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King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands.

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Editor's note

We have a jam-packed edition of the ECHO this month. There are so many things to read and catch up on.

Please do join us for all the activities for Kings Day, Dutch week and the Easter celebrations.

Please keep all those articles coming, it is great to hear from you all.



Meri Gibson

Editor, Echo

Important notice:

The consular team from the Dutch embassy in Wellington will be visiting Christchurch on 19 April 2022, where you will be able to apply for a Dutch passport and activate your DigiD.

Booking needs to be done online via this link:
<https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/latest-news/news/2022/03/16/netherlands-embassy-consular-pop-up-christchurch-19-april-2022>

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Want to contribute to the next issue of the Echo Newsletter?

Echo Material for the next issue of the Echo has to be in by the 20th of each month. Although handwritten material is acceptable if clearly readable, the editor will be very happy with typewritten articles. You would, however, really make my day with your contributions as an attachment to email or with an email. Please ensure any images are of good quality.

Please send to: meri@calibrae.co.nz

President's greeting



Dee Segeren

President
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Hallo beste allemaal,

Alweer een maand voorbij. Wat gaat de tijd vlug. Mijn ouders zeiden altijd "Als je zo oud bent als wij, gaat de tijd nog sneller" en ik geloof dat ze gelijk hadden 😊.

Op zondag 27 februari hebben we in het grasveld naast ons clubgebouw, het spel Klootschieten gespeeld. Een spel dat de meeste deelnemers niet kenden. Ondanks het feit dat de opkomst aan de magere kant was, werd het door jongste deelnemer – 6 jaar – en oudste deelnemster – 87 jaar – vol enthousiasme gespeeld. Er waren 6 teams die hun beste "worp" voorzetten om de eerste prijs in de wacht te slepen: The Rascells, De Dames, De Keiergooiers Van Amersfoort, The Ellery Mafia, The Bakkertjes en met de minste worpen team The Banana Splits. De lunch was ook een groot success: de tomaten en groente soep gingen erin als koek en ook het broodje kroket, ijsje en tompoes, waren niet te versmaden. Kijk op pagina's 11 and 12 voor een uitgebreid verslag en foto collage.

April is Paas maand. Pasen zonder eieren zoeken is ondenkbaar. Een traditie die wij – NSC – een warm hart toedragen. Op zondag 10 april kun je niet alleen onze Dutch Market bezoeken, maar hebben we ook eieren zoeken voor de jonge generatie georganiseerd. Lees hierover meer op pagina 4 en 5.

Koning Willem Alexander viert op 27 april zijn verjaardag. Op die dag vieren we dat lokaal in Aikmans Sports Bar. Hoe u kaarten kunt bestellen, leest u op pagina 7. NSC viert Koning Willem Alexander's verjaardag op zondag 1 mei. Natuurlijk wordt het weer net zo'n festijn als vorig jaar: versierde fietsen, spellen, een suikerspin machine en natuurlijk de vrijmarkt. Wellicht een goed idee om alvast ergens in huis / garage een stapeltje "vrijmarkt" te maken. Dus haal die versieringen uit de kast, zet je beste beentje voor met spijker poepen en al die andere spellen. We sluiten de dag ook dit jaar weer af met een lunch. Details op pagina 4 en 5.

De rekeningen voor NSC's lidmaatschap 2022 – 2023 en Echo's advertenties zijn verstuurd. De betalingen komen gestaag binnen. Dankjewel daarvoor. We waarderen dat jullie betalen, zonder dat wij je "achter de broek" aan moeten zitten. Ik weet dat het nog geen "due date" is, maar ik wil je toch vriendelijk verzoeken de betaling niet uit te stellen.

Miryam en Lilian hebben op zondag 20 en donderdag 25 februari de eerste "meet and greet" bijeenkomsten voor de Nederlandse les gehouden en zijn zondag 13 februari officieel begonnen. Lees hun verslag op pagina 16 en 17.

Elke maand valt de Echo op de mat of in je email box. Het is niet altijd even makkelijk om interessante artikelen bij elkaar te sprokkelen. Het gebeurt ook maar zelden dat onze lezers een stukje insturen. Dat is eigenlijk wel vreemd, want er is toch altijd wel iets te melden of een opmerking te plaatsen, maar wij krijgen / horen die niet. Dus als je iets wilt aankondigen, een opmerking wilt maken of gewoon wil vertellen "wist je dat", stuur onze editor een email of geef Meri een telefoontje. De Echo is van ons allemaal, dus je input wordt zeer op prijs gesteld. Kijk op pagina 12 en 13 wat sommigen van ons te vertellen hebben.

