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From the desk of the Editor

Well, what a month it has been since our last ECHO newsletter publication. There have been a lot of activities at the club in that time.

We had the Christmas lunch which you will find a report about on pages 6 and 7, along with some lovely photos. We also had the outgoing and incoming of the Honorary Consul with a "meet the Consuls" session, which was a rather fun session and you can find a further report of this on pages 10-12.

We would like to continue with the fun theme, so we have a really fun ditty that was presented to us at the Christmas lunch by Lilian van Elk and you will find that on pages 14 and 15. It certainly makes for fun reading and Lilian tells us that she has quite a few more of these to share. That will be something to look forward to future issues

A new section is Jose's Joke Corner which you can find on page 9.

As part of our Constitution, we need to publish the names of members annually we made the decision at a recent committee meeting that this would occur twice a year. We are in the process of preparing this information and it will be published in the next issue.



Enjoy reading the ECHO and please always know that I welcome any articles or information you would like to submit for publication.

Happy reading,

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From the desk of the President



Dee Segeren

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Hallo beste lezers

Alweer een maand voorbij “time flies when you are having fun” is het gezegde en dat hebben we gehad de afgelopen twee maanden:

- De Swiss movie-night op donderdag 08 juli
- Dutch Market Days op zondag 11 juli en 08 augustus
- Ambassade's pop-up desk dinsdag 13 juli
- Mid-Winter Dinner op zondag 27 juli
- Afscheid van Honorary Consul Gerald van Looy en hartelijk welkom Honorary Consul Geordie Hooft op zondag 01 augustus

Het waren zeer geslaagde festiviteiten.

Ingrid heeft zowel over het mid-winter dinner als het afscheid van Gerald en welkom Geordie, een verslag geschreven. U leest erover op pagina's 6-7 en 10-12.

Mag ik wanbetaler zeggen? Er zijn diverse leden die hun lidmaatschap voor 2021 – 2022 nog niet hebben betaald. In onze vergadering hebben we afgesproken deze “wanbetalers” een brief te sturen zodat deze leden weten dat ze de contributie nog niet hebben betaald.

Tijdens onze bijeenkomsten heb ik van velen onder u gehoord dat u een Google Chromecast heeft gekocht en op deze manier toch BVN kunnen kijken. Dat is natuurlijk fantastisch nieuws. Ook de ambassade is inmiddels actief in deze kwestie en D66 heeft vorige maand kamervragen bij de regering ingediend over de onbereikbaarheid van BVN per 1 juli jl. voor veel Nederlanders wereldwijd, mede naar aanleiding van de brief die de SNBN eerder aan de vaste commissie voor Onderwijs, Cultuur en Wetenschap had gestuurd. In deze brief stelt de SNBN het volgende:

“De SNBN verzoekt uw commissies op korte termijn in gesprek te gaan met zowel de Vlaamse regering en BVN om te kijken of een andere voortzetting van samenwerking toch mogelijk blijkt, als eerste optie. De tweede optie is – uiteraard – het extra financieel ondersteunen van BVN door de Nederlandse regering zodat de Nederlanders buiten Nederland volledig toegang kunnen houden tot BVN.”

Antwoorden van de minister worden later deze maand verwacht.

Ons “Windmill on Marshland” project komt nu echt van de grond. Frank van Schaijik heeft me de afgelopen maand benaderd met vragen over de vergunningen die de gemeente heeft afgegeven. Dit project is een marathon en geen sprint. Keulen en Rome zijn ook niet op één dag gebouwd!

Als u 12 september de Dutch markt bezoekt, kijk dan uit naar de kraam met zoute haring: ze zijn weer in het land dus ook weer op onze markt te koop.

Spring is in the air: dat moet onze federatie ook hebben gedacht. Gister de officiële uitnodiging ontvangen voor de federatie's ANCM vergadering op 30 oktober, met een voorstel de constitutie en regels van de federatie aan te passen.

Ik houd u op de hoogte.

Hartelijke groet,

Dee

Christmas in the Netherlands



As you will know we had a wonderful Mid Winters Christmas celebration. We thought it would be interesting to explore the traditions of Christmas in the Netherlands.

Christmas traditions in the Netherlands are a unique and meaningful celebration of both the secular and spiritual aspects of the Christmas holiday. Weeks of festivities culminate during two distinct holidays within the season, and both are celebrations everyone can enjoy.

