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# THE DOUBLE DUTCH

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**COMING UP: Sinterklaas, Kerstdagen, Nieuwjaar, Voetbal!**  
Join us for coffee mornings, Klaverjas and Sunday afternoon socials.

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|                           |                                   |             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Klaverjas, Dutch Costumes | Ann Beyk                          | 04 567 8575 |
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| Library                   | Carolina van Rooy & Rita Langerak | (see above) |
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| Our club's website                         | <a href="http://www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz">www.dutchclubwellington.co.nz</a>   |
| Our club on Facebook                       | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/dutchclubwellington/">www.facebook.com/dutchclubwellington/</a>                        |
| The Federation of NZ Netherlands Societies | <a href="http://www.dutchcommunities.co.nz">www.dutchcommunities.co.nz</a>   |
| Dutch Connections community website        | <a href="https://dutchnz.nz">https://dutchnz.nz</a>  |
| Netherlands Embassy, Wellington            | <a href="http://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/countries/new-zealand">www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/countries/new-zealand</a> |
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## What's On

### At the clubrooms:

**Coffee mornings:** 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 10-1pm.

**Sunday instuif:** Sundays 2pm - 5 pm.

**Klaverjas:** every Tuesday 10am - 2pm. Bring your own lunch.

**Spelletjes/Games afternoon:** 2nd Sunday of the month, with Sunday instuif. (resumes Feb 2023).

### Elsewhere:

**Island Bay coffee group:** every last Wednesday of the month, 10.30am. At Island Bay Community Centre, The Parade, Island Bay. \$3.00 per person.

**Waikanae coffee group:** every 2nd Friday of the month, 10am. At the Baptist Church, 286 Te Moana Rd, Waikanae.

**Levin coffee morning:** every last Thursday of the month, 10am. Home of Ans Howes, 64 Highbury Drive, Levin. \$5 per person. **(Note venue change.)**

# Hij komt!

While this edition may arrive a little late for Sinterklaas, let's hope that Sinterklaas himself arrives on time at Avalon House on 4 December – a little earlier in Aotearoa so that he can get back to Europe in time for all the children in the Netherlands!



## Levin gets in first for Christmas

Pierre was our chauffeur to take us (four young ladies) to Ans Howel's residence in Levin to enjoy our Christmas lunch in Levin for 2022. The sun was out – so a nice sunny start to celebrate the day.

On arrival we were welcomed by Ans and her helpers and many Dutch Club members from around the region. It was a FULL house!

Coffee with cake and red/white wine was served and, last but not least, a most delicious lunch of salads, tasty pastries and other bites.



*Lekker!*

Later Ben accompanied us on his ocarina singing well known Christmas songs and "Happy Birthday" to Pierre, who celebrated his birthday on this day.

Everyone really enjoyed this day as the atmosphere was buzzing with laughter, chatting and meeting acquaintances.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU to Ans.

Wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and all the best for 2023.

*Rita.*



## New Year celebration

Come and join us on **8<sup>th</sup> January 2023** in our clubhouse in Avalon for a special Social Sunday in which we can exchange New Year wishes and crack some, old and new, New Year's resolutions.

Members can look forward to a welcome drink, nibbles and Oliebollen on the house.

See you in the New Year!

*Pierre.*



# From the President – Van de Voorzitter

While I am writing this, November is on its way out and a time of parties, eating and drinking is rapidly approaching. Personally, I am ready for some fun and relaxation as for the last two months our home has been up-side down. We decided to upgrade our kitchen and from that idea came another and another – and so on. But we are approaching the end of the project delivering an almost new home – from the inside that is.

In early October we celebrated Leidens Ontzet and a review of this event is included on page 6.

The rest of October and November was pretty quiet, but as I already alluded to in the last Double Dutch it is a silence before the storm.

Various Christmas coffee mornings and two heavy-weight events are yet to come!

The first Christmas party is already ticked off the list, namely the Christmas do of the Levin coffee club. Ans pulled out all the stops as you can see in the photo below and in the story on page 3. The Island Bay group also had their end-of-year coffee morning on the 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Sinterklaas has confirmed that he will be visiting Avalon House and with more than a week to go we already have close to 50 children registered. Together with accompanying parents, we will have a “crowded house” on the 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Only one week later we will serve our traditional Christmas lunch again. There are still some tickets



available so if you want to join us on the 11<sup>th</sup> December, be quick!

