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EDITOR'S REPORT

Dear Readers,

Thanks to all of you who took the time to attend the AGM. It was such a relief to see that we did make the quorum.

Especially because we live in uncertain times we had not expected the amount of members, who showed their interest in the club and the running of it. Great sausage sizzle afterwards fried by our Master Chef Arie Geerlofs! Thanks, Arie!

Lovely to see the interest in the windmill hanging on the wall, where donations could be deposited.

(Designed and made by Pete Knuiman). So far, I have been told, approximately \$1,200 has been kindly donated.



Introducing:
Netherlands Society Christchurch
new President,
Dee Segeren

Yoka Saris

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hallo Allemaal,

During the AGM on Sunday, 23 August I was elected as president of the Netherlands Society Christchurch. Some time ago I was approached to see if I would like to take on this position. I felt really honoured to be asked. Now it is official and I feel proud to be your president. I promise to do my very best for the members and the Society.

Let me tell you a little about myself: My husband Pete Knuiman and I moved to New Zealand in 2005. We had visited New Zealand for a couple of months in 1997 and 2001. We fell in love with the people and the country. So it was not very hard to make the decision to move to Aotearoa. Once we had crossed all the t's and dotted the crosses, we arrived in Christchurch in November 2005.

I have been working for the Christchurch City Council since 2006 and Pete started his handyman business in 2009. We try and visit our family in the Netherlands every couple of years, as the bonds are too strong not to.

During the AGM another four members were elected on the committee: Miryam Denny; Sarah Troon; Lyn and Pieter de Vries. This promises to make the committee strong and diverse. We had to say goodbye to Desiree Ellery; Maarten Hollestelle and Gerard van Kuppevelt. Our thanks must go to these people for all their input and hard work in the past. Ron van Santen stepped down from the position as president but took on temporarily the office of treasurer because we did not have any nominations. It would be great to have someone to fill in the treasurer's position permanently. So if there is somebody out there who is interested, please, give me a call. I am happy to have a chat about what is expected; which kind of system/software we use and all other questions you would like to have answered. The committee would love to hear from you!

COVID 19 has put a spanner in the works of everyone's life, not only in NZ but across the whole world. The NSC has picked up 'business as usual' again from July onwards. Unfortunately, as mentioned during the AGM, we had to cancel a Dutch Market Day; Anzac Day; King's Day and the 75th Year Liberation Of WWII Celebration.

Pete and I come from a small town - Huissen - in the east of the Netherlands.

Huissen was liberated on 3 October 1944. We were there on holiday on that date last year while this 75th anniversary was remembered so we saw first hand how important the celebration of this event was for both young and old. This has made us realise what a pity it is we, here in Christchurch, were not able to enjoy this important celebration.

This leaves me to end my first report with the wish that I look forward to meet you soon at any of our upcoming events.

Groetjes,

Dee

IN MEMORIAM

TINIE DE WINTER

09/09/1936 - 28/08/2020

Last week the NSC lost one of its members, who was known by many as '**The Mother Of The Dutch Society in Christchurch**' from the 1970's until the turn of the century.

After that, although still very present, it became very quiet around Tinie, who had been for many years the spill of the entertainment part of the Society.

The Youth Of Yesterday's 'De Handwerk Groep'; the organiser of many 'Tulip Queens Contest's (which later on also included the Abel Tasman Award) were planned and very professionally run by Tinie. The club's kitchen was also Tinie's domain where she reigned and did not allow any nonsense. (And I mean this in the positive sense.)

I got to know Tinie long before I moved to Christchurch through our involvement in the Federation Of NZ - Netherlands Societies. Tinie was the South Island Vice President for many years and I was the secretary.

During the many national events in those days you could always find Tinie in amongst a room full of more than 100 people: It always used to be the group where the laughter was most prominent. A bubbly, happy and very popular lady was our Tinie!

