter hard at work or create your very own felt armlet. Each time a new batch of bread is ready, the baker's horn is sounded. The town's barber can give your hair a trim or even pull your tooth! In the Middle Ages section of the park, there are plenty of fun games to enjoy and guests can even try their hand at some archery.

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Boodschappen doet u bij ons, kaas, hagelslag, stroop, snoep, koekjes, drop, Honig en Knorr, hebben we iets niet, dan **bestellen we het voor u!**

TAFEL BOEKEN OF IETS TE VIEREN?

We are open special hours for special days
for groups vanaf 6+personen

BEL ONS: 03 343 33 75

OPEN

Tuesday till Thursday 10 am - 3 pm

Friday 10 am - 5 pm

Saturday at Riccarton Bush & House

Farmers market met poffertjes en
oliebollen en kroketten 9 am - 1 pm

Saturday at CAFÉ 3 pm - 5 pm

Sunday 12 pm - 3 pm

Monday we are closed

KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

Mijn Moeder zei het altijd al: Het ongeluk komt zelden alleen. Mijn Moeder was een wijze vrouw en ook deze keer had ze gelijk. Alweer moesten we afscheid nemen van een van onze vrienden. Bep Bohm is overleden. Onze deelnemingen gaan naar Piet en de familie. Bep en Piet waren voor jaren lid van de kaartclub. Bep is ook nog lid van het bestuur geweest in de tijd dat we ongeveer 60 leden hadden. Het afgelopen jaar moest zij het opgeven omdat haar gezondheid het niet meer toeliet. Wij zijn Bep dankbaar voor de plezierige tijden die we met elkaar hebben kunnen delen.

Ik zie het leven als een treinreis, je ontmoet iemand, maakt een praatje maar ergens op een volgend station, stap je weer uit net toen het gezellig begon te worden. Jammer! Maar het leven gaat door en er valt nog heel wat te beleven.

De volgende card drive zal plaats vinden gedurende het Labour Weekend, zaterdag, 19 oktober. Dus jullie hebben nog even de tijd om te oefenen.

De winnaars van de afgelopen maand waren:

2 juli:

1) Gerard van Kuppevelt, 5145 punten; 2) Ans van Vuuren, 4865 punten

16 juli:

1) Gerard van Kuppevelt, 5467 punten; 2) Truus Nijssen, 5347 punten.

Beste mensen, dit is het weer voor deze maand. Ik hoop dat jullie gespaard blijven voor de verkoudheid. Ik had het wel even goed te pakken. Probeer warm te blijven, drink er een borrel op en heel veel plezier in het spel van het leven!

Wim



YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

This month is one of acknowledgements:

Last month we had our soup day and I thank the ladies who helped me make it a success. Firstly Hanna for preparing her delicious bean soup; Lillian and Jose, who took over all the cleaning up afterwards: It was much appreciated!

It was good to see some of the Youth Of Yesterday at the AGM of the Netherlands Society recently. It would have been even better if more of you had attended to support the committee. Just think, if not for their hard work keeping everything running smoothly we would not have our group every Friday.

To the hard working team who served up the most delicious meal for the European clubs midwinter lunch: What a great day! I know that all at our table said it was one of the best! So a sincere thank you to you all.

Take care.

Leona

Change is indeed painful yet ever needful

(Thomas Carlyle)



THE NEERLANDIA CHOIR CHRISTCHURCH

This Choir regularly performs at retirement homes and hospitals. Last month they sang at the Kauri Lodge in Riccarton for a much appreciative audience. Although not as many singers as in the past, the group is still very busy and enthusiastic.

Musical Director, **Teresa Jones** together with accompanist, **Mike Zon** are a great inspiration to keep the choir going.

On Sunday, 13 October the Choir will perform their Annual Concert at the Hohepa Musical Auditorium in Barrington. Further information will be announced soon.

Neerlandia would welcome new members with open arms.

Singing is good for the body and the soul!

Photo above front row from left to right:

Hennie Nieuwdorp; Vrouwkje Bongers; Rinie van der Plas; Trix van den Broek; Arda Hogendoorn; Rachel Werie, Teresa Jones. At the back: Mike Zon; Jose Nijstad; Tjeerd Kikstra; Ido Bongers; Martin van Urk; Henk Stoffers; Yoka Saris; Len Nieuwdorp (Absent: Annie van der Dussen; Heleen van den Brink; Carla Borkus)

NEDERLANDS NIEUWS MET EEN KNIPOOG? GROTE BRAND IN FABRIEK AANMAAKBLOKJES: TREINVERKEER STIL GELEGD.

28 juli 2019 - OISTERWIJK - Het treinverkeer tussen Oisterwijk en Boxtel is stilgelegd vanwege een grote brand in Oisterwijk. Dat is volgens de autoriteiten nodig om ruim baan te geven aan watertransporten voor de bluswerkzaamheden.

