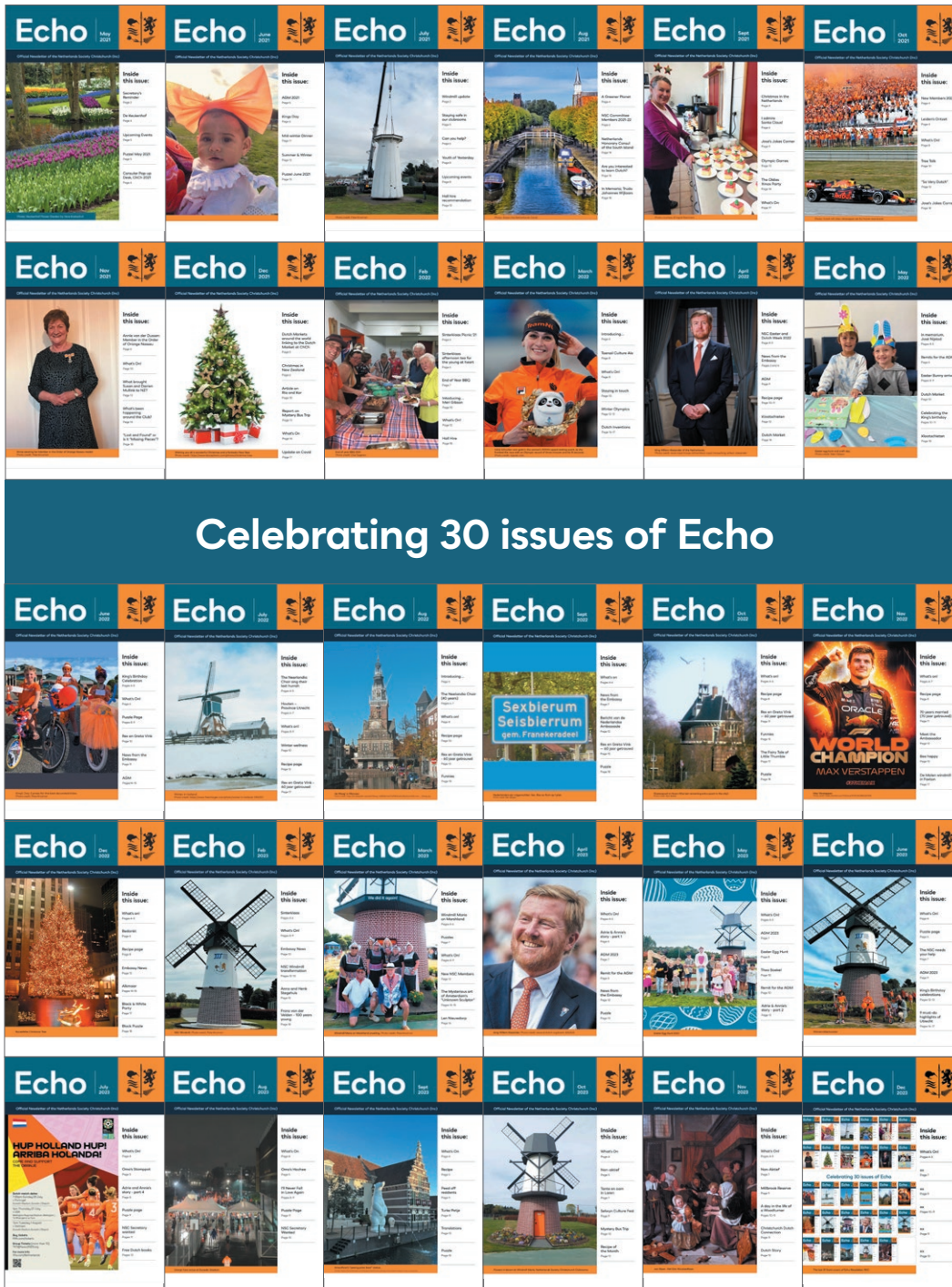


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Editor's note

Grote dank aan iedereen,

iedereen die mij heeft geholpen om de Echo eruit te krijgen, met bedankjes, berichtjes dat het gelezen wordt, verhaaltjes, 1 recept (de bolus van Jan) en aanmoedigingen.