Christmas is one festival that has several interesting variations around the globe with respect to the customs and traditions of each province. The difference in the celebration pattern is mainly attributed towards the influences from which the local region derives its traditions, Christmas in The Netherlands being no different. Netherlands has a pre-Christmas celebration that is derived from its political and religious philosophy, and local folklore. Christmas celebrations commence many weeks ahead, starting from the last Saturday of November. The festivity continues until Epiphany, also called "Driekoningen" in Dutch, on January 6th. From traditional church mass to local celebrations, delicious gastronomic treats and weeklong special fetes, you can be assured of a fun-filled Dutch holiday at Christmas.

Christmas Traditions in the Netherlands

- Christmas celebrations begin from the last Saturday of November as the locals begin preparations to celebrate St Nicholas Day on 6th of December.
- In Netherlands, the concept of Santa Claus does not exist. Instead, it is believed that, St Nicholas hands out presents to children on the eve of St Nicholas Day. Children, in the hope of getting desired gifts from their beloved saint, keep some hay and water outside their houses, and near their shoes, at night. The underlying assumption here being that the hay and water would make St Nicholas's horse happy and the duo would leave gifts in the shoes.
- Since children receive gifts on the eve of St Nicholas Day, they usually do not receive any gifts on Christmas Day. After the celebrations of the St Nicholas day, he is said to return to Spain and people continue to prepare for Christmas celebrations.
- Just before Christmas, a tradition known as Midwinter Horn Blowing is practiced in the rural eastern parts of the country where farmers make long horns from trees. The horn is blown

by men, standing over the wells to create a sound that announces the birth of Christ.

Dutch Christmas Customs

- Christmas in Netherlands is celebrated for two consecutive days, i.e., December 25th and 26th, which are both observed as public holidays. The first Christmas Day, i.e., 25th December, is known as "Eerste Kerstdag" meaning "the first day of Christmas" while the second day, i.e., December 26th is called "Tweede Kerstdag" meaning "Boxing Day".
- Christmas celebrations include a traditional church ceremony and a traditional family meal which comprises of hare, goose, turkey, Kerstbrood (Christmas loaf), Kerstkrans (Christmas Ring), gourmetten and Pannekoeken (pancake).
- On the first day Christmas carols are sung and the birth of Christ is enacted and other popular Christmas tales are narrated. The second day is spent with fun-filled, leisure activities that involve attending dinner parties, plays, symphonies and eating out with friends.
- Children are usually given a two-week holiday to enjoy the festivity. The Christmas celebrations come to an end after New Year and Epiphany, or "Driekoningen", is celebrated on January 6th.
- On the day of Epiphany, kids, dressed as the Three Wise Men, travel around the city carrying lanterns and enacting the "Driekoningen" and singing carols. In return, children are offered cakes and sweets.
- During Christmas, big cities like Rotterdam, The Hague, Amsterdam and Eindhoven are seen busy with celebrations and entertainment. But, in the southern part of the country, people are commonly busy with religious ceremonies and churches are seen bustling with parishioners on Christmas Day.

Such is the glory of Christmas that all countries in the world stop everything and engage in joyous celebrations to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. We hope that the above write-up gave you enough insights about the Christmas traditions in Netherlands and you feel wiser than you felt at the beginning of the article.

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I admire Santa Claus!



I admire Santa Claus although to be honest, I think the one that visited us could do with a nicer pair of boots.... He really is a busy guy, travelling around the world all the time and we were very lucky he had time to join us at our wonderful Midwinter Lunch on Sunday the 25th of July. I know that the little children present were enthralled to see Santa arrive and they certainly quickly took all the sweets that he offered, especially enjoying the Dutch liquorice coated with candy.

I wonder, who is paying for Santa's ticket to get around the globe. I know he was present at the German Christmas Market in Christchurch a week before as well, so maybe the Dutch and Germans made a good deal together?! Anyway, we loved catching up with him again and the

committee members loved (I write loved, because they will all have been eaten by now) the gekleurde dropjes they were given.

President Dee welcomed us all, making special mention of outgoing honorary Consul Gerald van Looy and his wife Helen. We were very pleased to see you all, thank you for bringing along your family and friends to join us! There were approximately 80 guests at the lunch, it was certainly a full house. I know there were a lot of people as I was kept busy folding the serviettes. 😊

The traditional Dutch food was delicious again although eating the *tompoes* turned out to be a bit of a challenge for some of you. By the way, someone told me she hadn't eaten *erwtensoep* for about 35 years! The young children thought this was really tasty, even though they had never eaten this before.



This event was also a great moment for the newly formed committee to learn to work together as a team. I hope the 'veterans' did not get too annoyed by all the questions we 'new ones' asked them. In retrospect I think it went very well.

