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**The island “AMELAND” in the Netherlands**

**(Photo: Frans Lemmens)**

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## EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Readers,

Exciting month it has been with Leiden's Ontzet, about 80 people came together to enjoy a combination of Neerlandia's Annual Concert and the age-old traditional meal of 'hutspot, haring & wittebrood'.

Then the Dutch Market with many people attending to taste and buy favourite delicacies from the Netherlands.

And to top it all off Toenail Culture Ale's play. Three sessions fully booked. We are still wiping up the tears of laughter which were shed.

Great atmosphere at all these events!

Quite a few people have shown an interest to become members of the Society because of these successful events.

Together with all the work which has been done to upgrade our club rooms means that our Society is still alive and kicking.



Photo Leiden's Ontzet 2020 Dee Segeren

***"Iedereen heeft een verhaal,  
iedereen zijn eigen strijd.  
Probeer eerst begrip te tonen,  
voordat je iemand iets verwijt!"***

(Martin Gijzemijter, Lelystad, Nederland)

**Yoka**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello dear members,

Have you been at the clubrooms lately? Were you impressed? I was and still am. Over the last couple of weeks not only our sound system got pulled into the 21st century, but our clubrooms also got a facelift. Even though the colours chosen were not to everybody's taste, the final 'look' is amazing and I have been told that the 'not so sure about the colours' comments have shifted to "It looks really good, I did not expect that", which is not only a great achievement for a 'job well done' but also an awesome compliment to those committee members who were involved in this facelift. On the first day of the Toenail Culture Ale performance, the new curtains went up, so everything is coming together. The new carpet is a work in progress and this will be completed before our Christmas party.

The comment 'Why don't we celebrate Sinterklaas at our clubrooms?' set off a whole raft of actions: trimming trees; removing stumps; upgrading the internal fence between the golf course and the parking area and getting rid of the heap of soil at the front of the property. The next step will be to get the grass to a stage that we can celebrate Sinterklaas at 637 Marshland Road. So I am looking forward to that and I hope you will be too.

In October the 'Givealittle' page for online donations for our windmill was set up. Of course we also have our little windmill and money thermometer, which hang on the foyer doors at every event. It is really appreciated that after each event we can add your donations to the money thermometer. Thank you very much for your donations to this awesome project.

We celebrated Leiden's Ontzet and our Dutch Market took place on the 11th of October. It was great to see that you all really loved the 'zoute haring'. Of course the 'hutspot and hachee' and the Pavlova were yummy as well, however the 'zoute haring' beat them without a doubt!

On the 17th October the Annual National Council Meeting of the Federation of NZ Netherlands Societies was held in Foxton. Ron attended in his position as the Vice President of the South Island. Lilian and I represented the Netherlands Society Christchurch. I had never been there before, so seeing Foxton's windmill makes me look forward to our 'Windmill On Marshland'.

Representatives from clubs across the country attended and it was great to catch up with our colleagues. Mrs Mira Woldberg - the Netherlands Ambassador in New Zealand - was there as well. She is not only passionate about her role as the representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands but she is also very involved in and knows about everything we - the federation, societies and charities - do.

On the agenda was also the celebration of King's Day in 2021. The Federation of New Zealand Netherlands Societies; the New Zealand Netherlands Foundation; the Oranjehof Dutch Connection Museum Trust and the Dutch Business Association, supported by our Embassy put a proposal forward about the 'What, When, Why, Who, Where and How'. I was very proud - to say the least - that we, the NSC, already have a few proposed items going: The Vrijmarkt; King's Day party and the Dutch Market. The vision is to evolve the celebration over the coming years. Think about dressing up in orange on the day, having a Dutch speech competition for the younger Dutchies, celebrate Dutch New Zealander of the Year. These ideas still need to be worked on, but they are a good starting point.

I know it is not for everyone but the Federation is setting up a website which all clubs can add their own newsletters, events, etc. to. I will keep you posted on this one, as it will take a while until this is up and running.

Hartelijk groet,

**DEE**

# Explore the Netherlands!



Want to find out more about the Netherlands?

