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Easter egg hunt and craft day.
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Editor's note

This month has seen another great deal of activity at the Dutch club centering around the things that make us special being the Dutch market, the Easter egg hunt, and the Kings day. You can read all about these further in the addition of the ECHO.

There will be more to report in next month's ECHO of the celebrations for the Kings day.

Please read carefully all of the information with regards to the remits to be voted on at the AGM on 3 July.

It can be fun putting the ECHO together, but it could also be daunting as I try to gather information to share with you all that will be of interest, so please do send me through anything that you would like to have published and we will certainly try to make that happen.

Enjoy the last of the autumn months, it's certainly been beautiful weather here in Christchurch and feels more like a late summer than mid autumn.

Take care, stay well, be safe, but most important of all, enjoy everything each day has to offer.



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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.

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President's greeting



Dee Segeren

President
Netherlands Society
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Hallo beste allemaal,

Last month we – NSC - had to say goodbye to our committee member José Nijstad. She passed away peacefully on Friday, April 15. I will miss her as a friend and committee member.

We had a few changes to Governments COVID requirements:

- No QR scanning required from Friday 25 March 11.59pm
- No Vaccine passes required from Monday 04 April 11.59pm

We – NSC – have adopted these changes, so we welcome(d) all members of our Society and the wider community back onto and into our premises. Even though there are still a high number of COVID cases in Canterbury, data has shown the Government this is a safe decision. Of course there will be people who are immune compromised and are not comfortable to mingle yet. We have to respect that, but for everybody else: A warm welcome back to you all. If you are planning to visit us just remember that if you are aged over 12 you will need to wear a mask indoors.

Sometimes copy is not submitted before the deadline date of the 20th. That was the case for two teams who attended the game Klootschieten and sent us their feedback. So please have a read on page 18 and also the big photo composition. Not only is feedback a great motivation for the committee but also important for you – our readers – to read how we engage with the young and older members of our society and wider community. That is not always easy, but we are trying.

Perhaps you have an idea for an event that can be organised: give one of us a phone call or send an email, as we are open to almost anything 😊.

On Sunday 10 April we not only held our monthly Dutch Market but also celebrated Easter with a visit from the Easter bunny and an Egg hunt for the younger generation. As every year it was a well visited and hugely successful event. Have a read on page 8 and also have a look at the photos on page 9.

On Tuesday 19th April the Embassy's pop-up desk was held at our clubrooms. Always a great opportunity to renew your passport without having to book a trip to Wellington.

On Wednesday 27th April King Willem Alexander celebrated his birthday. Dutch in Christchurch celebrated that at Aikmans Sports Bar.

It has been a while since my last update about the windmill. A date to pour the foundation is getting discussed. As soon as a date is confirmed, I will let you know.

Payments for the yearly sub's are coming in thick and fast. Thank you to those who have already paid. Please do not forget to pay it. You know what the consequence is.

Did you like our new recipe page? Did you know you can buy witlof at the Dutch Market? It's a real delicacy in The Netherlands. This month Annie is giving away her secret on how to make her delicious erwtensoep.

Just a reminder to add 3rd July – NSC's AGM - in your calendar. Don't let your voice go wasted. I believe it is important that you attend this meeting and have a say. A suggestion at the AGM last year was the start of our Dutch language lessons, which have been set up and taught by Miryam and Lilian. It's a great success, with 18 people taking part in the Dutch lessons. Perhaps you want to join the committee because you have great organizing skills you want to put to good use in our society. I would really appreciate it if you can/want to make time to attend this meeting.

Hartelijke groet,

Dee

In memorium, José Nijstad



Josephina Wilhelmina Nijstad (José)
(8 January 1940 – 15 April 2022)

Saying goodbye to José Nijstad

We have said goodbye to our dear friend and committee member José Nijstad on 15th April. She passed away at the age of 82.

