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Christchurch (Inc)



**JULY
2020**



**Is it a bird....is it a plane....is it superman?
What is it being dropped at the Everglades???**

Netherlands Society Christchurch

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EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Readers,

Since last month's Echo we have come back to as normal as we possible can so far as club life is concerned. Let's hope we can stay like this for a long time.

The committee has decided to organise a whopping great luncheon to celebrate that we can be in each other's company once more.

There is another exciting project coming up (refer to the pages **8 and 9** of this newsletter)

I still have some more stories waiting for you of members and the way they passed the time while in lock-down. They will be published in the August issue of the Echo.

On page 4 you will find an article about a very talented local artist **Simon van der Sluijs**. We enjoyed this third in the series "The Anatomy of Melancholy" exhibition. Before the 2011 earthquake Simon used to have his gallery in the inner city but for the past years now he has been well settled in Little River.



I also like to introduce you to a NSC member, who served as a volunteer for the last six months and has now been nominated for committee member: **Miryam Denny**, shown above selling wiflof at the Dutch Market with her grandchildren

Yoka Saris

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Members,

And here is the July issue of the Echo reaching you already. For those who are receiving it in the mail it is only a very short while after the last.

This was caused by us changing who prints and processes the Echo now.

While in the process of this change-over there were a few issues which needed to be set up, this caused a bit of a delay for the June newsletter. From now on that should all be sorted.

Now that we are at level 1 in Covid-19, we can plan NSC events again. More about these events on page 10 in this Echo.

The postponed AGM for instance will now take place on Sunday, 23 August.

Please, be aware that you can only have your say and vote during the AGM if you've paid your subscription fees for the year 2020-2021. Currently 75% of the memberships have been paid. Members, who have paid will receive their membership cards before the AGM. So far they have not been sent out.

I am sure that those of you who have been at the clubrooms since 20 June must have noticed something which has been added to the front lawn. If you haven't, I strongly recommend you to see an optician. But instead you could go to page 8 and 9 of this Echo!

Last but not least: Please, stay safe and keep washing those hands. So far we have been quite lucky in New Zealand and we like to keep it that way as we do not want to land into another lock-down.

Kindest regards,

Ron

NOW FOR SOMETHING YOU CAN HELP US WITH:

Could you provide us with your email address if you have one and/or a mobile phone number. This would help us immensely if we need to inform you of urgent messages or last minute decisions to go ahead or cancel an event (e.g. Market Day) and in the instance of a bereavement we can let you know and give funeral details if required. Word of mouth method is just not fast or reliable enough to reach all members in time. We still deliver the Echo to you by post, but if you are happy to receive it via email, please, let us know.

Please, send your email address and preference on how to receive your Echo and any other information to: membership.nsc@gmail.com.

Desiree



***The Anatomy of Melancholy Part III :
“Lost and Found”
Exhibition Little River Gallery,
6 - 30 June 2020***

“Reverse, reflect all life’s long years
the beauty, strife and all the tears.
I’m older now and have scare tissue,
my childhood fears all still an issue
I’ve had great luck and love and such
I’m somewhat haunted, my art’s my crutch.

Come on out and see the show,
have a laugh, it’s not all woe.

I’ve never been a big conformer,
life’s a circus, I’m a performer!”

Simon van der Sluijs





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WALKING GROUP 'DE LANDLOPERS' TO START UP AGAIN!

As nobody seemed to be interested in this group in May 2018 I decided to stop organising walks. After the earthquakes in 2010 and 11 nobody seemed very keen to go walking again. Many tracks were closed because of severe damage.

Then four of our most enthusiastic walkers re-migrated to the Netherlands. And tragically we lost members Diny and Peter van Bussel who both died shortly after each other at only 60 years of age. With them in mind I like to organise a walk in remembrance of Diny and Peter during the coming spring or summer. The 'Salt Marches Walk' in South Brighton, which they had walked and loved so much before in 2008.

So first and foremost I like to know who would be interested to become a member of the walking group. No subscription, only a good pair of walking shoes and reasonably fitness are needed.

I never stopped walking and tramping. But tramping seems to be no longer feasible with the average age of us all in mind. I am now a Gold Card holder and some time ago while walking Gebbies Pass I noticed that climbing towards the Packhorse Hut that the going wasn't as easy as years before.