NS verwacht dat er op het traject zondagavond en aan het begin van de nacht geen treinen zullen rijden.

De brand woedt in een fabriek waar aanmaakblokjes worden gemaakt. Voor zover bekend is niemand gewond geraakt. De brandweer is met veel materieel aanwezig in de Noord-Brabantse plaats. Het gebouw is deels ingestort.

Vanuit de wijde omgeving zijn dikke rookpluimen te zien. De Veiligheidsregio Midden- en West-Brabant adviseert omwonenden ramen en deuren dicht te houden en ventilatie uit te zetten.

In juni 2013 werd de fabriek van 'Fire-Up' op een andere locatie ook getroffen door brand. Ook toen moest het treinverkeer worden stilgelegd.

(De Telegraaf)



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THE JOYS OF WINTER MANY YEARS AGO

or

MY ONE AND ONLY TRY AT BEING A HERO

by De Straatmadelief

The monotonous voice of the teacher made me lose interest in the wonders of Egypt, its pyramids and famous mummies.

I stared out the class-room window and into the blue sky. The sky was always a special colour blue on a frosty day. Thinking about the frost brought my thoughts back to the decision I made that morning while I was walking to school. Today would be the day I was going to show my classmates that I also could be daring.

After school we were going to try out if the ice on the canal would be strong enough to walk on. The first person who made it from one side to another was always the hero for the rest of the winter.

It is a certain art to make this first crossing. You had to run, but very lightly. If you walked too slowly the fresh ice would often collapse.

I could hardly wait until four o'clock and the end of the school day. As the bell sounded a loud cheer went up. I think every child in the school had the same thought: "Try the ice!!!"

We all ran through the corridor, which was strictly prohibited on normal days, and grabbed our jackets off the hooks as we ran past. Over the road we went and towards the canal. Slipping and sliding over the grass verge until we reached the ice. There we all came to a sudden stop, using each other as a brake. First looking at each other and whispering: "Shall we?" We never waited for an answer of course. Some stomped with one foot on the ice while holding on to the hand of a friend, others would go down on their knees and place their hands on the ice. The ones, who used the hand technique would never make it to the other side. They were the ones who needed the assurance of hundreds who would successfully make the crossing before them.

I had missed out last year and had been labeled a sissy as at least ten of my friends stood on the other side calling me and yelling for me to follow. But I had turned around and walked home by myself feeling a worthless coward.

This year I was going to do it, perhaps I was not going to be the first but definitely not the last!

Unaided I stomped my foot on the ice. It seemed strong enough. "Shall I go?" I asked myself, "now while all the others are still looking at each other for encouragement?" I put my other foot on the ice and there I stood. A hush seemed to have fallen over all the other children. "Do it!" I screamed at myself and I ran..... I heard the ice cracking, but I ran on.

Nearly in the middle it gave way and I went down into the cold water of the canal. It all seemed to happen in slow motion. At first I had my eyes tightly closed. When I opened them again I saw a blue green haze above me and realised I had shot underneath the ice. For a fleeting moment I was very frightened but then I calmed down. I tried to push my hands through the ice above me, but nothing happened. After a while everything went black.

When I opened my eyes again I saw a lot of faces looking down on me. At first I did not really understand what had happened. Somebody picked me up and carried me back into school and into the Headmaster's office.

There I was told that a passerby had saved me by placing a ladder flat on the ice and had crawled along to where I was. He had smashed the ice and pulled me up.

By now I had become very shivery and was wrapped into blankets by the teachers. Somebody tried to make me drink hot tea but that made me vomit. After what seemed to be ages my older brother walked into the office and took me home.

I remember that he was very nice to me and kept asking me how I felt. But if I had expected to receive the same treatment from my Mother I was very much mistaken. The first thing she did was ask my brother if I was all right. As soon as he affirmed this I got an almighty hiding, was dragged under the shower. She cleaned my ears in a way that made me check several times if they were still attached to my head.

She scrubbed me until I felt as if no skin was left on my body. After this torture I was sent to bed. I must have been in there for about ten minutes when my Mother stormed in. I thought it was wise to start crying before she would attack me again. That must have helped because she tucked me in, said she loved me and then left the room.

To this day I have never found out how long I was under the ice or where the ladder had come from.

But I think that the lesson about Egypt we had that morning must have made some impression on me because since then I have been in awe of the 'Wrath of the Mummy!'



Gezellig even puzzelen!

Goed voor de brein en ook even checken hoe het met uw Nederlands gesteld is.

Bent u klaar stuur de oplossing naar

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De eerste correcte oplossing wordt beloond met een leuk prijsje!

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