Listening to Lillian's ditty was very entertaining with many loud peels of laughter heard at many points in telling her yarn. You can find the full version of the ditty further on in the newsletter.

We sold a lot of raffle tickets for the benefit of the choir and we were able to hand out some great prizes. Thank you all for your generous contribution! We enjoyed the choir's performance and everybody joined the sing-along with great enthusiasm. I have to admit that I was not one of them because I seem to sing as out of tune as a crow and therefore, I am not even allowed to sing in the bathroom

And last but not least, we couldn't keep our feet still when watching the wonderful Irish dancing, the dancers showing off in their beautiful costumes. Because of the great way they performed it looked like it was easy to do, but I know from experience that Irish dancing is not for the faint-hearted. Maybe they will let us practice with them a bit next time!

I hope to see you all again soon, met hartelijke groeten van a Dutch-Irish dancer who can't sing. 😊

Submitted by Ingrid Rammers

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To reduce waiting times for you at our counter, we have introduced an online appointment system.

Jose's jokes corner



1.

A man brings his best buddy back home for dinner.

His wife screams at him, "my hair and makeup are not done, the house is a mess, the dishes are not done, I'm still in my pyjamas, and I just can't be bothered with cooking tonight, what did you bring your friend around for?"

The man replies, "because he's thinking of getting married".

2.

An elderly couple talk in the evening:

"Honey I'm so sorry I let out my anger at you so often. How do you manage to stay so calm with my foul moods?"

She said, "I always go and clean the toilet when that happens"

He asked, "And that helps?"

Her response, "Yes, because I'm using your toothbrush".

3.

A young boy enters a barber shop and the barber whispers to his customer. "This is the dumbest kid in the world...Watch while I prove it to you".

The barber puts a dollar bill in one hand and two quarters in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, "Which do you want, son?"

The boy takes the quarters and leaves. "What did I tell you", said the barber "That kid never learns!"

Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream store.

"Hey son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the quarters instead of the dollar bill?"

The boy licked his cone and replied, "Because the day I take the dollar, the game is over".

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**"I am pleased
to meet you!"**

My name is **Poppy** and I am a West Highland white terrier.

You might not have noticed me, but I was hiding behind the couch in the cozy corner that was set up by Janice on Sunday the 1st of August at the Netherlands Society in Christchurch.

That afternoon the members of the Society were given the opportunity to welcome the newly appointed Honorary Consul of the Netherlands for the South Island, Geordie Hooft and say goodbye to Gerald van Looy, the outgoing Honorary Consul, and his wife Helen.

Interview

Geordie is my *baasje*, although I shouldn't say *baasje* because he is 1.93m! He certainly is a Dutch descendant because I read in the last Echo that Dutch men are the tallest people in the world!

Anyway, back to Sunday afternoon where Dee, the president of the Society, welcomed everybody warmly. After this, Geordie, Gerald and Helen were asked to take place in the cozy corner which I mentioned above and a nice lady, called Ingrid, started asking them a lot of questions. I think this is called an 'interview'.

with 'no comment!' but they all were happy to share their personal information with the guests, which was very much appreciated.

Unfortunately, my *bazin*, who is called Deborah (Deb for insiders) was not able to attend the happening due to a family commitment. We look forward to seeing her next time!

About the name 't Hooft

The first interview question concerned Geordie's surname that actually is not *Hooft* but 't *Hooft*. After arriving in New Zealand from Amsterdam in 1965 his parents encountered a lot of difficulties with the proper spelling of their surname after which they decided to skip 't and only use *Hooft*. The Kiwis pronounce it as *Hoeft*.

Recently Geordie and Deb's children (I consider myself as an insider thus I am allowed to call her Deb) decided to reinstate their official surname again, which I think is great. This might have some consequences for my last name, being a part of the family, as well!

Geordie's family

Geordie told Ingrid that he was born in New Zealand and that he and Deb are the proud parents of four children. The eldest girl (Caitlin, 25) moved to

Ashburton and works as a lawyer at Arrowsmith Law.

The next oldest (Lachlan, 23 years) also studies law and will graduate after this year. Number three is twins (Chelsea and Jacob, nearly 20). Chelsea is busy studying for a science degree. Jacob lives north of Auckland, where he is studying to obtain his license to become a parachuting instructor. I hope he is not going to ask me to join him on one of his skydiving trips!

Gerald's and Helen's free time

Gerald and Helen have already filled in their newly obtained free time, not being a consul and consul's wife anymore, with a lot of different activities, work and finishing their house. They seem to have a special connection with Kaikoura because they are considering buying a house there.