Enjoy a Dutch food market and ride a bike with Pedalmania.

Try some traditional Dutch games and meet 'Sinterklaas'.

Fabulous face painting by Lolytwist.

Let pupils from Woodend School amaze you with their knowledge about the Netherlands!

This free event is on Sunday 29 November from 11am to 3pm at Woodend School.

ALL WELCOME!



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## “EXPLORE THE NETHERLANDS”

This event is supported by the Netherlands Society Christchurch

Stall holders usually at the Dutch Market are also present at this event, such as:

**‘Lekker Dutch’**

**‘Handmade Greeting Cards’**

**‘Euro Gourmet Meats’**

**‘Traditional Huzaren Salades’**

**‘Millie’s Poffertjes Kraam’**

**‘Ome Jan’s famous braadworst’  
etc. etc.**

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

From Roy Ouwerkerk, a reaction to an article in the August issue of the Echo:  
ANOTHER WONDERFUL NSC MEMORY.

I have many fond memories of the first Abel Tasman Award competition. It certainly was a unique experience in my life, one, which has never been repeated.

One memory, which sticks with me, is sitting in front of the judges and being asked: “What is the Maori name of New Zealand, it’s meaning being the land of the long white cloud?” For the life of me, I just could not remember the answer, until finally they had actually tell me.

That was in the past, tonight as I write this, I have just spoken at a community service at the Spreydon Baptist Church. Currently I am involved in a ministry organisation meeting men in prison; bible lessons in schools and street ministry.

In addition to bring balance to my life and to help to pay the bills I am part time self employed doing hedge and tree work. I am really fond of gardening and maintain most of the property where I live with my parents, Truus and Carsten.

My parents and I come along to special events at the Everglades as it is important to acknowledge and engage in our Dutch heritage. Something I have learned and love about the Dutch is when they get together for a social, they sure know how to party!

Regards,

**Roy Ouwerkerk**





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**We visit sick people, walk with people and talk (Dutch and English) with people.**

**We organise transport to and from the Everglades to events you might want to attend.**

**Help or support is generally of a moral rather than financial nature.**

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## **Most Important Message from our Entertainment Manager: CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS PLAY**

On Saturday, 19 December, the Netherlands Society will be hosting its annual Christmas BBQ. As part of this event a Christmas play will take place to start of the celebration. We are looking for children all ages to participate. In order to take part the children are expected to attend four rehearsals leading up to the event. The first rehearsal is at 3.30 pm on Sunday, 22 November at the NSC clubrooms, 637

Marshland Road. Further rehearsal dates and times are then decided when everyone convenes at the meeting on the 22nd. Please note, that all children attending must be supervised by an adult at all times. We have some amazing handmade costumes for everyone who has a part in the play. We are also looking for a ‘real baby Jesus’! If you think that your baby doesn’t mind being surrounded by a collection of sheep and angels, or your child wants to be part of this special performance, please contact me to discuss matters: **Annie: 021 0625656**



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# COMING EVENTS



## **DUTCH MARKET:**

**Sunday, 8 November, 10 am-12.30 pm**

**This will be the last market for the year 2020.**

**The Market re-opens in February 2021.**

**This is your last change to stock up on all those really Dutch St Nicolas and Christmas items.**

**As you can read on the next page the Dutch Market introduces a authentic Indonesian food outlet:**

### **'TASTE INDONESIAN'**

**Mazda and Linda, the owners, have just started this venture in Christchurch.**

**On the menu:**

**'beef rendang' 'Indo fried chickens' 'fried pangsit'**

**These are our most favourite dishes and should be tried to believe!**

**'Taste Indonesian' staff are experts in Indonesian cooking.**

**The food van is also every Friday at the Cathedral Square Market from 11 am - 9 pm**

**For home deliveries ring 021 2611817**

**Menu can be found on FB 'Taste Indonesian'**



**Saturday, 28 November, from 1 pm at the Everglades, St Nicolaas Celebration For The Young At Heart'**

**(this means for those of 50 years and over)**

**For years you might have had a secret wish to be able to sit on St Nick's knee, well, this afternoon your wish could come true!**