Deze maand starten we met een recepten pagina, daar was vraag naar. Kijk hiervoor op pagina 10 en 11. Dus als je dat recept - dat al vele generaties in je familie wordt gebruikt - met ons wilt delen, stuur het naar onze editor. De recepten pagina krijgt een vaste plaats in onze Echo.

Het is pas april, maar het is juni voordat je het weet. Onze AGM wordt altijd in juni gehouden, maar dit jaar is de AGM op zondag 3 juli gepland. Wellicht een goed idee om na te denken of er iets is wat je in deze vergadering aan de orde wilt stellen. Misschien wil je een remit indienen voor een verandering / verbetering. De documenten voor deze vergadering worden begin juni verstuurd.

Hartelijke groet,

Dee

NSC Easter and Dutch Week

Dutch Market and Easter Egg hunt for the children on Sunday 10 April

Starts at 10am and at 11am the entertainment (knutselen).

Children can bring their colour-in page or do one on the day, we will have extra copies.

First, second and third prize for 3 different ages.

Children can make some easter decorations or other things.

Easter Bunny will be helping them.

Egg hunt around 12 midday.

There is no charge.

Please book for your child before 1 April with Annie mob: 021-0625656 or Ph: 383 1594



Kingsday celebrations on Sunday 1 May, 10am

Lunch and vrijmarkt for the children plus games and bring your decorated bike or scooter.

Wear orange.

Children can win prizes with their decorated bikes.

Games:

- Spijkerpoepen
- Sjoelen
- Ballen gooien
- Jeu de Boule
- Blikken lopen
- koning prikken

Stalls: Lekker Dutch, Ogees Coffee Car, suikerspin.

Lunch at 12 midday.

Menu

- Pea soup and tomato soup
- Broodje kroket
- Tompouce (custard square)

Cost \$20 for members. Children under 10 free. Non-members \$25

Children will all receive an ice block.

Bookings before 25 April to Annie mob: 021-0625656 or Ph: 383 1594



Easter colouring-in competition

for the little and not so little kids



Name: _____

Age: _____



News from the Embassy

Volume 1, Issue 4

March 2022

Important dates

Pop Up consular desks

Christchurch

19 April
Netherlands Society

Hamilton

15 June
Zenders

Auckland

tbc
Holland House

Tip of the month

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23 April - 1 May 2022

The program for the Dutch week is starting to take form!

Saturday 23 April	Opening and Big Dutch Day Out Foxton
	Official Opening Film festival Auckland, Christchurch & Wellington t.b.c.
Monday 25 April	ANZAC DAY
Tuesday 26 April	DBA event in Auckland t.b.c.
Wednesday 27 April	Kingsday Start orange lights around the country
Friday 29 April	Speech competition Dutch Language Day
Saturday 30 April	Nationwide Orange Bike Ride Vrijmarkten and Kingsday celebrations
Sunday 1 May	Closing Film festival Auckland, Christchurch & Wellington t.b.c. Commemoration of end of WW2 Auckland

The program is subject to change. More information and the program please visit www.dutchnz.nz

The annual Dutch Week that will be celebrated at the end of April, is set to cast an even brighter orange glow across Aotearoa New Zealand than at its premiere in 2021.

Dutch Week aims to enhance the visibility of local Dutch communities, and the contributions they make to a diverse Aotearoa. It lets people share in the strong connections between the Netherlands and New Zealand.

Under the umbrella of Dutch clubs, businesses and associations, volunteers are working together to roll out a wide range of fun activities nationwide.

"Last year we celebrated with numerous events, and the Sky Tower and other major landmarks were lit up in orange – during our first ever Dutch Week" says Ambassador Mira Woldberg. "This year, we want to build on that and add more typically Dutch activities for family and whanau to enjoy, like nationwide orange bike rides."

Travelling to the Netherlands

The Netherlands have loosened their Covid restrictions on travelers coming into the country.

To keep up to date with the most recent news. We recommend you check the following websites:

www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad/checklist-entry and <http://reizentijdenscorona.rijksoverheid.nl/en>

Reminder for people visiting the consular pop-up desks

The process for the consular pop-up desk has been slightly altered.

- Make a personal checklist (www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/countries/new-zealand/living-and-working/applying-for-a-passport-or-id-card-when-you-live-abroad) per person to see which documents you will need to provide with your application. If you do not have all the necessary documents, your application may be delayed.

