

newsletter from the New Zealand Netherlands Society (Wgtn) Inc.

THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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join us for our
first Midwinter
Christmas lunch

**Midwinter
Christmas
Lunch**

Sunday 26 July
12 pm
Clubhouse Avalon



PRESIDENT



FROM THE PRESIDENT - VAN DE VOORZITTER

I hope that you are all well and survived the lockdown without a scratch? On reflection, I think, we didn't do too bad as a community and country. Certainly our agony seems to be a lot less when compared to other countries in the world.

One week ago we opened the clubrooms again and last week's Social Sunday we had an, almost, full house. The Wednesday coffee morning thereafter we, again, had a very good turnout. Talking to you, I learned that you were all pretty keen to get out of the house and meet-up with fellow members and

friends. And that's a good sign as it tells me that the community spirit in our club is still strong.

When writing this article, we have but a week to go before our Annual General Meeting (AGM) is due and I certainly hope that you will show the same enthusiasm in attending this gathering as you did in last week's events. We'll see, you will hear more about this in the next issue.

As far as events are concerned we had to cancel our boat trip to Eastbourne due to COVID 19 restrictions. I was really looking forward to this event and I know that many of you had already signed up to join. This event will definitely be on the calendar again but we will wait for a more favourable season.

Also Koningsdag 2020 had to be cancelled, for the same reason, which I think was a pity as we had quite some party in mind this year. Ah well, we just have to double up next year's happening.

Normally we have a quiet period now, with respect to organising events, which lasts until September/October when it is full on for a few months. But some of our members felt that they needed a vent for

all that clogged-up energy. Therefore we are planning a midwinter Christmas do. If you are interested in joining, you can read more about it in this edition

That's it from me. Keep warm, safe and healthy,

Pierre

**The Dutch Club Wellington invites its members
and friends to join its first**



MIDWINTER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**26th July
At Avalon House
12.00 pm,
door open 11.00 am**

bookings by 20th of July:

**Dawn: 04-9382378
dutchclubwlg.secretary@gmail.com**

**or talk to Ann Beyk on Social
Sunday or Wednesday coffee
morning**

SECRETARY



FROM THE SECRETARY - VAN DE SECRETARIS



That Covid-19 pandemic has been a nasty and deadly infection. Many countries lost thousands of lives from it, and those that suffered a severe infection but survived, will take a long time to recuperate. Because of stringent measures of lockdowns and border closures to curb the spread of the disease, many people have lost their jobs and businesses but there have only been 22 deaths from it in New Zealand – so far.

Some magazines were not permitted to be published and some even went out of business. That meant that we also could not print the May/ June 2020 issue of the Double Dutch. I would not have been permitted to drive to Danny to pick the copies up, even if he had been able to print them. We had the mail redirected from the PO Box to my home address because I would not have been permitted to drive to Lower Hutt CBD to clear the box.

Thanks to all of those who returned their Invoice/ Membership form so that we could update our membership database. We gained a lot of new information from them and with that new information, since I was confined to barracks anyway, I spent a lot of time setting up group e-mails so was able to e-mail information to a good proportion of our members.

I popped into the clubrooms last Sunday afternoon (14th June) and was pleased to see so many happy faces there, all enjoying meeting up with each other again. Today's coffee morning (17th of June) was also well attended.

By the time you receive this copy of the Double Dutch, we will have held our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 28th of June – a month late because of the Covid-19 lockdown. All information regarding it has either been e-mailed or posted to the members so that everyone has a chance to read, digest and assimilate all the information before the meeting. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Kind regards,

Dawn

Verjaardag

**Vandaag is de dag
hij komt maar één keer,
morgen dan is het
vandaag al niet meer**

**Niet zeuren, geniet
van het leven het mag
maar doe het vandaag,
want vandaag is de dag**

Toon Hermans

It's also Rembrandt's
birthday on the 15th of July.



Happy Birthday

Pieter Laterveer, Hans Peters, Jo de Graauw, Lis Visser,
Nick de Graauw, Emmy Vandeursen, Ruby Tourelle

MIDWINTER CHRISTMAS

It's a strange habit, I find, and quite frankly I have never done it!

In my mind, Christmas is still white meadows, trees with ice or snow on it instead of leaves, looking through frosty windows from the inside of a warm house, leaving some extra food for the birds and lots and lots of family visits, consuming warm, hearty, fare.