It was at our meeting in November that José wanted to be last at our round table. The message she had was a huge shock for us: the big C. We were all lost for words. Our José, our “steun en toeverlaat” sick. José told us she had a great life, did all the things she wanted to do and “if God needs me, I am ready” she said.

José joined the Netherlands Society many years ago and was also a committee member.

You could rely on José, she would be present at each event, no question needed to be asked.

She always promoted the club and made sure people felt welcome. At our Dutch Market José did not stop talking to people and would ask them to join the club. “Hoe meer zielen, hoe meer vreugd” was José’s mantra.

José was very helpful in the kitchen or anywhere else we would need a couple of extra hands. She was always cheerful and loved the Dutch music we played while working in the kitchen. She had a big heart and we will miss José dearly.

We hope the great memories her children, grandchildren and family have, will help them through this difficult time.

On behalf of the committee and members of the Netherlands Society Christchurch, we pass on our sincere condolences to José’s family.

Good afternoon, my name is Yoka van Urk,

I feel quite privileged to speak about Jose on behalf of the Neerlandia choir.

But before I get to tell you what Jose meant for the Choir I like to tell you what Jose meant to me personally.

I arrived from Wellington 32 years ago not knowing many people. And at first felt rather lonely without my family and friends.

How Jose heard about this I don't know but one day she turned up at my place and after a short conversation she suggested I would start a coffee morning of Dutch ladies.

As I told her I did not know many in Christchurch Jose said to leave that up to her.

"You set the day and make sure you have coffee and something to eat and I'll get the girls."

Well, she did. I hardly had enough chairs but said Jose: "At least you have enough to eat."

That morning we chatted and laughed a lot. It made my life all of sudden less lonely. The coffee club lessened that loneliness for quite a while.

After some time I got a job at the Dutch consulate. Where the Consul's secretary and I set up the Friendly Support Network.

Giving aid to Dutch migrants who were in need of all kind of things, such as translating; finding work; homes to rent and most often to try and help them over their homesickness.

Jose, ofcourse, (who else?) was my number one woman to help me out as a volunteer at the FSN.

She was an amazing support helping to clean houses for widowers, mostly little old men, who she always cheered up with her boisterous jokes.

One day, when Jose could not attend to his housework, a certain old gentleman, rang me and asked if next week he could have the big lady who told great jokes again.

He told me that when she was there he did not even have to put his hearing aid in, he could clearly hear every word she said.

Jose was also at hand at all times when we had to take care of a family with quadruplets. The mother had to take one of the little girls to the Netherlands for an operation and the father, who had just started his own business, could not always take care of the 3 other babies.

So the FSN was called into to help out. The other members did what they could but Jose became the stand in mother. She worked tirelessly for a long for this young family. I wonder if the parents still remember Jose and all she did for the little ones.

These are but a few memories. All of you who know also know that Jose was the queen of the Dutch Club's kitchen; the cleaner upper; the wiper of tears when things got on top of some people. Jose was always there with her bear hugs and teatowel to wipe our faces.

How we laughed, when she got older, she went from a soprano, to an alto in the choir and even managed to sing with the bases for some time.

Jose was known for her loud voice but more-so for her heart, which was as big as Texas. Nobody was ever sent on his or her way when they came to ask her for help.

So to the Nystad family I like to say you can be proud you are related to this very special lady.

And to all others, me included, we thank Jose for all she has done, we will miss her because ladies as Jose don't come around very often.

And by the way, Jose when you are up there don't forget to tell them one of your corny jokes.