But before our Christmas lunch, there will still be our pot-luck lunch on the 7<sup>th</sup> December at Avalon House, and the Waikanae coffee morning on the 8<sup>th</sup> December. This will be held at the residence of Barbara and Hille van der Valk in Te Horo.

Lastly, you are all invited to join the Christmas Carols celebration in the Old St Paul’s church in Wellington on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

Read on for a full list of events and dates for your calendar – see page 8.

It remains for me to wish you and your loved ones a relaxing Christmas period and I look forward to seeing you on our New Year’s celebration on the 8<sup>th</sup> January. If you can’t make that I take the opportunity to wish you all the best for the New Year.

Take care,

*Pierre.*

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## Kerstnacht

*Vannacht komen alle eeuwen  
een ogenblik bij u aan.  
Eeuwen van eeuwen geleden,  
en die te gebeuren staan.*

*Vannacht komen alle levens  
een ogenblik bij u aan.  
Leven allang gegeven  
en leven van nu af aan.*

*Zij komen langs alle wegen  
en gaan in het eind te voet  
en lopen, de tijd ontstegen,  
Uw ogen-blik tegemoet.*

*En vragen uw kleine zegen.  
Gij glimlacht, en alles is goed.*

- Harriet Laurey

# From the Secretary – Van de Secretaresse

Dear all

It's been a hectic two months for me and Willem but hopefully all has settled now and we can look forward to getting ready for Christmas.

Our local (Stokes Valley) Hub, Koraunui, which also houses the library, is always trying to promote a feeling of community. One of the librarians told me that there are 16 nationalities in our little suburb of about 11,000 people.

I was asked to contribute some Dutch things for a display they were setting up in the October school holidays to highlight the different nationalities. As items had to be small, I contributed a speculaas plank, licorice, hagelslag and a bicycle key-ring. These were put in the display case with coins, passports, bank notes (did you know Sweden has a 20 Kroner note that features Astrid Lindgren and Pippi Longstocking?), worry beads, gnomes, leather work, books and small toys, and other



items. I love living in New Zealand, with its diverse population! Here is a photo of part of the display.

I hope to see many of you at the Christmas lunch on 11<sup>th</sup> December, and maybe also at one of the Christmas coffee mornings or the bring-a-plate morning tea and lunch on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Our first coffee morning in the New Year is on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

Best wishes to you all, for Christmas and the New Year.

Anne-Marie Knibbeler

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## Jaarwisseling

*De dagen krimpen; het donker  
sluit mensen en dingen in.*

*Een stilte wordt herwonnen  
van voor het wereldbegin*

*Wie zal het licht ontsteken  
dat uitgroeit tot een ster?*

*Wie zal het woord uitspreken  
dat doodgezwegen werd?*

*De dagen krimpen; het donker  
sluit mensen en dingen in.*

*Daarbinnen ligt ieder wonder  
bereid tot een nieuw begin.*

*Kerstmis is er weer  
een feest waar ieder naar verlangt  
een boom vol verhalen  
over vriendschap en vrede  
met liefde als mooiste geschenk.*

- Harriet Laurey



# Leidens Ontzet

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> October we commemorated Leidens Ontzet in our clubhouse. This is a practice that has been going on for many years now, and is celebrated with a traditional meal mimicking the dishes that the people from Leiden shared when they were liberated in 1574.



Every year some volunteers are “appointed” who take charge of the event and this year it was Anne-Marie and Carolina’s turn. They started early morning by preparing the main dish of the event, namely hutspot which is a combination of potato, onion and carrots that are mixed in a mash pot. They enlisted the skills of Wendy who’s perfected the art of old-style “hutsen” to great heights.



A bit closer to serving time the starter was prepared which is, again according to custom, “zoute haring en witte brood” (salted herring and white bread). Legend has it that this was the contribution of the “Watergeuzen” to the citizens of Leiden when they helped free the “Leidenaren”.



Around noon, when drinks were served, Pierre welcomed the visitors and gave a short overview of what happened in Leiden in 1574.