And yet it has been around for quite a while and originated, funny enough, in the northern hemisphere; in France, to be precise. When I say originated, I mean "a first reference" because, as Wikipedia teaches, "*Eh! Mais, j'y pense vous chantez Noel en juillet. Bailli, c'est s'y prendre a lavance*" is a line from the Massenet opera "Werther" that was written in 1892.

I am talking about Midwinter Christmas of course as you might also have guessed from the title.

Another search on the Internet returns: "**Midwinter Christmas** may not be an official festival but it is a fun way to warm up **winter**, especially for families who are not used to a hot kiwi **Christmas**. If you live in the South Island, then you may be able to use real snow in your celebration, but the rest of us can come to a happy compromise."

More than likely we won't have "**real snow**" so we would like to offer the follow compromise:

A warm clubhouse decorated for the occasion, a glass of "gluhwein", a lavish Chinese buffet lunch and, if you come as well, good company!

For added atmosphere, please come dressed for the occasion.

Anna and Pierre

MIDWINTER CHRISTMAS 26 July, 12pm



on the menu

**Chines buffet
consisting of**

4 Starter dishes

8 Main dishes

Desert

Coffee/Tea

TICKETS

\$15 pp for members

\$25 pp for non-members

**Book your ticket before
20 July**

no door sales

GAMES!

That's right, GAMES. And we are not talking about computer games. Nah, we are talking about good old fashioned BOARD games, except that these are not 'old fashioned'.

A great board game, some friends, some nibbles and a drink and we are up for a good old fashioned Dutch gezellige avond. I am planning a 'board game' evening at the Clubhouse, and if there is enough interest, we can make it a monthly event.

The board games that we would be playing are not the usual games we grew up with. We are not thinking of 'Mens erger je niet', 'Scrabble', or 'Monopoly'. We are thinking of the modern strategic board games. Games

where you have to put your 'thinking cap' on, unlike the usual 'luck or throw the dice' games.

These are games like Carcassonne, Settlers of Catan, Dix-it, Dominion, Alhambra, and so on. I have a collection to get us started. But you are welcome to bring your own games.

Some of you have already indicated your interest to me. If you are interested, please email me in the next few days with your preferred day. The proposal at this stage is 2nd Friday of the month, 7 pm. With the first games night this Friday, 10 July.

Anja



Life is more
fun if you
play games

Roald Dahl

WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUBHOUSE

COFFEE MORNINGS

Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday
from 10am-1pm.

SUNDAY INSTUIF

Every Sunday From 2-5pm.
Please note: no Sunday Instuif
26 July due to Mid Christmas.

KLAVERJAS

Every Tuesday from 10am-2pm.
Bring your own lunch.

COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 7 July and 4 August,
7.30pm.

MIDWINTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday 26 July, 12pm.

WHAT'S ON ELSEWHERE

WAIKANAЕ COFFEE GROUP

Every second Friday of the
month, 10am, Waikanae Baptist
Church.

ISLAND BAY COFFEE GROUP

Every Wednesday, 10.30am,
Island Bay Community Centre.

LEVIN COFFEE MORNING

Every last Thursday of the
month, 10am, Levin Bridge Club.