They recently became the proud *opa en oma* of a granddaughter which means they also will spend time in Wanaka on a regular basis from now on.

Dutch food and beer

Apart from sharing a professional background, Geordie and Gerald both seem to like a nice glass of tasty Monniken-Trappist beer. Talking about food, Helen was asked whether she ever has eaten a 'patatje oorlog'.

This famous (!) Dutch dish consists of chips topped with Indonesian peanut-butter sauce called satay sauce, mayonnaise and chopped onions. It doesn't sound very appealing to me and I think I prefer my dog food instead!



I also found out that Geordie loves to eat *witlof* and he likes to make a *huzarensalade*. Well, he certainly never shared anything of this with me! I'll have to remember to tell him that he can buy the *witlof* at the Dutch Market. By the way, there seems to be a restaurant in Blenheim that serves *witlof* (perhaps having a Dutch Chef?).

The family also loves Dutch *bitterballen* and *oliebollen* which they prepare themselves. Apart from that Geordie has been practicing how to eat raw herring during his visits to the Netherlands. To be honest, I would like to taste one as well!

Dutch language

Geordie told us his parents taught him to speak Dutch as a preschooler. This prompted Ingrid to ask Gerald, Helen and Geordie to pronounce the Dutch word: 'hottentottententententoonstelling' which they did very successfully, my compliments!

Visiting the Netherlands

The last time Gerald and Helen visited their Dutch family in the Haarlem region was in 2017. They made a lot of excursions and Helen was very impressed by the historic *Zaagmolens*. They loved visiting the famous Dutch jazz café 'Bolle Jan' in Amsterdam, where they could enjoy... yes, you already guessed it right... a Monniken beer!



In 2016, Geordie and Deb travelled to the Netherlands with their children and they visited many locations that have a special connection with the 't Hooft-family. Apart from making several other trips, they also visited Vaals, the three-country-corner where the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium meet on the top of the highest mountain in the Netherlands which is 332.4m (!) above sea level.

Well, I would not call that a mountain; I could run up there easily on my four legs! Unfortunately, I was not joining them at that time but I hope they will take me with them when they are going to live in the Netherlands for a year, which they hope to do somewhere in the future.

Being a consul

Gerald was asked what the funniest moment has been during the period of being a consul and he told us a very interesting story which is shared with you here:

-- Some time ago King Willem-Alexander and Queen Máxima visited New Zealand. The business lunch they were attending went a bit over time and as a result they had to hurry to be in time getting to the airport for their flight.

After I had just guided a few Dutch Ministers of Parliament to a waiting car I hurried back to accompany the King and his wife to their car. At the moment I turned around I almost bumped into the King. Fortunately, King Willem-Alexander solved this embarrassing situation very humorously by saying: "That was very close!" –

Hobbies

By the way, have you seen me running alongside Geordie's bike lately? Together with Deb, we often go for a bike ride along the great new cycle trails in and around Christchurch. I noticed that Geordie received an orange (!) colored waist bag to use while biking. I do hope he will not forget to take some dog treats for me as well!

He also has a motorbike, a BMW for those who are interested. He confessed that he once made the mistake of riding to the Westcoast without taking the proper gear. I suppose you already guessed what happened, it started to rain cats and dogs (no not me). As he said, it was a learning curve!

Apart from running alongside his bike, I also love it when Geordie takes me for a walk, although this happens not as often as I would wish. But I do understand he is a busy guy having his own home office consultancy business specializing in tax issues. Apart from that he has various additional positions. But you might have read about that already in the August issue of the Echo.

What you might not know yet, is that he is currently also doing a part-time study for a Bachelor of

Arts in History at Canterbury University. He is particularly interested in learning more about Dutch history. I told you he is a busy guy!

Guests

As you will understand this interviewing thing and all the talking took some time. I had the impression the guests really enjoyed it and the conversation afterwards was very animated.

During the interview the guests were served a drink and some nice savory and sweet snacks, a great 'thank you' to the members of the committee helping out in the kitchen! The food smelled good, I really got hungry, it was a pity they didn't notice me....

Word of thanks

Last but not least, Gerald expressed his deep gratitude to the Netherlands Society for the continuous pleasant relationship and the extensive support he received during his position as an Honorary Consul.

Of course, as you all know, this is not really a goodbye because he and Helen always will be part of the Dutch community and stay on as members of the Society as well.