To everybody's astonishment there was a (planned) surprise visit from our new Ambassador Ard van der Vorst and his husband, who introduced themselves to those who hadn't met the couple.



In the meantime, the kitchen was ready for service and lunch was served.



A big thank you to all who volunteered in setting-up, decorating, cooking, serving and cleaning up and especially to Wendy, Anne-Marie, Saskia and Carolina who took the lion's share of the job.

Looking back at our Leidens Ontzet 2022 happening, I can only conclude that the event hasn't lost its attractiveness for our club and I look forward to eating hutspot again next year.



*Pierre*

# COMING UP

Please note the following events in your diary over the next two months.

4<sup>th</sup> December – Start 14:00

Avalon House – 61 Taita Drive, Lower Hutt

## Sinterklaas event

7<sup>th</sup> December – Start 10:00

Avalon House – 61 Taita Drive, Lower Hutt

## Last coffee morning of the year at Avalon House.

Pot-luck lunch. Bring a plate.

8<sup>th</sup> December – Start 10:00

V/d Valk residence, 111 Arcus road, Te Horo

## Christmas coffee morning of the Waikanae club.

9<sup>th</sup> December – Start 18:00

Old St Paul's Church, 34 Mulgrave Street,

Wellington: **Service with Christmas Carols.**

(Bus service from Upper and Lower Hutt available, please ring 5700-111 for a seat. Booking essential!)

11<sup>th</sup> December – Start 11:30

Avalon House – 61 Taita Drive, Lower Hutt

**Christmas lunch** – Please register by calling Ann Beyk on 04 5678575.

18<sup>th</sup> December – Start 14:00

Avalon House – 61 Taita Drive, Lower Hutt

## Last Social Sunday of the year in Avalon.

25<sup>th</sup> December – Avalon House closed

1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – Avalon House closed

8<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – Start 14:00

Avalon House, 61 Taita Drive

## Social Sunday New Year's celebration.

Free welcome drink, nibbles and Oliebollen for members.

## Tuesday Klaverjas Club

Results of the last 8 weeks are below:

|         |         |                  |      |
|---------|---------|------------------|------|
| Week 34 | 27 Sept | Ann Bosch        | 4772 |
| Week 35 | 4 Oct   | Ann Bosch        | 4588 |
| Week 36 | 11 Oct  | Julie Tan        | 5266 |
| Week 37 | 18 Oct  | Jo de Graauw     | 5201 |
| Week 38 | 25 Oct  | Ann Beyk         | 5059 |
| Week 39 | 1 Nov   | Julie Tan        | 5504 |
| Week 40 | 8 Nov   | Ann Beyk         | 4259 |
| Week 41 | 15 Nov  | <i>Cancelled</i> |      |

The last card game for the year is on Tuesday 13 December.

We begin again on Tuesday 7 February 2023.

Wishing you all a lovely Christmas and hope to see you all next year.

*Ann Beyk*

## Birthday Greetings ...

Congratulations to our members who have birthdays coming up:

**December:** Willem Knibbeler, Anne Bosch, John Pijnenburg, JoAnna Eikenbroek, and Henny Ekens.

**January:** Mary Mason, Ina Kooistra and Ann Beyk.







# News from the Embassy

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## Important dates

### Embassy closure during Christmas and New Year

23 December 2022 - 8 January 2023

## Pop Up consular desks

Christchurch 21/02/2022

Other cities to be confirmed in 2023

## Tip of the month

For all your questions, call our 24/7 Contact center:

0800-388 243

Or have a look on:

[www.netherlandsworldwide.nl](http://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl)

## Passport application center to open in Auckland!

Great news for all passport holders in Auckland. From early 2023 it will be possible for customers to apply for a passport at VFS Global. This is an external service provider based in Auckland CBD. Our embassy will continue to process applications but customers will also have the option to apply at VFS Global in Auckland.

This is an external service provider therefore your experience will be slightly different compared to the embassy. We will guide you along the way and we will start communicating about the process in the next month. Make sure you keep an eye out for any news on our Facebook page and website.



We will continue our consular pop up desks throughout the country in 2023 to service as many people as we can in the regions. Our first pop up consular desk will be held in Christchurch on 21 February 2023. More dates will follow at the start of the year.