When the Friendly Support Network was set up Tinie was always ready to take on any of our FSN clients. These people, who were usually the unhappy, lonely and forgotten in our Dutch community, could always rely on a helping hand or that little bit of attention from Tinie at the YOY gatherings.

On behalf of the committee and all the NSC members I wish Wim and the family strength to carry their loss. And from me personally: Thanks for the memories!

Yoka Saris



The Executive of the Federation Of NZ Netherlands Societies (1980's)
From left to right:

Vice President South Island: Tinie de Winter; Secretary: Yoka Saris;
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Deze keer niks moeilijks, niks ingewikkelds, maar gewoon een vrolijk stuk voor de ontspanning.

WAT NOU FAMILIE? Gaat over de gulle tante Sidonia, freule Ladieda de Montagne uit Nieuw Zeeland, die jarenlang haar lievelingsnichtje, freule Christina Wittevaal van Stoetwegen, rijkelijk onderhouden heeft. Nu wil ze met eigen ogen het geweldige gezin zien waar haar nichtje altijd zo enthousiast over schrijft.

Ze ziet een schat van een man, een leuke dochter, een zoon die rugby speelt, leuke creatieve buren en een ‘Butler to die for’. Wat kan er nou fout gaan??

We spelen op:

VRIJDAG-avond 16, ZATERDAG-avond 17 en ZONDAG-middag 18 oktober.

Tickets zijn **\$20**, inclusief drankjes en hapjes en zijn te bestellen bij:

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HOUSE SITTING

Zin om er even tussen uit te gaan en op zoek naar oppas voor uw huis en huisdieren?

Do you feel like going away and are you looking for someone to look after your property and your pets?

If so, please let us introduce ourselves!

We are a mature and friendly couple with the Dutch nationality, being residents of New Zealand since 1999.

After starting his career with the Ministry of Justice in the Netherlands Tom fulfilled the role of security consultant, being involved in a variety of projects. Ingrid gained experience as personal assistant and in the field of facility management.

We are honest, reliable and trustworthy people and non-smokers. We are self-sufficient with a practical attitude. We built a house with our four hands, which explains enough.

We are experienced house sitters, we took care of a variety of farm animals, pets and properties in several countries, always with pleasure and responsibility. We are very fond of animals in general and we will be happy to take care of your beloved pets.



Until now we received quite a few references which we can share with you on request. We are interested in short and long-term house-sitting assignments, with a minimum of ten days.

As we traveled a lot ourselves, we know it is difficult to leave your house and pets behind. We would like to give you the opportunity to be able to **relax** while being away, knowing that there will be taken well care of everything!

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KLEURENVOOR VOLWASSENEN

Wie wil met ons samen een groep vormen om leuke 'Inkleur-Art' te maken?
 Die kun je dan gebruiken om verjaardag of kerst kaarten te ontwerpen.
 Ook mooie schilderijtjes.
 Je vindt vast voldoende materiaal in de tekenwinkel of the 2\$ shop.
 Breng je kleurtjes en wij zorgen voor een gezellige babbel met koffie en een koekje.
 We zouden dit kunnen organiseren op Vrijdagmorgens om 10.30 uur.
 Met vriendelijke groet
 Ani



Ani de Bodt (right) inspiring Francine Manders and Annie van der Dussen to produce some colourful creations. Are you also interested to join these colour-in classes, please, ring Annie van der Dussen at 383 1594 for further information.

COMING EVENTS

These coming events are all depending on COVID-19 levels & instructions, please, check with the organisers regarding possible changes or cancellations closer to the planned date!!!



DUTCH MARKET, Sunday, 13 September, 10 am - 12.30 pm

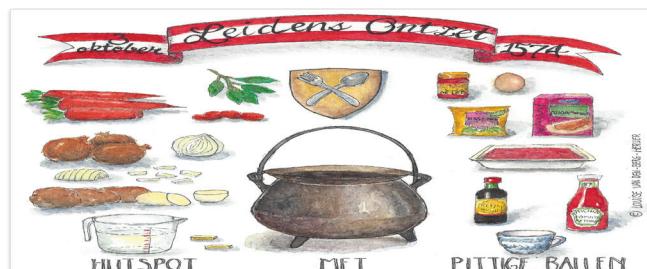
Join us to enjoy this populair market and sample all kinds of traditonal food. Cheeses; witlof; zoute haring; croquetten; braadworst and much more! Don't miss out!