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Tuesday Klaverjas Club

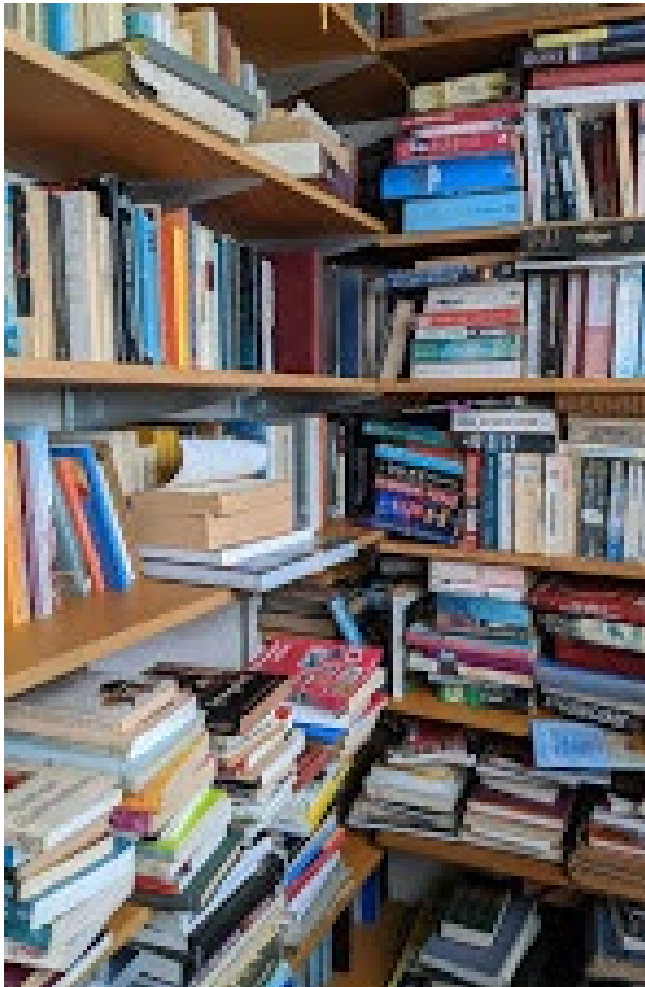
After a good start in the New Year, we kept that up in February and through half of March. Then because of the Covic-19 Virus Lockdown, we had to stop meeting to play. Hope you all kept well and did not get too bored.

We restarted on the 9th of June with 3 members less because of health troubles. We wish them all our best.

The weekly results are:

Week 4	25 February	Piet de Graaff	5370
Week 5	3 March	Nic de Graauw	5089
Week 6	10 March	Lis Visser	5037
Week 7	17 March	Piet de Graaff	5459
Next 11 weeks no play because of Lockdown			
week 19	13 June	Harry van de Gulik	5507
Week 20	20 June	Nic de Graauw	5562

Very good results, keep it up for the rest of the year. I hope we won't have any more lockdowns. See you next Tuesday, Ann Beyk



"You can find magic
wherever you look.
Sit back and relax,
all you need is a
book."

- Dr Seuss

Our library is overflowing. If you have some spare time and would like to help re-organising the library, contact Rita or Carolina.

BEYOND THE CLUBHOUSE NOTICE

**Members of the FSN Wellington are invited to attend the
AGM OF THE FRIENDLY SUPPORT NETWORK WELLINGTON INC.**

To be held on Wednesday 15 July, 1:15pm, following the coffee morning, in the clubrooms.

1. Welcome, present and apologies
2. Minutes of last year's AGM and matters arising
3. Finance Report for the year ended 31 March 2020
4. Chairperson's report
5. Election of officers
6. General Business

Any questions please contact Anne-Marie Knibbeler (Secretary), 04 9717571 or 021 9515770.

EDITOR

FROM THE EDITOR - VAN DE REDACTEUR

What a whirlwind. Whilst the year started off alright, before we realised it our country slipped into an unprecedented time of crisis. It started with an overnight announcement of level 2, a new concept, and within days we were put into level 4. And with that came 'bubble life'! I remember my daughter calling me from Canada and asking me what a 'bubble' is. Now, several months later, she tells me that where she is in Canada they have adopted the 'bubble' concept. It looks like New Zealand set a trend. May it work!

We have had 'bubble life', and now we are in what many people call the 'new normal'. I rather look at it as the 'temporarily abnormal'. I don't want to think about what life will be like if social distancing, small group sizes, hand sanitiser and face masks become 'the normal'. Let alone 'pandemic fear'. I am grateful for our 5 million strong Kiwi team who stuck together during lockdown and beyond so that we can once again freely socialise and interact. We can do our shopping and use the train without the need to wear a face mask. And we can use our clubrooms again! May it last for a long time. Let's hope we don't get into a situation again where 'bubble life' really does become the 'new normal'.

If anything, let's make this new normal a 'good normal'. More justice, more equality, more acceptance, more tolerance, more kindness, more compassion and more listening. We'd like to celebrate all that over a Midwinter Christmas lunch, 26 July, at the Clubrooms which are open again. Will we see you there?

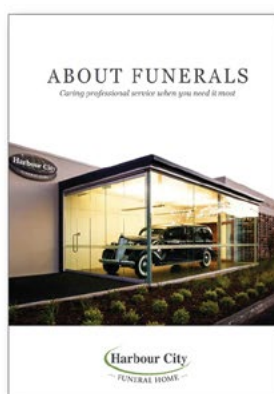
Anja

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