## FIFA Women's World Cup Australia & New Zealand 2023

The 'Oranje Leeuwinnen' are coming to New Zealand! Support our national women's football team in Wellington and Dunedin where they will play their group games.

### Games dates:

|                 |            |                                |
|-----------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>23 July</b>  | Dunedin    | NL vs. group A play-off winner |
| <b>27 July</b>  | Wellington | NL vs. USA                     |
| <b>1 August</b> | Dunedin    | NL vs. Vietnam                 |

Want to know more about the FIFA World Cup? Follow their website on [www.fifa.com](http://www.fifa.com)



## Process time of applications around Christmas time

Passport applications can take longer towards our closure dates (23 December - 8 January). No passports will be sent during this time. If you need your passport urgently, please notify our staff at the time of application.



The consular team wishes you all a **Merry Christmas** and a wonderful 2023! We look forward to assisting you in the new year.

If you have an urgent matter during our closure time please contact the 24/7 contact center at **0800 388 243**



27 April - 7 May 2023

### Dutch week is back!

Next year the activities will start on Kings Day and will run all the way to the 7th of May. Activities will include the Big Dutch Day out in Foxton, the Dutch Film Festival, a nationwide Orange Bike Ride, a speech competition and much much more!

Do you want to be part of organising Dutch Week next year?

Email us at [wel-ca@minbuza.nl](mailto:wel-ca@minbuza.nl)

## Advertise with us!

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A5 (half page): \$100/year or \$25/once

A6 (quarter page): \$60/year or \$15/once

## Avalon House Hire

If you want to hire space at Avalon House, please contact the Club secretary.

### Hire fees (excl GST):

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Half-day (4 hours)     | \$50  |
| Full day (9am – 5 pm)  | \$90  |
| Evening (5-10pm)       | \$60  |
| Bond                   | \$100 |
| Cleaning (if required) | \$50  |

## A Christmas Poem

Christmas is more than a day in December

It's all of those things that we love to remember.

It's carolers singing familiar refrains.

Bright coloured stockings and shiny toy trains,  
streaming of tinsel and glass satin balls.

Christmas is more than a day in December,  
it's the magic and the love

That we shall always remember.

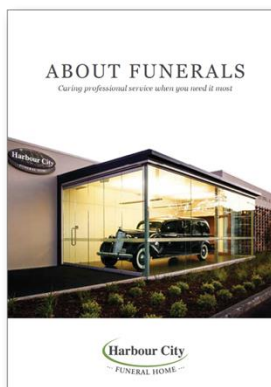


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# It's all about the Football: Van de Redacteur

As I write, Netherlands has just gone through to the next round of the World Cup in Qatar with a decisive 2-0 victory over the hosts – with goals to Cody Gakpo and Frenkie de Jong (no relation).

In this crazy, mixed-up world, the final decider will be played a week before Christmas. Will the Netherlands be there? Three times they've been in a final, and three times missed out.

The first World Cup I remember was 1978 – we were visiting the Netherlands, but had got to Britain by the time of the final, which Netherlands lost 1-3 to (host nation) Argentina – in controversial circumstances. Then, as now, there was politics, with a military junta in Argentina keen to make the most of the global competition.

I love international football – but am also interested in the political side. I came across a fascinating account of Arie Haan and Ernie Brandts from that 1978 team, who journeyed back to Argentina in 2018 to visit the memorial site of the detention and torture centre that lay only a few blocks away from where they played the final.

Recounting their experience 40 years later, Haan and Brandt said they were shocked to meet the hosts in the final – the country subject to severe denunciations of human rights violations.

*–What do we do if we win? Do we hold the cup or not? No, we did not receive the cup– reconstructs Haan [on] the debate inside the orange team.*

*Who raised the dilemma? According to Haan, it was Ruud Krol himself, the Dutch national team captain. "He said: 'I'm not going to look for the Cup'. Nobody argued. We didn't go for the runner-up medal either" he adds. Nor did they go to the dinner of honor with which the dictator Videla intended to entertain them.*

(Read more at <http://papelitos.com.ar/nota/arie-haan-y-ernie-brandts-en-la-ex-esma>)

Let's hope in the long run that justice is done – and Netherlands win the World Cup (one day)!

*Martin de Jong*



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