And great thanks to Lauren of Black Camel Creative with her kind words and patience and great ideas, she is making my job easy.

Yesterday I came back from Dunedin. This wasn't easy, my flight was cancelled, rebooked, delayed twice and cancelled again. With no hope to come back before Saturday market, I heard the words: "There is a gentleman here who is driving to Christchurch and has room for 3 more, raise your hand" I was first to raise my hand and got lucky, not even thinking about safety or comfort. After the introduction, the driver asked me about my accent and I retorted as usual "what accent?" and then admitted that I was Dutch and he said he was also Nederlands. Here I was, in a little car, through torrential rain, with three total strangers coming home in the middle of the night. I was so grateful, he dropped us all off by our front door and then he had to drive himself home for another 30 minutes/hour to Rangiora. Dank u wel meneer voor het veilig thuisbrengen op tijd voor de Zaterdagmarkt en ook zodat ik de Echo kan afleveren "in time", Dutchies are everywhere. Hope one day I can treat him

to a kroket, poffertjes en oliebol.

Deze maand 2 puzzels, succes met de oplossingen en een recept van pepernoten bijgedragen door onze president Miryam, hartelijk dank nogmaals.



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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 in Word format (.doc NOT .docx). Please ensure any images are of good quality. Please send to:
editor.nsc@gmail.com

President's greeting



**Miryam
Denny-Ipenburg**

President
Netherlands Society
Christchurch (Inc.)

Beste Lezers,

En zo is het alweer december en onze laatste Echo voor dit jaar.

En wat een jaar is het geweest. Werd ik daar zomaar ingestemd als president van onze club op de AGM. Alsof ik niet genoeg te doen heb! Gelukkig doe ik het met plezier, dus geen zorgen.

Sint is er, en vieren we dat zoals altijd met een Picnic. Dit keer met wat andere spelletjes om er de hele familie bij te betrekken.

En zodra de goede Sint weer terug keert naar Spanje, kan de Kerstboom op.

Wist je dat de eerste versierde Kerstboom dateert uit 1510, en niet in Duitsland maar in Letland? En dat elektrische kerst-kaarsjes al sinds 1882 bestaan?

Op onze Kerst/Eind van jaar BBQ, proberen we altijd een leuk stukje voor te dragen.

Ik geloof dat ons team voor het kerst toneel nog steeds mensen kan gebruiken, zowel groot als klein. Neem hiervoor contact op met Annie.

En daarna neemt de committee welverdiende rust en zien we elkaar weer allemaal op de eerste Dutch Market van het nieuwe jaar in februari 2024.

Heel Fijne Feestdagen Toegewenst!

Dear readers,

It is December already and our last Echo for this year.

And what a year it has been. At our AGM I was voted in and accepted as the new president of our club. As if I haven't got enough to do! But no worries, luckily, I enjoy doing it.

Saint Nic is here and as always, we celebrate that with a Picnic. This time with different games to involve the whole family.

And once St Nic has returned to Spain, we can put our Christmas tree up.

Did you know that the first decorated Christmas tree dates back to 1510, and not in Germany but Latvia? And that electric Christmas candles have been around since 1882?

At our Christmas/End of Year BBQ we always try to put on a nice performance or play.

I believe that our team can still use people, both big and small, for this year's play. Contact Annie if you are interested.

And after that, the committee is taking some well-earned rest and we will see everyone again at our first Dutch Market of the new year in February 2024.

Happy Holidays Everyone!



What's On!

Dutch Market 2024



Sunday 11 February 2024
10am - 12.30pm
Netherlands Society Clubrooms

Christmas BBQ

Help
needed!

Sunday 17 December

The Netherlands Society Christchurch is organising another Christmas BBQ, this year on Sunday the 17th of December.

Every year we have a Christmas play with children and some adults. We would like to do that again, don't know if it is possible to come up with something as spectacular as last year with the Archangel sitting on top of the stable but we will do our best.