Remits for the AGM on 3rd July 2022

The committee of Netherlands Society Christchurch would like the members to consider the below remits to the constitution. The remits will be presented at the AGM on 3 July 2022:

Remit 1:

As the costs to create, print and send out the Echo have steadily gone up over recent years, the committee proposes to increase the membership fees for:

- Single member from \$30 to \$48 a year, an increase of \$1.50 a month
- Family members from \$42 to \$60 a year, an increase of \$1.50 a month

Remit 2:

To increase the total number of years a President can be in office, from 2 to 5 years

Committee Netherlands Society Christchurch

Voorstellen die in overweging worden genomen tijdens de AGM op 3 juli 2022

Het bestuur van de Nederlandse Society Christchurch stelt voor dat haar leden de onderstaande voorstellen/veranderingen van de constitutie, die op de AGM op 3 juli 2022 worden gepresenteerd, in overweging willen nemen:

Voorstel 1:

Aangezien de kosten voor het maken, afdrukken en verzenden van de Echo de afgelopen jaren gestaag zijn gestegen, stelt het bestuur voor om de lidmaatschaps bijdragen te verhogen voor:

- Persoonlijk lidmaatschap van \$30 naar \$48 per jaar, een toename van \$1,50 per maand
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Voorstel 2:

Om het totale aantal jaren dat een president in functie kan zijn, te verhogen van 2 naar 5 jaar

Bestuur Netherlands Society Chrischurch



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The Easter Bunny arrives

The many children who arrived at the Dutch market on Sunday 10th of April were clearly well prepared for what was to be the much anticipated Easter egg hunt.

Before the egg hunt started the children took part in making Easter crowns and also Easter baskets in which to collect the eggs. The creativity in making these little craft items was evident from the very beginning with much enthusiasm being displayed.

Miriam Denny's granddaughter Genavieve made a very beautiful and youthful Easter bunny. The little ones were enthralled as she walked around the market wearing her bunny outfit and carrying a little basket of eggs.

Miriam and her helpers had done a great job in hiding the eggs at three various height levels. They catered beautifully for the little ones who really only looked at ground level, the slightly older ones who tended to look at mid eyelevel and the taller ones who were more adventurous running all around the grass paddocks.

Very soon baskets and bags were overflowing with Easter eggs and those little faces were gleefully looking at the haul that they had managed to find. It wasn't long before the wrappers were taken off and the eggs were being gloriously consumed. We hope there weren't too many sugar rushes afterwards as those gleeful little faces were smothered in chocolate.



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Celebrating the King's birthday

Well, what a wonderful night of celebrations to celebrate the birthday of King William Alexander.

The function at the Aikman 's Sports Bar was really well attended and with a limit of 100 people allowed in the venue, it was full to capacity. ORANGE was definitely the colour of the evening.

Firstly, a huge thank you to our hosts Frank van Schaijik of Aikman Sports Bar and Maarten Loeffen of Traiteur European Butchery.

Any Dutch event requires lots of food and this one did not disappoint. There was a beautiful big cheese platter with the most amazing Karikaas cheeses on it. The Komijnekaas was a big favourite but not to be outdone by any of the equally delicious others.

Maarten trayed around platters of beautifully fresh buns with smoked beef and a small salad in them, they were quickly consumed before he brought out the sausage rolls in a gorgeous soft flaky pastry. You would have thought that there had been enough food consumed by then, but no once the croquettes, in again these beautiful soft bap buns came out they were "hoovered" up, literally. Everything tasted just so delicious.

It was fantastic to see such a wide age range of people there, from those in the early twenties to those in the eighties, everyone was heartily enjoying everybody's company.

The \$15 per head entry fee included two free alcoholic drinks, soft drinks were completely free, so you could have as many of those as you liked which was just the perfect thing for the sober driver...

It wasn't long before the Dutch tunes were up on the big screen with everyone singing along and of course the National anthem was sung with much gusto.

Frank started a conga line of people trailing around the venue with everybody joining in with much merriment.

There are more King's Day celebrations to come and they will be recorded in next month's ECHO.

I will leave the pictures to tell the rest of the story because as they say "a picture says a thousand words".