LEIDENS ONTZET, Saturday, 3 October, 11 am start

This event will be celebrated with the Neerlandia Choir's Annual Performance at the Everglades Club rooms. (If COVID allows it we might even have a guest artist from Argentina) 'Haring en Wittebrood', 'Hutspot' en een 'Toetje' will be served. \$20.00 members; \$30.00 non-members; children under 12 years no charge.

Bookings: Annie, 383 1594 before 28 September



THE WINDMILL ON MARSHLAND PROJECT



Marijn van Herel designed this small scale model of the windmill as it will be build on Marshland Road.

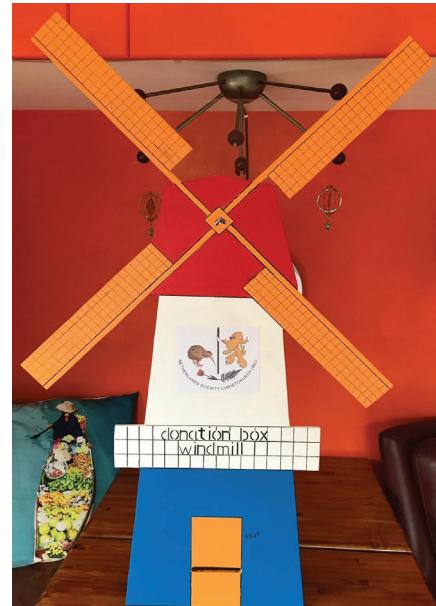
The name of this kind of windmill is ‘een ronde bovenkruier met stelling’

Next time when you drive onto the Everglades you should squeeze your eyes half shut. With a little bit of imagination you can see the mill in all its glory standing there. (I said: “....half shut your eyes...!”)

Next time when you enter the Clubrooms you will see a small windmill, created by Pete Knuiman.

This time you will need to have your eyes wide open (and your wallet) You will notice a slot in the windmill’s door. That slot is where you can donate a little money (a lot is allowed too!) for funds towards the future of the Windmill on Marshland!

Just imagine....what glorious sight it soon will be when we arrive and see that welcoming ‘Windmill On Marshland’ as a proud statement of the Dutch community in Canterbury!



KAART CLUB ‘ONS GENOEGEN’

“Je wordt oud!” werd me net verteld omdat ik weer eens overhoop lag met mijn computer, die zou zogezegd mijn leven veel gemakkelijker moeten maken, maar het schijnt dat dat rot ding dat zelf niet weet. Je hebt er bijna een universiteit’s opleiding voor nodig om het op gang te krijgen. En dat is natuurlijk mijn probleem, ik ben nooit verder gekomen dan de lagere school daarna, hupsakee, de bouwerij in. Dat is natuurlijk niet echt de rede, ik ben er gewoon niet zo erg in geïnteresseerd en ik ga alles ook een beetje vergeten. Maar zolang ik het Klaverjassen niet vergeet ben ik een Happy Chappy!

We hebben nog steeds een huis vol, dat wil zeggen als alle leden aanwezig zijn. Dat zijn er 19 en dat is wat er nog over is van de 104 waar we mee begonnen in 1964. De mensen worden ook wel een beetje huiverig door de virus die nog steeds de ronde doet. Mijn Moeder zei altijd “Neem maar een schep levertraan, dat doet wonderen!” We stonden daarna allemaal in de rij voor de schep suiker die er achteraan kwam. Misschien moesten we het maar eens proberen. Zaterdag, 5 september is er weer een card drive. We houden het makkelijk deze keer met soep en brood en wat lekkers. Oja, en natuurlijk een glaasje wijn want dat hoort er bij.