Therefore we urgently need children and some adults to participate.

You can be Maria, Joseph, King, Angel, Soldier, Shepherd, Donkey, Ox, Sheep or any other person, animal you want to be.

We also would love to have a baby, it would be really great if there is a mother who would like to take part with her baby.

Costumes are all provided.

No need to be able to speak Dutch and we practice 3 times, usually after school time.

For more info, please contact Annie on mob: 0210625656

St. Nic Picnic



Sunday 3 December
11.30am - 2.30pm

The picnic ground at the front of the clubrooms 637 Marshland Road.

This year the Sinterklaas picnic will be in a different format. We like to make it into a family fun day for the whole family with everyone bringing a picnic and fun games to take part with the whole family.

Think of a name for your family team and come and play the games we have organised for everyone.

Games:

- Family obstacle course
- Pass the ball
- Stilt walking
- Sjoelbakken
- Water relay course
- Volleyball
- Tug of war

All children will receive a gift, a bag of lollies and a packet of juice. Adults will receive a taai taai. You can buy food at the stalls, Lekker Dutch, coffee and ice cream van.

We need you to register for this event before the 27 November.

email: secretary.nsc@gmail.com or text / call Annie, mob: 0210625656

Cost is \$5.00 per child, adults are free.

What's On!

Youth of Yesterday

Every Friday morning
9.30am - 2pm approx.

Welcome everyone.

A small charge of \$2 entry. A bottomless cup of coffee/tea with a speculaas biscuit 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.

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. We have plenty of space.

You do not have to be Dutch to join in.

381-0218 Lilian for information
lilian_van_elk@hotmail.com

Sinterklaas afternoon for the not so young



On Sunday the 26th of November Sinterklaas visited the Nederlandse club to spend some time with the more mature members of the club. It was a great success and a lot of fun was had by all.

Dutch language classes



Every second (2nd) Sunday afternoon of the month, after the Dutch Market, we meet to learn some Dutch language. 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.

This is open to everyone, whether you have no understanding, basic understanding or are proficient and just want to get that 'sound' right. Everyone is welcome. We charge \$2 per person/per lesson for coffee, tea, a biscuit, and photocopying.

For further inquiries, please contact Miryam at president.nsc@gmail.com



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TOENAIL CULTURE ALE met: NON-AKTIEF op 3,4,5, november

“Na 22 jaren...” kunnen we wel van een traditie spreken. In de lente komt er een nieuw toneelstuk naar de Everglades van uw enige nederlands-talige toneelgroep in NZ. Van het gezellige geroezemoes dat wij in de kleedkamer horen, maken we op dat dit voor ons publiek een leuke aangelegenheid is om elkaar weer te zien en lekker bij te kletsen.

Het blijft altijd spannend voor ons. We werken, denken, proberen, verbeteren hard aan een origineel nederlands script, we voegen muziek en belichting, kostuums en decor toe om het er zo leuk mogelijk uit te laten zien. Mede omdat er steeds meer niet-nederlandssprekenden komen kijken! Daarbij proberen we altijd iets nieuws te doen, om het ook voor onszelf interessant te houden tijdens de vele maanden van repetities. En toch... we weten nooit zeker of het in de smaak zal vallen.

Als we op de reacties afgaan; vonden de meeste mensen NON-AKTIEF heel leuk. Vooral werden genoemd: De personages, muziek en kleding, de Bingo, het duidelijke verhaal en de ontknoping, en de aankleding van het decor en de zaal (Ani de Bodt is een geschenk!) werden heel erg gewaardeerd.

Dankuwel, dankuwel!!! Mensen een plezier te kunnen doen en te kunnen laten lachen is het mooiste wat er is. Bij deze een aantal indrukken van een optreden waar wij best trots op zijn. Wie weet; tot ziens.

TOENAIL CULTURE ALE



Peach Tree

Many times we have made people happy with a beautiful peach tree.

This year we again want to get a nice tree, 2mtr high, to a lovely home.