Thank you to everyone for allowing me to take your photos and for those to be reproduced in the ECHO. *Photo credits: Meri Gibson.*

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Dutch market

It was a beautiful autumn day when the market was held on 10 April. Coinciding with the Easter egg hunt which saw many families come out to enjoy the market and all that was on offer.

People could be seen sitting around enjoying a coffee and their poffertjes in front of the Lekker Dutch stand. Ogee's Coffee Car was doing a roaring trade to accompany those delicious bites from Lekker Dutch.

The other stalls in the market were also very busy with the cheese being looked over and then people bought the cheese with much enthusiasm.

Robyn's jewelry was also beautifully displayed at the market alongside the cards from Ria and Kor, which are also always much sought after.

Euro meats meat display attracts many customers who are looking for the rookworst or salami to add to their Sunday lunch.

The baking and spicy chutneys created by Rachel were being sampled with great gusto.

Annie's Erwtensoepp (recipe can be found on page 14) was a sell out on this autumn day. The herring is always in demand, either eaten then and there or taken home for a treat.

And Diane's flowers outside made a beautiful display.





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Recipe page

Erwtensoep

Thick and hearty Erwtensoep is a savoury delight. This smoky bowl of Dutch-style split pea soup is so comforting, just like a warm hug from Grandma on a cold winter's day. The smoky aroma fills the kitchen, instantly warming and welcoming anyone who steps over the threshold. A slightly different take on the English version of Pea and Ham Soup.

Many of you will have been lucky enough to try this hearty soup made by Annie van der Dussen at the Dutch Market and at various NSC events. Below is Annie's recipe. Enjoy.



What You'll Need

All the good and hearty ingredients for a nice thick soup are in this dish! You'll find pork hock at the butcher or local supermarket more often around the cooler months. Ask around or call ahead if you're unsure that they'll be in stock.

Ingredients:

1 fresh pork hock	Half celeriac, cut in pieces
1 packet split peas	Celery leaves, chopped
2 carrots, chopped	Salt and pepper
1 small leek, sliced	Beef stock powder
1 onion, cut	Bay leaves

Method:

Start with putting the hock in a pot, cover it with cold water and bring to the boil.

Add salt, pepper and 3-4 bay leaves.

Once it boils, put the pot on a very low heat and let it simmer for about 4 hours.

Put the split peas in another pot and cover with water to soak.

The pot needs to be large enough to take the stock and meat from the other pot later on.

Take the meat off the bone and discard the bones, fat and skin. Chop the meat.

Pour the stock through a cloth into the pot with the peas.

Bring the peas to the boil and stir frequently to make sure they don't stick to the bottom of the pot.

After 30 minutes add the chopped vegetables and let it simmer for 30 minutes, keep stirring.

Add salt, pepper and some beef stock powder.

Lastly add sliced rookworst (Dutch smoked sausage)

Now you've got a big choice. To blend – or not to blend? To blend, use a stick blender, regular blender or food processor and blend the soup in batches until you're happy with the consistency. Or do as we do and leave it chunky! We won't judge.

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Klaverjas

We worden oud en vergeetachtig, en dat laatste is wel het beroerdste. Dan zit je dit uit te typen en dan vertelt de machine je dat je spelfouten maakt, of je schrijft het verkeerd. Ik denk dan, 'Willem, je hebt zitten slapen op school.' Alhoewel, de Nederlandse taal is wel wat verandert sinds 1940.

Als je op de kaartclub verjaard, dan wordt er getrakteerd en zingen we allemaal uit volle borst het 'Lang zullen ze leven' maar we vragen niet meer 'hoe oud' je bent want dat loopt dik in de tachtig of negentig. Ik vind dat altijd hartstikke leuk.

De winnaars van vorige maand waren op 22 february:

1 e Kees Baars met 4951 punten; 2 e Anna Fekkes met 4928 punten.

8 maart: 1 e Bep van Polanen met 5328 punten; 2 e Johan Nieuwenhuize met 5162 punten

22 maart: 1 e Thea Beulink met 5386 punten; 2 e Ans van Vuuren met 5351 punten.