De winnaars van de maand augustus waren:

8 augustus: 1) Johan Nieuwenhuizen, 5196 punten; 2) Wim Slot, 4991 punten.

11 augustus: 1) Wim de Winter, 5007 punten; 2) Theo van Vuuren, 4967 punten.

De winnaars weer van harte gefeliciteerd!

Beste mensen dat was het weer, zorg goed voor jezelf en vergeet het niet: Veel plezier met het spel van het leven.

Wim

(Dit report was geschreven voor dat Wim afscheid moest nemen van zijn Tinie. **Red.**)



YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Hello Everyone,

Once again it is time for me to (as we used to say in the old days) “Put pen to paper” Now I sit behind my keyboard and think what can I write about this month.

One event I really enjoyed was the Market Day, what an atmosphere, everyone I spoke to was enjoying themselves: Shopping and sampling all the food available. I know I did!

I was looking forward to the bus trip but the organisers did the correct thing by cancelling the event. Care must be taken in these times we are experiencing right now. Until things change we will still gather on Fridays to have our games as we are only a small group and if we observe the guidelines all will be OK. It will be up to the individuals whether they want to come in or not.

I did today what they were asking us to do. I had the tracer app installed on my mobile phone. A nice young chap spent a lot of time teaching this old girl how to use it and how easy it is. Now I don’t have to sign in at most places as I enter.

As you all know it is \$2 for a bottomless cup of coffee and a speculaas biscuit. Please, don’t be greedy, the biscuits are not going as far as they used to even when we had more people attending. Costs are going up and we don’t like to charge you more.

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Leona

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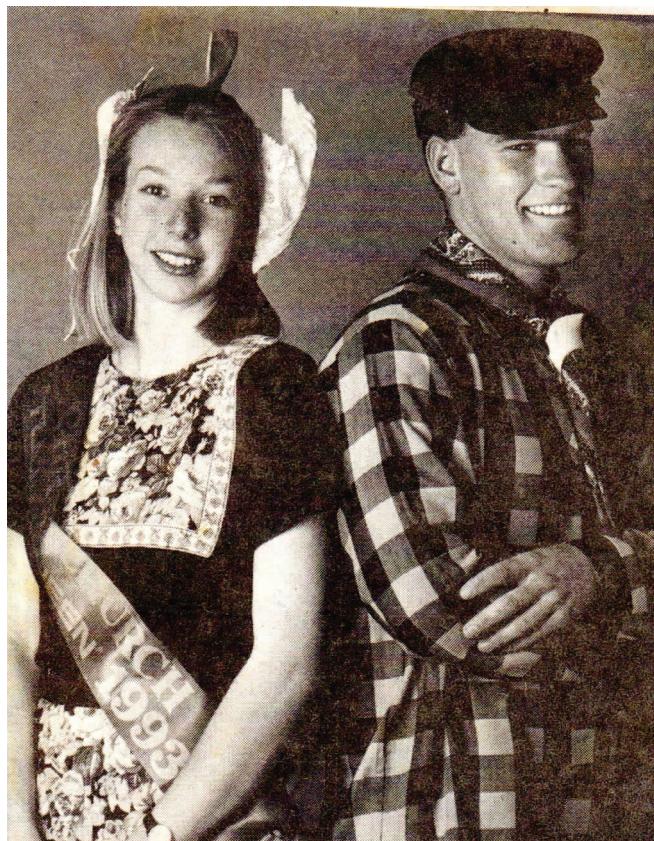
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ANOTHER WONDERFUL NSC MEMORY



From The Christchurch Press, 28 August 1992

Two young Christchurch people say they are thrilled to have been chosen to represent the city's Netherlands Society at the National Finals of the Tulip Queen and Abel Tasman Award contest next month.

Mianda de Gouw, aged 18 and Roy Ouwerkerk, aged 24, were chosen last Saturday as Christchurch's title representatives.