This is the last time we are doing this because we need more room in our vege plot.

I can take the tree to the Dutch Club rooms on Tuesday morning when I play Klaverjas.

Alternatively come and dig out the tree yourself.

Just give me a ring to arrange whatever you want.

Kind regards,

Gerard van Kuppevelt
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(Eyreton)



Dictionary wanted

Would anybody have a dutch/engels dictionary? Please let us know Rex would like one for his Tante.

Many thanks,
editor.nsc@gmail.com



Recipe of the month

Pepernoten (Mini Dutch Spice Cookies)

This is a recipe for traditional Dutch Pepernoten (mini spiced cookies) which are traditionally eaten in the Netherlands by the bucket load during the months of November and December.

These little cookies are associated with the Dutch Sinterklaas Tradition.

INGREDIENTS

- 250 grams Self Raising Flour (2 Cups)
- 125 grams Brown Sugar (5/8 Cup)
- 100 grams Butter Softened (1/2 Cup)
- 2 tbsp Dutch Spice Mix
- 50 ml Milk (3 1/3 Tbsp or 1.7 fl.oz)
- 1 pinch Salt

Dutch Spice Mix:

INGREDIENTS

- 10 tbsp Cinnamon
- 2 tbsp Nutmeg
- 2 tbsp Ground Cloves
- 1 tbsp Ground Ginger
- 1/2 tbsp Ground Cardamom

Simply mix together and keep in airtight jars.



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pre-heat your oven to 180 °C
2. In a large bowl, use a hand mixer to mix the softened butter until it is soft and fluffy.
3. Add the flour, sugar, spice mix, milk and salt.
4. Mix the ingredients together until all the ingredients are combined and has the consistency of dough (this can be done either by hand or by using a dough hook on your kitchen aid).
5. Now take small pieces of dough and roll into small balls that are about the size of a marble (approx 1.5cm) and place on a baking sheet that has been lined with parchment paper. Allow a little space between the pepernoten.
6. Place in pre-heated oven and bake for 15 mins.
7. When ready remove from oven and allow to cool. When cool the pepernoten should have a quite hard crunchy texture. Store the pepernoten in an air-tight container.

A city you may never have heard of is named European City of the Year



A Dutch city has been crowned the best in Europe, but it's not the one you are thinking of. Or that one. Or even that one.

It is **Amersfoort**, located 50km from the tourist mecca of Amsterdam.

The small city of just over 160,000 has many of the same draws as its big neighbour, including canals, boat trips and historic sites. What is missing are the hordes of tourists.

The honour of European City of the Year is bestowed by academics at the Academy of Urbanism in London which ranks cities on the likes of sustainability, urban planning, and management, as well as the wellbeing of the local population.

In awarding Amersfoort the honour, the judges highlighted the "long-term vision for the city which prioritises improving citizens' quality of life".

"Well-resourced forward planning, development control, and regeneration teams enable this vision through detailed policies and impressive new infrastructure, while maintaining its unique heritage and character," said Jon Phipps, who is the co-lead assessor.

"The wellbeing and happiness of all of citizens is clearly the focus, from moves to limit car access to the historic city centre, to the provision of diverse and good quality affordable homes."

Described as the 15th biggest city in the Netherlands, Amersfoort doesn't have a football club or a university and "these types of institutions often contribute to a sense of civic pride. Instead, Amersfoort provides an inclusive, attractive, and progressive place with no shortage of citizen-focused sports, education, and culture".

It does, however, have one of the largest railway junctions in the country, with three stations.

Mayor Lucas Bolsius told Dutch broadcaster NOS he is delighted with the honour: "It takes generations of work to build a city. Amersfoort has grown enormously and modernised in 50 years, but the history and the people have always remained central."

Amersfoort defeated Spain's Estepona and Exeter in England for the title.

The city did make the headlines earlier this year for a rather unusual reason. Locals had complained that a sculpture of a polar bear peeing into the river was keeping them awake at night.