Dit artikel had in de laatste Echo moeten staan, maar het mannetje die hier verantwoordelijk voor ishield de datums niet in de gaten. Met andere woorden, hij wordt vergeetachtig. Maar beter laat

dan nooit.

Op 5 April was Anna Fekkes nummer 1 met 5648 punten, en tweede was Koos van Nieuwkerk met 4874 punten.

We worden dunnetjes wat spelers betreft. We organiseerden een kaart drijf op Paas zaterdag, iets dat we al jaren doen. Een paar jaar terug zat daarmee de zaal vol, en dit jaar moesten we het met 14 spelers doen. Roeien met de riemen die je hebt dus, maar gelukkig dat diegenen die zijn gekomen allemaal plezier hebben, en daar gaat het uiteindelijk om. De winnaars van deze dag waren: 1 e Gertruud Steltenpool met 5862 punten - \$30; 2 e Theo van Vuuren met 5345 punten - \$25; en 3 e Gerard van Kuppevelt met 5170 punten - \$20. Ik geloof dat iedereen voldaan naar huis ging na een paar glaasjes wijn en stukjes kaas en rookworst met daarna een Chinese lunch met icecream en fruitjuice. Aan de winnaars een pluim op je hoed, en voor de anderen, volgende maand is het jou beurt. Ik zou zeggen hou je gezond, en men zegt een borreltje is goed voor de bloeddruk zolang het er maar bij één blijft en het grote van het glas heeft daar wat mee te maken. Heel veel plezier in het spel van het leven en veel geluk in Tuk. Wim.

Klootschieten... with a difference!

I vaguely remembered the term klootschieten from family camping holidays in Drente when I was a teenager so was very interested upon seeing Klootschieten on the Events Calendar. Although I had heard of klootschieten, I could not explain the rules to my family other than, "You throw a ball." A quick Google search came up with a few videos, which we duly watched, and so we thought were fully prepared for the Sunday activity.

On arrival at the clubhouse, we saw what looked like a giant croquet course set up in the field next door. This was going to be better than we had expected! Full of enthusiasm, we started our turn. In our team of four, with children aged 8 and 6, we may not have always been on target, but after a few gates we got the hang of the game! It was so much fun that we ended up going around the course a total of four times, and improved each time! Some of the other teams took the game a bit more seriously, which resulted in a damaged gate; those "kloten" are pretty hefty!

The activity was concluded with lunch and prize giving. The soup (met balletjes) went down very well, so did the broodjes kroket. For pudding, we had yummy kiwi tompouce (custard squares) for the adults, and ice cream for the children. We all won (non-)performance prizes; the Dutch wallets were a winner with the kids!

Thank you so much for putting on this fun event. We would love to do it again, and hopefully a few more people will join in, to make the competition fiercer!

Chantal, Pete, Molly & Charlie.

The day was so much fun. Adam and Lucas, my sons, have not played Klootschieten before but loved it so much. It was like playing golf, outdoor bowls and petonque at the same time. We played three rounds and got better each round- the kids didn't even feel the need to cheat. The kids worked out that dad had a better long distance throw which allowed them to take the mid/short distance and technical shots. Adam and Lucas would love to play Klootschieten again and hope that the course could be extended which is saying something as they dislike walks in general! The kids were rewarded with a nice prize for coming 3rd equal and dad earnt an amazing bottle of wine which mummy confiscated upon returning home.

Thanks to the Netherlands Society for hosting such an awesome event and hope to beat our 3rd equal placing next time.

Lincoln



Photos taken by Dee Segeren.

Daar bij die molen, die mooie molen

2022 "Year of the Miller"

RECORD ATTEMPT.

On Saturday, 9th of April, De Molen staff were joined by fellow millers from around the world in support of the record attempt at having all operational mills turning at the same time. (Over 1200)

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