- To avoid handling of documents, please send all required documents to wel-ca@minbuza.nl before your appointment.

- Applicants are still required to bring copies of all original documents to their appointment for verification purposes.



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The Dutch Café opened last month, featuring great coffee, tasty Dutch treats (think kroketten and frikandellen) plus paninis and bagels filled to order with salad and your choice of meats from the deli. And there's even hot chips and a variety of sweet treats.

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Annual General Meeting – 2pm, Sunday 3 July 2022

Op 27 juni vind onze AGM plaats, waar ik u allen hartelijk voor uitnodig. Wij vinden het belangrijk om u allen een stem te geven, waar de AGM een uitgelezen platvorm voor is. Het is niet alleen belangrijk voor diegenen die al langere tijd lid van de NSC familie zijn, maar zeker voor die leden die redelijk nieuw zijn, om ons – het bestuur – te laten weten wat ze denken / graag zouden willen. Het is een taak van ons allemaal om er voor te zorgen dat ook de jongere generatie NSC hoog in het vaandel heeft en voor het voortbestaan van Netherlands Society Christchurch.

On 3 July at 2pm our AGM will take place, for which I cordially invite you all. We think it is important to give you all a voice, for which the AGM is an excellent platform. It is important not only for those who have been members of the NSC family for a long time, but certainly for those members who are fairly new, to let us – the board – know what they think/would like. It is a task of all of us to ensure that the younger generation NSC also holds great importance and for the survival of Netherlands Society Christchurch.

The Committee of Netherlands Society Christchurch



AGM 2021.



*From the NSC Secretary:
Should you wish to nominate someone:*

NETHERLANDS SOCIETY CHRISTCHURCH INC. NOMINATION FORM

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

Name: _____
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2022-2023.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____ 2022

I, _____
accept the above nomination.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____ 2022

**This form must reach the Secretary, PO Box 35177,
Christchurch not later than 24 June 2022.**

*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:

Proxy Name: _____
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Annual General Meeting of the Society to be held
on Sunday 3rd July 2022, commencing at 2pm and
at any adjournment of any such meeting.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____ 2022

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Recipe page

We thought it would be great to add some recipes that are typically Dutch. This issue we concentrate on that vegetable that is quite quirky but very tasty. The humble witlof. For those not familiar with witlof, it is a much-loved vegetable in the Netherlands. It is better known as Belgian endive in other countries. It is one of the three types of cultivated chicory that come in many varieties. Witlof is a Dutch name that translates as **white leaf**.

Dutch Witlof Dish

Ingredients

- 4 Witlof
- 4 slices of ham
- 4 slices of cheese
- ½ cup shredded cheese
- 6 large potatoes
- 1 tablespoon butter
- ¼ cup milk
- 2 teaspoons coarse ground mustard



Preparation

Remove the outer leaves if damaged, remove the stem end. Cut in half and core the witlof if it's large. Bring a small pot of water to the boil and quickly blanch the vegetables, then let them drain. Set aside.

Peel and quarter the potatoes and bring to the boil. Cook until done. Pour off the remaining water and mash the potatoes with the butter and milk. Fold in the mustard. Taste and adjust salt and pepper if needed.

Butter an oven dish and spread the mashed potatoes on the bottom. Wrap each witlof with a slice of cheese, and then with a slice of ham. Tuck in the ends. Place the witlof on top of the mashed potatoes and cover with the grated cheese.

Place in a preheated oven (350°F or 175°C) for twenty to thirty minutes, until the cheese is melted, and the vegetables are cooked.

ENJOY or EET SMAKELIJK.

Witlof salad with apple & walnuts

Ingredients

- 5 shoots of witlof
- Small packet of walnuts
- 2 red apples
- Mayonnaise

Preparation

Core witlof and wash. Cut witlof into narrow sections, chop walnuts into small pieces. Cut apples into small squares and mix all in a bowl and stir through one tablespoon of mayonnaise.



Witlof salad

Ingredients

- 2 Witlof, bases trimmed, leaves separated
- 1 x 100g pkt sweet baby greens with herbs
- 1½ tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- Freshly ground salt and pepper to taste

Preparation

Arrange witlof on a serving plate and top with baby greens.

Place the oil and vinegar in a screw-top jar and shake until well combined. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Drizzle salad with dressing and serve immediately.