So I like to start with a one hour walk (5 km) in Hagley Park. We could meet at the carpark of the Botanic Gardens. I walk there every Tuesday from 10 to 11 o'clock and finish with a cup of coffee at the Boatshed Cafe and meet up with an over 50's group. Easy to combine and all walkers there are around 65. So it is a pleasant gathering.

Looking forward to hear from you.,

Joop Stokvis

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YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Hello Everyone!

Well, when you receive this we will be back playing again. Great, isn't it?

After speaking with most of you by telephone it was pleasing to know that you were all willing to wait till the time was right to gather again.

Some of you, who will not be joining us, are: Netty, who is not driving; Roelie, whose operation has yet again been delayed and Barbara (Bep) Beckman from Kaiapoi, at the time of writing this her condition and recovery was not looking good.

Better news: Friday, 10 July will be our annual mid-winter soup day. So no need to bring your own lunch that day. This will give us time to mingle and catch up with all our news, something we can't do while we playing in earnest.

Come along and play rummy, cards or golf till 12 noon and after that you can enjoy what we have to offer!

Talking about rummikub: the games as well as the boards have been sanitized and some missing tiles have been replaced.

Remember, we are there from 9 am every Friday and I like to leave by 1.30 pm. Coffee and a biscuit \$2.00. To help Lillian, please, bring small change.

Till next time: Keep well!

Leona

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let it be with the same zeal as if it were for yourself"
(Confucius, Chinese philosopher)**

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op heerlijke traditionele poffertjes of een
knapperig kroketje.**

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The Netherlands Society Christchurch's exciting new project: A WINDMILL

About a year ago Frank van Schaijik told me excitedly that he had found, in his friend's backyard, something that could well be transformed into a windmill. I should go and have a look and tell Frank what I thought about it.

As I have a vivid imagination I was immediately smitten. It was the 'body' of a 5 meter high lighthouse which once stood in the entrance of the Lyttleton harbour. Its range used to guide vessels on their approach to Lyttleton and it was only accessible by boat.

For reasons I have not been able to find out as yet the lighthouse was removed and ended up in the backyard of Mr and Mrs Newman in Marshland Road.

Mrs Newman did not fall in love with the broken body of the old lighthouse in her yard so she made her husband choose either the lighthouse went or she would! Well, true love prevails of course. And then in steps the NSC's Knight In Shining Armour: **Frank van Schaijik**, with a fantastic suggestion: To transform it into a windmill for the Everglades.

After very many long and drawn out heated discussions amongs the committee Frank convinced us that something like this would put the Dutch community in Christchurch on the map. Something which would be a special kind of landmark.

He offered his help to get the future windmill transported to the Everglades. And on Saturday, 20 June 2020, the **Shag Reef Range 2 Lighthouse** was delivered to the Everglades with a few loyal committee members present. For three hours we stood in the cold but nobody seemed to mind as it was such a spectacular happening.

Trucks and a large crane carried the lighthouse/windmill to its new spot. And when it touched the ground a jubilant shout went up from amongst us all. Even a few tears were shed! (*Who said that we, Dutch, are not emotional?*)

On the 26 of July we will celebrate with a mid winter luncheon the official start of '**Project Windmill**'. Frank will be present to tell us about what his dream could mean for the future of the Dutch community. The Wind Mill will be dedicated to the memory of Frank's parents.

Yoka Saris





**Right: Project leader:
Frank van Schaijik and
left: Mr van Arendonk**



**Cold but worth watching!
'Nearly there...'
(maar nog niet helemaal!)**



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**Sunday, 26 July:
Windmill Project Midwinter Luncheon
More information see page 10: Coming Events.**

COMING EVENTS

'Windmill Project' Midwinter Luncheon

Sunday, 26 July, 11 am start

Menu:

Entree: Erwtten Soup (Pea soup & ham) or Tomato Soup

Main Meals:

Boerenkool or Zuurkool met Rookworst or Speklappen
(Kale or Sauerkraut Potato Mash with smoked sausage or pork slices)

Dessert:

Annie's Famous Apple Crumble with Ice- or Whipped cream

The Bar will be open to purchase wine, beer, etc.