Gerald also mentioned that he is convinced Geordie will represent the role of Honorary Consul extremely well and he is confident that the Dutch community will be in safe hands.

His advice to Geordie was: 'ENJOY!'.



PS: Don't worry about me, I am safe! At the end of the afternoon Tom, the one that was taking notes during the interview at the back of the room, discovered my hiding place. He gave me a tasty bone and some water and brought me back home to Geordie and Deb again.

Submitted by Ingrid Rammers

Olympic Games



Pieter van den Hoogenband (L), Keet Oldenbeuving and Churandy Martina at the launch of the Dutch Olympic campaign. *Photo: Olaf Kraak ANP*

The Olympics is over, but wow what an outcome.

It was absolutely amazing to see how well all of our New Zealand athletes did at the Olympics. Lisa Carrington, the rowers and everyone else who medalled did us extremely proud. New Zealand for such a small nation with a population of 5,000,000 finished 13th overall on the medal table with a tally of 20 medals. We finished 4th per capita, so that is an amazing achievement.

But the Dutch also had very high hopes for their medal prospects at the Olympics with sending a record squad to Tokyo.

The Netherlands sent a record squad of some 290 sports men and women to this year's Olympic Games in Tokyo.

The games, held over from 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic, ran until August 8, largely away from spectators and amid strict Covid controls.

The Netherlands had high hopes this year and TeamNL set a target of finishing in the top 10 of the medals table. The Dutch qualified to take part in 34 of the 50 Olympic disciplines.

Among the sports where the Dutch had high hopes of winning were field hockey — the Dutch teams recently won both European championships — women's football, sailing, swimming, cycling and rowing, where the Dutch competed in 11 of the 14 races.

Names to watch out for were Sharon van Rouwendaal, title holder in the women's 10-kilometre open water swimming event,

distance runner Sifan Hassan, swimmer Ranomi Kromowidjojo and windsurfer Lilian de Geus.

Sprinter Churandy Martina, took part in his fifth and final games, and was the Dutch flag carrier at the opening ceremony alongside skateboarder Keet Oldenbeuving, who is just 16.

Well placed

Mission chief and former Olympic swimmer Pieter van den Hoogenband told reporters that he would not make any predictions about how well the Netherlands would do. "I never liked it when people used to ask that when I was competing," he said. "But I do think we are well placed compared with other countries".

Statistical analysis group Gracenote had forecasted the Dutch would come in 6th with 48 medals, but warned that 'this Olympics is even more unpredictable than usual'.

Best ever

The best-ever Dutch medal winning performance at a Summer Olympics was Sydney 2000 when the Dutch picked up 25 medals.

At the Rio Olympics in 2016, the Netherlands won 19 medals but did finish 11th the medals table overall.

So how well did the Dutch do at the Tokyo Olympics? They have certainly have had their best Olympics ever with 36 medals and placing 7th overall. Below are the results.

GOLD= 10, SILVER = 12, BRONZE = 14
TOTAL = 36

The Oldies Xmas Party

This wonderful little ditty was shared by Lilian van Elk at the Xmas party. It certainly got a lot of very loud laughs.

Here is just a short monologue for you:

The global economic downturn
hit the town of Woolibug
and the oldies in the nursing
home were running out of luck.

The management cut staff and
food and then on top of that
their xmas party had been
cancelled, everyone felt
pretty flat
but those oldies were
determined to have their
xmas back,
despite the lack of food and
drink and the total lack of cash.

They started squirreling food
away as sneaky as could be
and they planned to make
themselves a great big pot
of herbal tea.

The evening of the party came
and smiles were on their faces,
as heaps of hoarded goodies
were hauled out of hiding
places.

The night nurse didn't bother
them as she was sound asleep.
They'd slipped some pills into her
tea and she didn't make a peep.

Those nice young folks next
door are growing herbs in their
back shed,

I'm sure they'll let us pick some
for the herbal tea, they said.

There was no one home next
door but they thought it

wouldn't be a drama.

They didn't know those herbs
were hydroponic marijuana.

They picked a great big bunch
and chopped them up and made
a brew

and those oldies got stuck into it,
they didn't have a clue.

That herbal tea was popular and
they couldn't get enough

so, they went next door and got
more herbs and made heaps of
the stuff.

Well, all those oldies started
feeling good and put some
music on

but all those hoarded goodies
were very quickly gone.

Jono said we need to get some
grog and more to eat

So, he and Freda got the electric
scooter and they took off down
the street

They reached the hotel drive
thru and skidded to a stop and

those two thirsty spaced-out
oldies hit the bottle shop.