The pair said they believed the judges were looking for personable, ambitious young people. Ms De Gouw said that the only criteria for Tulip Queen entrants were to be aged between 18 and 25 and to be of Dutch descent.

She was born in the Netherlands, in Tilburg which is about an hour from Amsterdam, and came to New Zealand when she was seven years old.

Mr Ouwerkerk, a self-employed tree feller, said he had been to the Netherlands and said the main thing he noticed was the lack of space there.

"It was so crowded. The best way to illustrate just how crowded is to say that a country the size of Canterbury has a population of 15 million."

Ms De Gouw, a first-year science student at the University of Canterbury, said one of the things she was asked to compare the two countries and where she would prefer to live.

"I choose New Zealand because of the easy lifestyle and also the freedom of movement. I do however, miss my friends in Holland." she said.

The winners in Lower Hutt on September 19 will be given a trip to the Netherlands for the flower festival next May.

I wonder what has happened to Miranda and Roy nearly 30 years after this article went to press.

Yoka Saris

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

A German law firm has approached the Netherlands Society Christchurch for assistance regarding an inheritance matter.

They are trying to find the descendants of Helena Johanna Teunissen nee Walther, who in the 1980's lived at 12 Boys Place, Christchurch, New Zealand.

Helena was born in 1898 and it is known that she had at least one child. Is there anybody in Christchurch who knows of the whereabouts of her descendants?

**Please contact me on:
3849570; 027 6956914 or email yokasaris@gmail.com**

“DUTCHIES EN KIWIS”

Some weeks ago I received a manuscript from Bert van Kooten, who lives in the Netherlands. Bert has visited New Zealand often and has travelled extensively from north to south. He has passed on his manuscript with the idea to find a publisher for his work.

I have read it and it is very good, it is very knowledgeable and humorously written. Even born New Zealanders would be surprised about what happens; is to be found and can be enjoyed in this lovely country. I like to share some part of it with you. It is only a snippet as I am not able to share the whole book in the Echo, more is the pity. I will share some more from Bert's book with you in future issues though.

“Ideale openbare toiletvoorzieningen”

‘En dat er alle vrouwen hun plas op moeten houwen, omdat er geen WC is, die veilig en prive is.’ zong de Nederlandse kleinkunstenaar Herman van Veen veertig jaar geleden in zijn lied over een ouderwets Utrechts cafe. In Nederland en tal van andere Europese landen blijft het een ergerniswekkend ongemak: het tekort aan goede openbare toiletvoorzieningen. Als ze er al zijn (op straat, in winkelcentra, bij bus- en treinstations), zijn ze vaak ontoegankelijk, niet schoon en in elk geval niet gratis: gebruik kost 70 eurocent of meer. Hoe ideaal anders is dat in Nieuw-Zeeland! Bij Picton deden we de Bob’s Bay Track. Een mooie wandeling langs de kust. Met een klein uurtje waren we bij de baai van Bob, een inham in de bergwand. Daar was een klein grasveldje. En er was een WC. Zelfs daar!

De openbare toiletvoorziening in Nieuw-Zeeland is wonderbaarlijk goed geregeld. In de grote winkelcentra vind je in de toiletruimte, waar je je baby een schone luier om kunt doen soms zelfs een magnetron om de babyvoeding in op te warmen. Op straat is er zelfs in de kleinste plaatsjes altijd wel ergens een toilet in de buurt.

Vrijwel altijd is dat goed onderhouden en voorzien van toiletpapier. En nergens hoeft je te betalen voor het gebruik er van. Het is niet alleen een heel handige manier om wildplassen en -poepen te voorkomen en de leefomgeving schoon te houden. Het is vooral een teken van zorgzame gastvrijheid. Kom daar maar eens om in Europa!

PUZZLE OF THE MONTH

Doe weer eens gezellig mee met deze puzzle!