It would urinate every three minutes, 24 hours a day, to highlight the effects of climate change. Authorities decided to stop its flow overnight before resuming its business at 7am.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/destinations/europe/133308456/a-city-you-may-never-have-heard-of-is-named-european-city-of-the-year?cid=app-android>

Neighbours - Fire Ban and Paint Cans

The month was October 2020, that I decided to have a big clean up around the house, garden and garage, time was of the essence, as I was expecting an important guest the next month.

Starting at the back of the house, I took away 7 trailer loads of scrap metal to take to the scrap metal yard. That in itself was a major undertaking and quite an achievement.

Next came the garage, I dragged out an old plastic drum for all the rubbish to be thrown in, starting with garden rubbish, pieces of wood and old paint tins. While I was working away a mate of mine turned up, "I will give you a hand" he said, I had no objection, so he did. We were making good progress, when it was time we took a breather, he lit himself a smoke and we took the weight of our feet, most of the work was done. My mate decided to make tracks and flicked his half smoked cigarette into the drum. He left and I settled back in the garage, (door open), with a cup of coffee, when all of a sudden all hell broke loose, there was this hissing noise followed by an almighty bang. The hissing noise came from the empty paint cans but the big explosion came from the one can, that was still half full with blue paint, spraying part of the fence with little blue specs of paint.

Why did that happen, I had no other explanation than that the cigarette that my mate had thrown into the drum had ignited the rubbish inside, you should have seen the flames shooting up high into the air, it was Guy Fawkes all over. But the fire was short lived as it was now no more than a little campfire, so I went back to my coffee.

Lo and behold, a fire engine turned up, "sorry sir to disturb you, but we had a complaint from one of your neighbours that you are lighting fires in your backyard while there is a fire ban in full force."

"Sorry officer, I didn't mean to" and explained to him that this had happened without my knowledge. He accepted my explanation and just gave me a warning. Phew!! that was close, I was lucky not to finish up with a hefty fine.

Not long after my visitor arrived, showing the sites of the city we were having a good time. Although it being summertime the days were still pretty cold, often we did lit a fire but we stuck to the fireplace from now on and watched a good movie. You wont believe it but it was one of those days that we

watched a movie and had a roaring fire going when someone was banging on our door, surprise surprise, a fireman with his engine at our front gate. "Sorry sir" he said "but we've had a complaint from one of your neighbours that you've got a fire going." "Yes, we sure have officer, just step inside sir and we will show you", as he did so and stuck his head round the door of the lounge and noted our lovely fire, with an embarrassing look on his face he apologized and retreated smartly.

"We are sorry officer, that neighbour has nothing better to do than wasting valuable time of the fire brigade, but on the other hand, it's also nice to know that we have a good neighbour who's keeping an eye on us".

On 20th of March 2021 we left Melbourne to return back to New Zealand. As the covid 19 virus was still on we had to spend 2 weeks in isolation at a hotel in Christchurch, before we were able to return home on Easter day.

But I am happy to say that my lovely visitor became my wife recently.