Charge \$20 per person

Bookings a *must* and before 21 July

(Please, don't embarrass us or yourself by arriving without a booking!)



Yummy!

Lekker!

MORE EVENTS in August 2020:

Dutch Market:

Start again every 2nd Sunday of the month!

Sunday, 9 August, 10 am until 12.30 pm, Everglades

Mystery bus trip:

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AGM:

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I,-----

being a financial member of the Netherlands Society Christchurch Inc, nominate

Name:-----

being also a financial member of the Netherlands Society Christchurch Inc.
for at least the period of 2020 - 2021

Signed:-----dated this day-----of -----2020

I,-----

accept the above nomination

Signed:-----dated this day-----of -----2020

This form must reach the Secretary, P.O.Box 35177 Christchurch not later
than 20 June 2020

Should you wish to vote but will not be able to attend the AGM: INSTRUMENT APPOINTING A PROXY

I,-----being a member of the Netherlands

Society Christchurch Incorporated hereby appoint :

-----, (print name of proxy) as my proxy
to vote for me on my behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held
on Sunday, 23 August 2020, commencing at 2.00 pm and at any adjournment of any
such meeting..

Signed this-----day of -----

Usual signature:

KLAVERJAS CLUB “ONS GENOEGEN”

Hoera, we zijn weer terug om elkaar persoonlijk een goede morgen te wensen! Het laatste nieuws met elkaar te delen en (zeer belangrijk) weer eens te tonen hoe goed we kunnen Klaverjassen! Voor de lock-down kwam ik vaak niet aan bod omdat ik soms het vijfde wiel aan de wagen was. Dus dan ging ik maar naar huis om voor Moeder, de vrouw, te zorgen.

We konden goed merken dat iedereen blij was om weer bij elkaar te zijn, er werd zelfs getrakteerd. Er was een verjaardag te vieren en we zongen weer uit volle borst “Er is er een jarig!” voordat we het koekje mochten op peuzelen. Ik vind dat toch zo plezierig!

We speelden voor het Roster en de winnaars op 10 maart waren:

1) Anna Fekkes, 5391 punten; 2) Lilly Willemsen, 5011 punten.

Er was mij op het hart gedrukt dit te niet vergeten te melden. Dames, gefeliciteerd!

Ik las in de krant dat **Nellie Hoolmans** is overleden. Nelly was lid van de Klaverjas Club in de jaren 1968 tot en met 1974. Zij was een speler die niet het kaas van haar brood liet eten. Met andere woorden ‘een beidehandje’ maar een goed gevoel voor humor.

Ik moest altijd lachen om haar gewoonte dat als de kaarten gedeeld waren zij klok’s gewijs om haar stoel liep. Dat bracht haar geluk, verkondigde zij. Zat het geluk haar dan toch niet mee dan voerde zij het hele ritueel weer uit maar dan anti klok’s gewijs. Ze zei dan de Lady Luck naar de donder kon lopen! Ja, er zijn vele manieren om te winnen in dit spel!

Ook was ze een tijdje bestuurs lid (penning meester) van de NSC. Er is nog steeds een brandkast in gebruik in de Golf Club waar Nelly voor gezorgd heeft.

Ze kreeg last van haar ogen en mede door haar andere werkzaamheden moest ze ons jammergenoeg verlaten. Maar vergeten zijn wij haar beslist niet!

Toen we hier over haar spraken gedurende de kaart morgen werd het weer even stil. Al weer een afscheid van iemand van de ‘goede oude tijd’. Maarja, het leven gaat door!

Ik eindig mijn verhaal dan maar weer om een ieder een goede gezondheid toe te wensen en veel plezier met het spel van het leven.

Wim

IN MEMORIAM
Nelly Hoolmans-Heijgen
1933 - 2020



PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

“Fruit & Vegetable Market with Young Fruitseller”

This month a puzzle is for everyone! No language problem!

Spot the 8 differences in this beautiful painting of the Belgian artist, Jan van Kessel, the Elder (1626 - 1679)

Solution in next issue of the Echo



**‘The Bride’s Song’
Solution of last month’s
puzzle**

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Although handwritten material is acceptable if clearly readable,
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You would, however, really make my day with your contributions as
an attachment to email or with an email.

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