Pear and Witlof salad

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 teaspoon dijon mustard
- 1 teaspoon brown sugar
- 6 small piece witlof
- 350-gram watercress
- 2 small piece pears
- 1 cup roasted walnuts, coarsely chopped
- 100-gram piece creamy blue cheese



Preparation

Combine olive oil, red wine vinegar, dijon mustard and brown sugar in screw-top jar, shake well. Trim and separate leaves of 6 small witlof. Discard stems from watercress, quarter, core and thinly slice 2 small pears.

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Klootschieten

Wij wisten niet wat het was. Ik kom van Amersfoort en had dit spel nooit gespeeld. We dachten dit is weer eens wat anders en misschien wel leuk om met ons gezin te doen.

En ja hoor wat leuk. Het was goed georganiseerd en het parcours was goed uitgezet en wel gemaakt door Pete. Weer een pluim voor de committee en natuurlijk komen wij weer terug als het weer wordt georganiseerd.

Ook de echte Nederlandse lunch was heerlijk.

Mijn zoon bleef maar praten over de soep met ballen: was net als oma het altijd maakte met Liefde zei hij. Een broodje kroket gaat er altijd in met een tompoes als toetje.

Iedereen die niet kwam: Je hebt weer wat gemist en hoop dat jullie de volgende keer wel de moeite nemen om te komen

Henk, Carol en Reuben



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Beetje laat!

Het is toch zo vervelend
Als je zit te wachten
Op iemand die niet op komt dagen
Al gauw zit je je dan af te vragen

Is er iets gebeurd; of is zij het vergeten?
Of was het een andere dag
En had ik dat moeten weten?

Maar ja, ik heb de koffie klaar
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Dutch Market

The market continues to be very successful with lots of familiar and new faces coming to browse, chat and enjoy meeting up with old friends.

One of the regular items on sale is the beautiful cheeses made by Karikaas. Karikaas make quality, tasty, authentic Dutch cheeses right here in North Canterbury. Karikaas Cheese, the cheese for cheese lovers

The Karikaas range includes a selection of Dutch style cheeses made in a traditional manner and sold in a range of age categories from young to vintage; and European style fresh products; yoghurt, kwark, cultured buttermilk, cultured unsalted butter, and feta.

In March 1984 Karin and Rients Rypma moved to New Zealand from the Netherlands and established a small factory in Loburn, North Canterbury, because the water was so clean and uncontaminated. (And they are still here.) The name Karikaas comes from Karin and Rients, and kaas is the Dutch word for cheese.

Karikaas being Dutch can be difficult to pronounce so it gets called Karikass, Karakass, Karacis Karakiss. Just look for the milkmaid logo and the black and orange colours!

Two families bought Karikaas from Karin and Rients in January 2004. They are the Lamers and the Hawkins families. Diana and Alan have raised their family on the Loburn premises, where Diana is general manager.

The Dutch varieties include:



GOUDA

A traditional Dutch cheese, Gouda has a creamy texture and mild flavour when young, with the vintage Gouda developing intense & complex flavours with a firm texture.



MAASDAM

Maasdam is a Dutch version of the Swiss Emmental. It is a sweet nutty cheese with the typically large holes.



LEYDEN

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Learning Dutch



We have had the first two 'meet and greet' get-togethers and what an interesting and diverse bunch we are!

Luckily, most of the participants want the same thing, and that is to be able to have and hold a conversation with family and loved ones, whether in person or via skype or zoom or similar.

This is what we have come up with across the two groups.

We will meet every second (2nd) Sunday **afternoon** of the month, after the Dutch Market. The market finishes at 12.30pm and people then need to pack away and clean up, so we thought we would start around 1.15pm. This gives those who want to grab lunch at the market time to enjoy their purchase(s), and others to have their Sunday lunch at home.

The second meeting will be every fourth (4th) Thursday **evening** in the month starting at 7pm. We can adjust starting times as we progress if necessary.

For those wanting more exposure and wanting to come to both, it means there is a 'class' every two weeks (more or less) and the dates are easy to add to your calendar. Of course, the material covered will be the same, but as the 2 groups are so diverse the lessons are quite different.

As our teacher needs to be careful while we are in the middle of the Omicron wave, Lilian and I will be leading the classes for now. This means we will be keeping it simple.

Alicia has set up a 'WhatsApp' group and people are sharing pages of phrases to practice.

If you are not on the group and want to join, please let me know and I will ask Alicia to add you.

If any of the 'older generation' would enjoy helping by meeting with some of the students and speaking Dutch with them, please let me know!

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4 groups operating:

- cards - Klaverjas
- adult colouring in
- rummikub
- golfers



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

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