Written by David Unwin



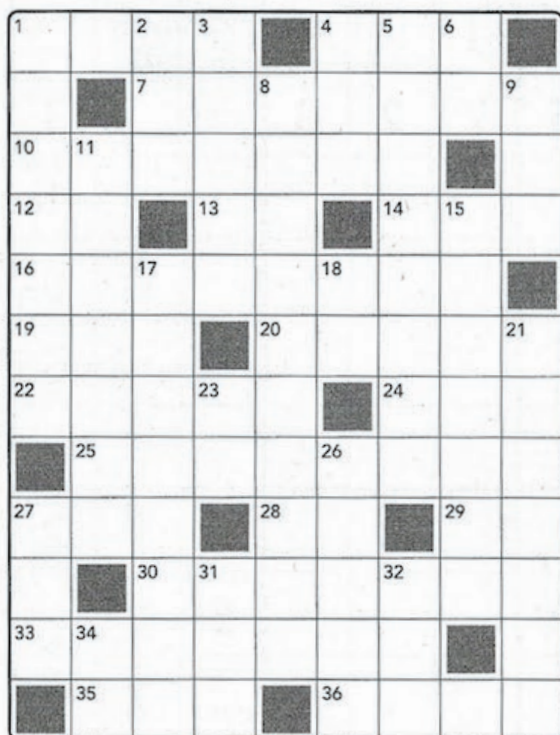
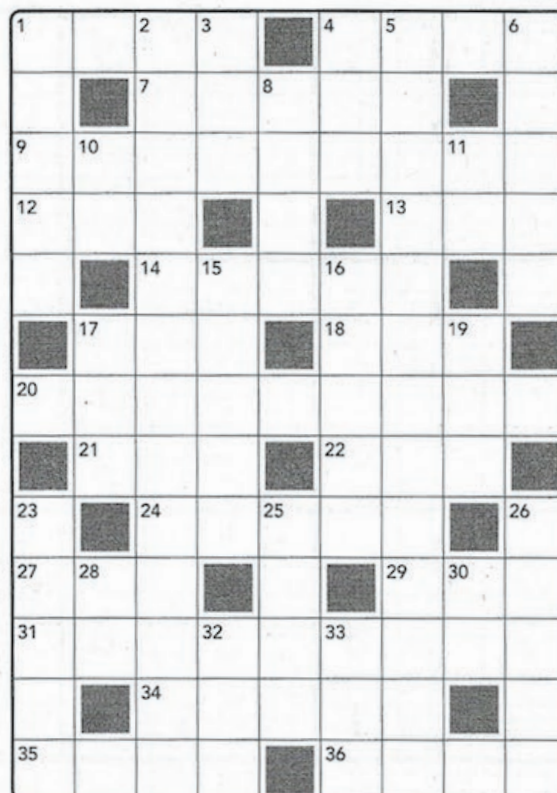
Puzzle of the month

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 9 meisje 12 een zekere 13 Duitse omroep
 14 tanig 17 zak 18 runderziekte 20 injecteren
 21 in orde 22 vorm van het boeddhisme
 24 idee 27 berichtje op een gsm 29 lende
 31 tien jaar 34 genaamd zijn 35 mestvocht
 36 eruitzien

VERTICAAL

1 nor 2 Europese vrouw 3 ingenieur 4 nadruk-
 kelijke belofte 5 probleem 6 gordijnstang
 8 transactie 10 voorvoegsel 11 meester in
 de rechten 15 houtsoort 16 Spaans eiland
 17 onderzoeksinstituut 19 telwoord 23 etmaal
 waarin het vriest 25 man 26 van bepaalde
 grondsoort 28 mij 30 Europese Unie 32 hoog
 aanzien 33 nieuw-



HORIZONTAAL

1 teug 4 eerste Bijbelse vrouw 7 tegenspraak
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 14 blauwwit metaal 16 stofferen 19 ik 20 gor-
 dijnstang 22 ontdoen van spinrag 24 gestold
 vleesnat 25 hoeveelheid 27 klompje planten
 28 middelbaar onderwijs 29 neon 30 pontbaas
 33 compagnon 35 zangtoon 36 Franse bad-
 plaats

VERTICAAL

1 eerzuchtig persoon 2 opmerking 3 rijgbolle-
 tje 4 et cetera 5 bedrijfstak 6 spil 8 beginnen
 te doen 9 gewicht 11 Italiaans keukenkruid
 15 Amerikaanse staat 17 gepantserd 18 zang-
 noot 21 narigheid 23 landbouwwerktuig
 26 type schaatsen 27 cocon 31 grafisch kunst-
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Laat ik ons eens even voorstellen: wij zijn Ewout en Liesbeth van Bruchem en we hebben de verkoop van de kaas op de maandelijkse markt overgenomen.

We zijn niet van Karikaas en we maken ook niet zelf de kaas, maar we zijn grote liefhebbers van kaas en vinden het erg leuk om iedereen blij te maken met heerlijke Nederlandse kaas.

Alhoewel: op de markt van 12 november is dat niet helemaal gelukt. We waren zo snel uitverkocht, dat sommige mensen voor niets kwamen!