They loaded up with chips and
grog some coke and bundie rum,

the barman told them \$80 bucks
they said in your bum.

They piled onto the scooter and
took off down the street.

The barman chased them for
a while but they soon had him
beat.

They were going pretty well but
their luck just couldn't last

and Jono mooned a police car
as they were driving past.

The cops hit lights and sirens,
and gave chase down the track
behind that scooter full of stolen
grog with a flasher on the back.

Freda had the hammer down
and Jono did a freeze

Hanging on for grim death with
his trackies round his knees.

They shot into the nursing home
and the cops were right behind
but they were not prepared for
all that they were going to find.

On a sofa in the corner like
teenagers on a date

were Percy Jones and Agnus
Wilson in a compromising state

There were 30 tripped out oldies
on the floor with creaking bones

leaping round stark-naked
dancing to the rolling stones.

Some of them had passed out
and lay snoring where they fell

and all that white and wobbly
flesh was like a scene from hell.

The cops tried to restore order
but those oldies wouldn't hear

they thought the cops were
party strippers and started
ripping off their gear.

Those lawmen were
outnumbered and they quickly
had enough

with naked granny screeching
take it off and strut your stuff.

Clutching disappearing dignity,
the police patrol retreated

Too embarrassed to report how
they had been defeated.

They left those oldies raging,
there was no way they could be
stopped.

They ate the chips and drank
the grog and partied till they
dropped.

The nursing staff arrived next
day put them all to bed and
fearing an investigation nothing
more was said.

But the thought of naked
grannies still fills those cops with
fear

and they both get kind of
twitchy if an oldy gets too near.

The oldies all recovered from
their wild and drunken fling

they all slept for a week, couldn't
remember anything

But the nursing home is well
prepared for next year's
celebration

They're stocking up
on Valium to control
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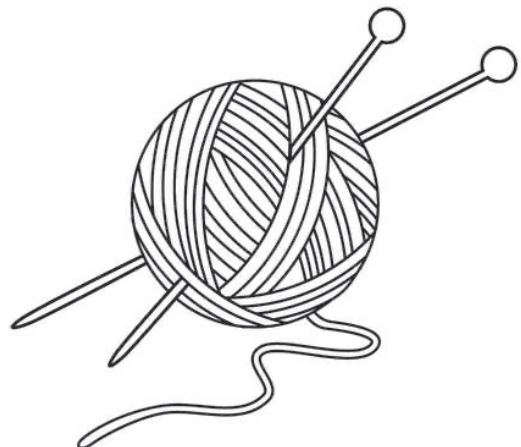
Can anyone help?

Dear Friends

Would any of the ladies who knitted with me those many teddy bears, still have a pattern I can use, as I am wanting to start knitting again. If so please give me a call on 03 3252724.

Thanks very much.

Olga Verstappen



What's On – Calendar of Events

Dutch Market

Sunday 12 September 2021

Sunday 10 October 2021

Sunday 14 November 2021

10am-12.30pm

Poffertjes, een broodje kroket, witlof, kaas, broodje haring en allerlei lekkere Nederlandse etenswaren

Toenail Culture Ale

15, 16, 17 October 2021

Klaverjas Club

5 September 2021

23 October 2021

Leidens Ontzet Luncheon

Sunday 3 October 2021

Leidens Ontzet in conjunction with the Neerlandia choir concert.

Starts 12 midday with the choir singing.

Cost:

- \$22.00 members,
- \$33.00 non-members

Bar will be open

Children under 10, free with paying guests.

Menu:

- Haring met witte brood
- Hutspot
- Apple crumble with ice cream and cream.

Door open at 11.30am

Bookings can be made by calling Annie, Ph: 383 1594 or mob: 021 062 5656 before 28 October.

Youth Of Yesterday

Every Friday morning

9.30am-2pm (approx)

A small charge of \$2. A bottomless cup of coffee/tea is provided. Bring your own lunch. If you know of someone or a group who would like to come, bring them. There is plenty of room.

We have 3 groups going at present;

Cards, rummikub and adult colouring in.

Maybe you would just like to get out of the house for a coffee and chat with a group of friends, or maybe you are a group of knitters, crochet, etc. You are most welcome. We have plenty of space.

Phone Lilian for information: (03) 381 0218

Mystery Bus Tour

17 November 2021

The entertainment committee is in the planning stages of a bus trip for members. The final details are not yet determined, but it is expected to be somewhere down south such as Mt Cook, Oamaru etc (wouldn't a trip to Milford or the Catlins be great) for 3-4 days. The bus capacity will be approximately for 16-18 people.