**Traditional treats will be served, there will be a present for everyone, (even the naughty ones amongst you).**

**In the meantime make sure you practice those Sinterklaas songs from the past. For those of you who have forgotten, we will supply songsheets.**



**NETHERLANDS SOCIETY CHRISTCHURCH  
DUTCH MARKET**

**637 Marshland Road**

**Sunday, 8 November 2020, 10 am – 12.30 pm**

**With stallholders such as:**

- 'Lekker Dutch', selling everything you ever wanted;**
  - 'Pete & Dee', the famous Everglades Dutch Cheesemongers;**
  - Jacqui with her famous 'Euro Gourmet Meats';**
  - 'Millie's Poffertjes Kraam', fingerlicking good!;**
  - 'Oom Jan and his amazing 'Braadworst';**
  - 'Tante Annie's 'Succulent Witlof' and 'Echte Zoute Haring';**
  - 'Tinie and Yoka, traditional 'Huzaren Slaatjes';**
  - Ria Verburgh's with handmade greeting cards especially  
for the Christmas season**
- And.... introducing 'Taste Indonesian', Mazda & Linda with**



**authentic Indonesian delicacies**



***"Gezelligheid kent geen tijd!"***

***'Made in Holland' live music to sing along with!***

## KLAVERJAS CLUB 'ONS GENOEGEN'

Zo ik ben weer net terug van het kaarten en ik dacht: "Ik zal jullie eens laten weten hoe goed ik het weer gedaan heb." Nu, niet dus, ik ben met maar 3472 punten thuis gekomen. Het laagste aantal dat ik ooit behaald heb, ik kan er wel om huilen. Maar dat doe ik niet want dan hebben die anderen leedvermaak en dat gun ik ze niet! Je moet maar denken dat je het voor het plezier en het gezelschap doet, toch?

Zaterdag, 24 oktober, is de card drive en dan proberen we het opnieuw. We spelen met zestien man/vrouw! Er is een lekkere lunch georganiseerd met een glaasje wijn, ik zit nu al te genieten als ik er aan denk.

De winnaars van de afgelopen weken waren als volgt:

29 september: 1) Anne Fekkes, 5165 punten; 2) Bill Nunnink, 5097 punten

13 oktober: 1) Emmy Nederpelt, 5623 punten; 2) Arda Hogendoorn, 5208 punten

Alle winnaars: Gefeliciteerd en wie weet is het juigen voor ons de volgende keer!

Dit is het dan weer, ik zou zeggen probeer virus-vrij te blijven, geniet van de lente, gezellig met een borreltje er bij om het bloed goed door te laten stromen en...niet te vergeten: Geniet van het spel van het leven!

**WIM**



## YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Hello Everyone,

It's time again to let you know what's up, not a lot actually, we fluctuate in numbers on Friday's but stil have a nice group of people attending and we always have a lot of laughter at the table, especially with one player, whom I won't name!

Hanna and I went over to Burwood Hospital to visit Hannie Meester this week, she is looking well but it could be a while before her break is healed.

I am on holiday for a while so I will leave you in the capable hands of Hanna, who makes a good cup of coffee. I am going with my brother and sister up North, then home for a couple of days and after that to my son in Cromwell. I am really looking forward to it all.

A date to put in your diary: **Our Christmas lunch and break-up will be on 18 December 2020.** The YOY restart will be mentioned in the next issue of the Echo.

As I said not a lot of news so I will say: "Bye for now!"