Weet u de oplossing, stuur het dan even naar:

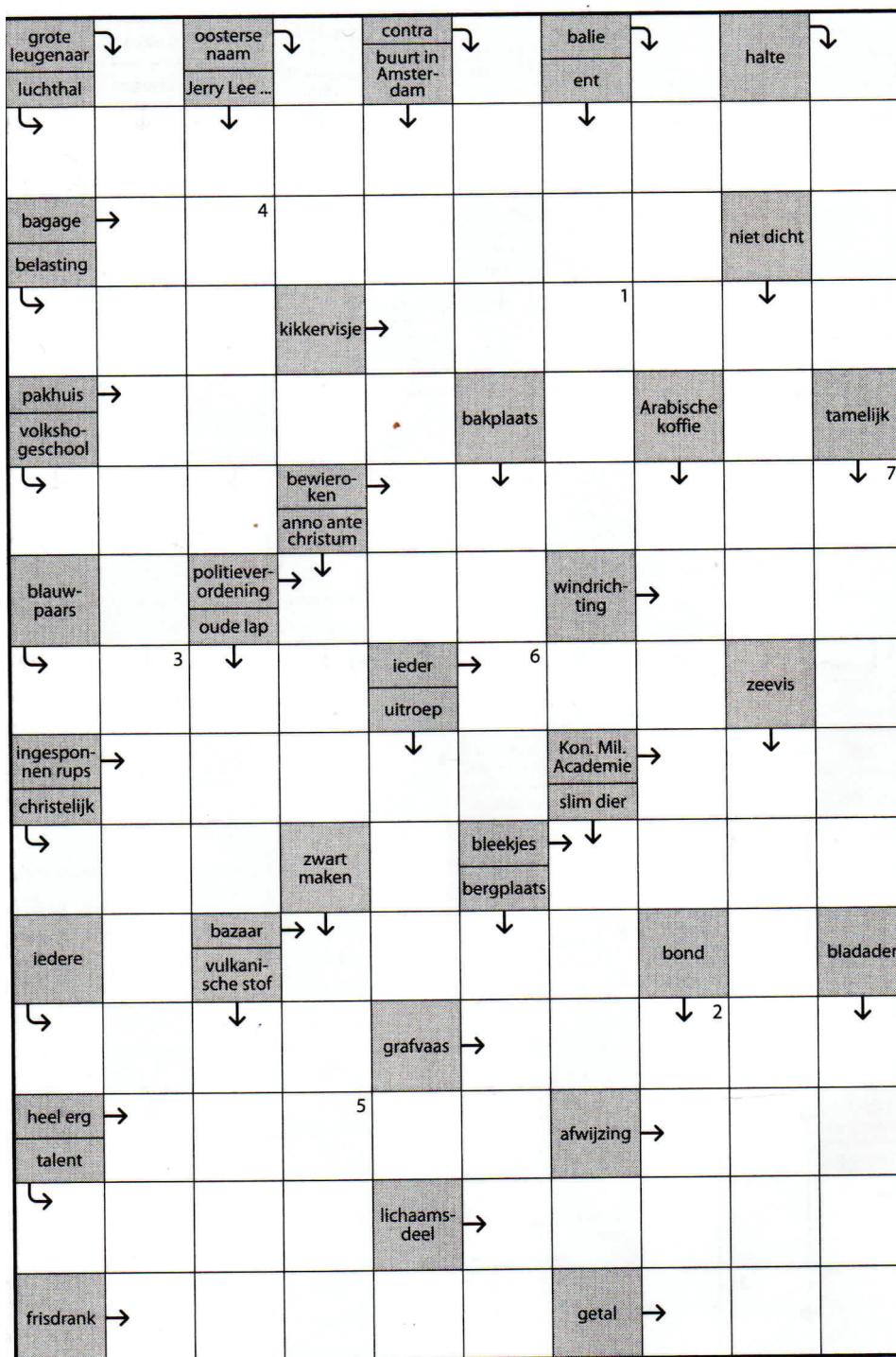
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