Editor's note: I remember my mother used to love these bus trips, they were always filled with loads of laughter and lots of great adventures.

Sinterklaas Afternoon

28 November 2021

For mature members. There will be an auction also.

Sinterklaas Picnic

Sunday 5 December 2021

Christmas BBQ

19 December 2021

Other Clubs

The Swiss Club

- 5pm Saturday 04 September at Netherlands Society club rooms – Movie night

The Hungarian Club

- 11 Hardy St – New Brighton, Christchurch
www.HungarianClub.nz
- 12pm, 17th October
1956 Remembrance
- 20th November,
Hungarian Fair (details to follow)
- Pool competition later in the year (details to follow)
- 3pm, 5th December,
St Nicholas

The Austrian Club:

- Mid October Wine Tasting at Rosebank
- Sunday 5th December:
Christmas Dinner at The Elms

Calling all singers. We need you!

Hoi, het Neerlandia koor zoekt naar nieuwe leden die van zingen houden in het Hollands, Engels, en Duits. We kunnen mensen voor het kerst concert gebruiken, we zingen dan nederlandse kerst liedjes. Kom naar de Everglades op woensdag avond van 7pm tot 9 pm, je hoeft echt geen opera zanger te zijn, je moet gewoon van zingen houden.

We gaan ook wel eens zingen voor bejaarde in Nederlandse kledij (of klederdracht).

Zo, als je denkt dat je het leuk vindt kom langs.



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News from the Netherlands

Gradually as the world starts to open up the Netherlands is allowing more events and gatherings to take place. Festivals with up to 750 visitors can go ahead from mid-August.

Small one-day outdoor festivals with up to 750 visitors could be held under strict conditions from August 14, the cabinet decided.

But bigger events, with thousands of people, are still out of the question, even if they don't involve overnight stays, ministers said.

To attend a small outdoor event — which can take place in a tent if all four sides are open — visitors will have to show they are fully vaccinated, have a negative test no older than 24 hours, or have had coronavirus within the past six months.

The organisers of festivals and events which cannot now go ahead can claim compensation from the government's special coronavirus funds.

The cabinet's decision follows recommendations from its Outbreak Management Team experts who say that it is only responsible to decide about small scale events at the moment.

The decision should have been taken on August 13 but had been brought forward at the request of event organisers who said they would take the cabinet to court unless they had clarity earlier.

Last week the cabinet decided that multi-day festivals could not be held until September 1 at least because of the infection risk.

At least 62 clusters of at least 20 coronavirus infections were identified in the two weeks that restrictions on cafes, clubs and festivals were lifted, according to figures put together by public health institute RIVM. So, it shows that extra care and caution still needs to be taken. Don't go planning that trip to the Netherlands just yet.



Meanwhile in Amsterdam the locals are not happy with the opening of the borders that allows tourists to come into the country. They say, "The problems are the uncontrollable groups of drinking Brits" and as a result, Amsterdam tells party tourists to stay home



Artist and tour guide Louke Spigt makes ends meet by offering tours to some of the millions of foreign visitors who pour into the Dutch capital Amsterdam each year seeking culture, cannabis, and excitement.

But even she has misgivings about their return after the Dutch government started lifting most lockdown restrictions in April, opening the door again to mass tourism in one of the world's most-visited cities.





Regel openstelling dubbele nationaliteit in regeerakkoord

Nederland, handelsland. Je komt ons overal ter wereld tegen. We ondernemen in het buitenland, spreken onze talen, we zorgen voor internationaal toerisme en we zijn de beste ambassadeurs van Nederland. Voor de internationale activiteiten en de economische positie van Nederland zijn wij van onmisbaar belang. Maar velen van ons, ongeveer één miljoen Nederlanders buiten de landsgrenzen, zitten klem.

Een oude wet over de Nederlandse nationaliteit raakt ons zowel zakelijk als persoonlijk, en plaatst ons geregeld voor onmogelijke keuzes. Wij willen graag Nederlander blijven, maar zonder de lokale nationaliteit aan te nemen, kunnen we vaak geen huis kopen, een baan niet krijgen, geen visa geregeld krijgen of bedrijf starten, onze geliefden niet zien en geen gewoon leven leiden. Nederlandse Kamers van Koophandel in het buitenland herkennen dit probleem eveneens.