**LEONA**

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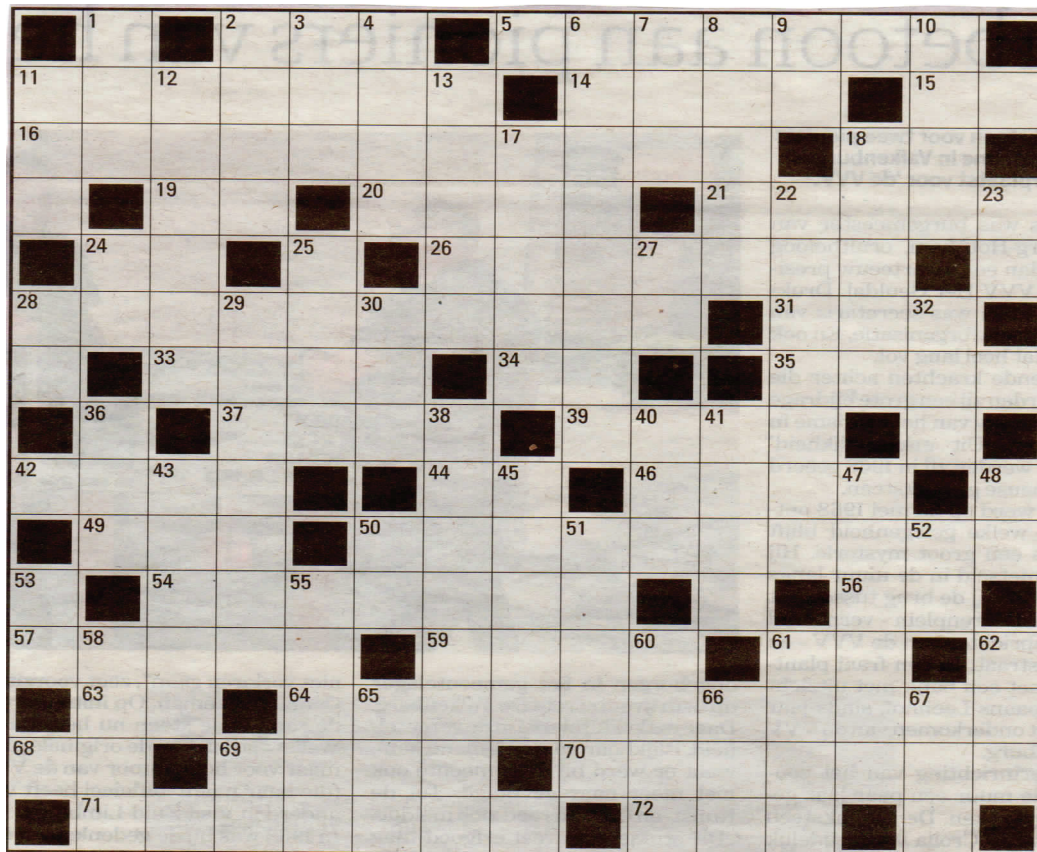
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## PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

**Doe weer eens gezellig mee met deze puzzle!  
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maakt **16** hekwerk **18** dwarsmast **19** herkauwer **20** tropische  
vetplant **21** verdieping **24** plus **26** briefomslag **28** beroep  
**31** plechtige verklaring **33** voedsel tot zich nemen **34** oude maat  
**35** spoedig **37** smalle strook **39** mikpunt **42** kiekje **44** gelid  
**46** compromis **49** deel van een voertuig **50** iets dat aan allen  
toebehoort **54** volgen **56** bolgewas **57** dierenrijk **59** een beetje  
**61** televisie (afk.) **63** lidwoord **64** muziekinstallatie **68** bijwoord  
**69** stijf **70** hert **71** opscheppen **72** groente.

### VERTICAAL

**1** grondbezit **2** meertje **3** ingeval **4** shoarmabroodje **6** delfplaats  
**7** erfelijkheidsdrager **8** ijskegel **9** klein kind **10** rivier in Spanje **11**  
kuil **12** fijne spot **13** ingedikt vruchtensap **17** meerdaagse etappe-  
koers **18** van de grond nemen **22** bijbetaling **23** landbouwwerk-  
tuig **24** water in Friesland **25** sneeuwvoertuig **27** daar **28** noot  
**29** vogelverschrikker **30** een zekere **32** toiletartikel **36** verdroogd  
**38** eerste voorstelling **40** lofdicht **41** één keer **43** uniform  
**45** water bij Amsterdam **47** Frans museum **48** geluidsdrager  
**50** Japans bordspel **51** computertoets **52** kippenproduct  
**53** voegwoord **55** afgescheiden stand **58** hoge stand **60** gebakje  
**61** ambtskleed **62** takje **65** hoeveelheid **66** seconde **67** boom  
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