Dat vinden we wel zo sneu, dat we voor de maand december nog een bestelling gaan doen.

Die kan u dan bij ons thuis (in Richmond; vlakbij de Bin Inn, Stanmore Road) ophalen.

Stuur ons maar even een berichtje, via email of txt, welke kaas en hoeveel u wilt en dan gaan we ons best doen.

Als we uw bestelling binnen hebben vóór vrijdag 8 december, 12 uur, dan kunt u de kaas de week daarna gesneden en verpakt bij ons ophalen.

We zullen dan een berichtje sturen wanneer het klaar is.

Ons email: bruchem.family@gmail.com

Ons mobiele nummer: 021 819 114

Groetjes!

Ewout en Liesbeth

Let me introduce ourselves: we are Ewout en Liesbeth van Bruchem and we took over the sale of cheese at the monthly market.

We don't work for Karikaas, nor do we make the cheese ourselves, but we both love cheese and really enjoy providing Dutch cheeses for everyone.

However, at the market on the 12th of November, we failed. We sold out so quickly that some people missed out.

We feel very bad about that and have decided to do another order for the month of December. You will be able to pick up the cheese from our home, which is very close to the Bin Inn, Stanmore Road.

Please send us an email or txt to let us know which cheese and how much of it you would like and we will try and do our best to make it work.

If we receive your order before Friday the 8th of December 12 noon, then you will be able to collect the cheese the following week. We will send you a message once it's ready.

Our email: bruchem.family@gmail.com

Our mobile number: 021 819 114

Regards,

Ewout and Liesbeth

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Klaverjas Club

"Ons Genoegen"

Wel, het is alweer zover dat dit mijn laatste artikel voor het jaar 2023: er zijn er heel wat geschreven sinds 1976 toen werd alles met de hand geschreven en naar de editor gebracht, het gaf niet waar die woonden of wie het was. Ik heb later met Gerard Angel die Echo geprint in de drukkerij van Toon Arts in High street met zo'n machine die je met de hand moest draaien en het nam ons zo'n beetje drie tot vier uur om het voor mekaar te krijgen maar dankzij de technology wordt het mij nu verteld hoe ik moet schrijven. Toch was het een leuke tijd want als we deze taak gedaan moest worden haalde we de sleutel bij Toon op en als alles onder de grootste vloeken gedaan was werd de sleutel terug gebracht en Toon zat op ons te wachten met een paar glazen wijn en alles te vertellen wat goed en wat niet goed ging met de club want hij was toen de voorzitter. Dat was die goeie ouwe tijd vol met zorgen over wat er zou komen en wat we nu hebben is een prestatie. We waren aan het denken hoe we de laatste kaartdag moeten organiseren want het is een moeilijke taak om voor iedereen het naar z'n zin te krijgen vooral met het eten want je

kunt het spreekwoord: "er is geen kok gevonden die kan koken voor allen monden", maar één van onze leden vroeg mij of zij het mocht doen en dat werd niet tegen dove oren gezegd en zij houdt van koken zo wat wil je nog meer.

De Roster is bijna vol nog twee keer en dan is het zover: het is nog steeds dicht bij elkaar, dus ik zou zeggen doe je best en veel geluk. De winnaars van deze maand zijn, Op de 21ste Oktober Kaartdrijf, we speelden toen met drie tafels 12 spelers !ste was Gerard van Kuppevelt met 6886 punten 2de Dora Nieste met 6808 punten 3de Emmy Nederpelt met 6300 punten 31 Oktober 1ste Olga Verstappen met 5132 punten en 2de Arda Hogendoorn met 4816 punten 14 November 1ste Arda Hogendoorn met 5487 punten en 2de Wim Slot met 4920 punten. Wel goeie mensen dit is het epistel voor deze maand en voor het jaar dat is alweer voorbij gevlogen en namens de klaverjasclub wensen we jullie prettige feestdagen en een gezond en gelukkig Nieuwjaar. Ik zal er een glaasje op drinken en we zien jullie weer in het nieuwe jaar.

Wim.

New members welcome!

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

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