Als we de nationaliteit van ons woonland aannemen, pakt Nederland ons op basis van een wet uit 1892 ongemerkt het Nederlanderschap af. Met onmiddellijke ingang, zonder waarschuwing, zonder recht

op beroep. Jong of oud, progressief of conservatief, getrouwd of alleenstaand, baby of pensionado: het kan ons allemaal raken. Ons paspoort, onze identiteit wordt afgepakt.

STOP MET AFPAKKEN NEDERLANDSE PASPOORTEN

Voor een land dat zo internationaal opereert, juist ook in de handel, is dit hopeloos ouderwets. Van Frankrijk tot Amerika, van Australië tot Noorwegen: veel landen hebben dubbele nationaliteit inmiddels wél ingevoerd en daarmee de huidige internationale context van hun burgers geaccepteerd.

Daarom roepen wij, Stichting Nederlanders buiten Nederland (SNBN), onderhandelaars Rutte en Kaag op gezamenlijk via het nieuwe regeerakkoord eindelijk dit probleem op te lossen: help ons Nederlander te blijven, help ons de internationale handel en belangen van Nederland te vergroten, en behoud de status van Nederland als sociaal en cultureel gidsland.

Hoe?

- **Sta dubbele nationaliteit toe aan Nederlanders in het buitenland**
- **Geef het Nederlanderschap terug aan degenen die het verloren hebben**

Het nieuwe regeerakkoord is dé mogelijkheid om het nu echt op te lossen. Steun ons in de strijd tegen het afpakken van Nederlandse paspoorten.

Help mee: doneer € 35 via NL38 INGB 0006 7695 48 t.n.v. Stichting Nederlanders buiten Nederland (SNBN). SNBN is door de Nederlandse belastingdienst erkend als algemeen nut beogende instelling (ANBI).

SNBN is de grootste onafhankelijke belangenorganisatie van alle Nederlanders in het buitenland, ongeacht politieke afkomst, locatie, verblijfsduur of levenssituatie. Onze Regionaal Vertegenwoordigers zitten over de hele wereld. De SNBN is politiek neutraal; de leden van het bestuur zijn lid van verschillende Nederlandse politieke partijen.

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Update on the 4Green Foundation project — a greener planet every day!

In the August issue of the Echo, we shared information with you on the wonderful project of the 4Green Foundation. First our apologies for publishing incorrect names beneath the photo of the crew of the New Nexus; their correct names are Bibi Brongers and Niels Tammeling.

We had hoped to be able to invite you to an event in September or October during which Bibi and Niels could have shared their knowledge on sailing self-sufficiently around the world and tell us about their adventures regarding their fight for a greener planet.

Unfortunately for us, they have decided to fly back to the Netherlands in due time. As soon as the Covid-19 situation allows the world to open up again Bibi and Neils will travel back to New Zealand after which they will continue their journey.

Hopefully they will have some spare time then to come to Christchurch and meet up with us. In the meantime, keep an eye on their website: www.4greenfoundation.com.

We'll keep you posted!



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Klaverjas Club “Ons Genoegen”

We hebben net gehoord dat New Zealand weer in level 4 – lockdown is vanwege de Covid virus. Dat heb als je de MENS wat goede raad geeft en dan is er altijd EEN die de andere kant op gaat net zoals een stelletje schapen je zou de hond er op zetten misschien dringt het dan tot hen door, maar de kaartclub scharrelt er mooi door heen. We spleen op dinsdag en de Covid lockdown duurt maar vier dagen, dus zo kaarters maak je zelf klaar voor volgende week. Het jaarlijkse rooster is nog steeds niet uit gemaakt er is er een die iets voor staat maar de rest staat nog steeds op een hoopje zo het zal dan een gedrang worden op einde van het jaar, maar de meeste kaarters zijn niet meer zo fanatiek en die komen voor de gezelligheid en dat is volgens mij het voornaamste. De winnaars van de 27 ste Juli waren 1ste Johan Nieuwenhuize met 5281 punten en 2de Gerard van Kuppevelt met 5022 punten. En op de 10 augustus 1ste Arda Hogendoorn met 5378 punten en 2de Gerard van Kuppevelt met 5022 punten. Al de winnaars gefeliciteerd en de verliezers volgende keer jullie beurt. We hebben net op het nieuws gehoord dat het lockdown geen weken voor ons zal duren zo ik zal maar afscheid nemen met zie je dinsdag morgen om 10.30 uur. Neem een stevige borrel blijf lekker thuis bij de kachel en heel veel plezier in het spel van het leven proost.



New members welcome!

Are you or a friend considering becoming a member of the NSC?

For more info contact the Membership Secretary: 022 362 3411, secretary.nsc@gmail.com
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