

# Echo

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Official Newsletter of the Netherlands Society Christchurch (Inc)

## DUTCH MARKET & CAR BOOT SALE



Sunday 9th February 2025

10am - 2pm

Netherlands Society Clubrooms

Carboot sellers \$10.

Free entry.

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# Editor's note

Dear readers / geachte lezers

Wauw! January is gone, luckily we have something HUGE to look forward to: a CAR BOOT SALE, combined with the monthly market.

I understand there will be a variety of food stalls together with the usual market stalls and it will be on the field by the WINDMILL, so plenty of parking spaces.

We would love for you to help us make this an even more successful market by letting everyone know this is happening and it is a FREE event, unless of course you are selling. These events are great community spirited gatherings and we love to see you there, I mean one man's trash is another man's treasure. Iemand's rotzooi is altijd andermand's schat.

Verder is er een nieuwe kolom over Nederlanders die we leren kennen door een interview, de eerste dit Jaar is Hans van der Voorn. Voorheen hadden we een mooie serie van Annie en Adriaan van der Dussen en daarna werd het weer stil, ik heb al iemand op het oog voor de Maart Echo maar ik hoor graag van anderen. Eigenlijk gezegd, ik kijk er naar uit, zo leuk vind ik het.

Lillian is weer begonnen met YOY en de klaverjas club is ook weer gestart.

Dutch lessons voor de kleintjes, zo belangrijk en je ontmoet wat nieuwe mensen, kinderen en ouders.



Gerard heeft een stukje ingestuurd over de bloemetjes en de bijtjes en we hebben een goeie puzzel, helaas geen ruimte voor een recept maar wie wil met dit mooie weer nou in de keuken staan?

Ik wens jullie veel leesplezier en kijk er naar uit jullie 9 Februari op de 1e markt en car boot sale te zien.

Tot dan!

**Hedwig  
Dunbar-Keek**  
Editor, Echo

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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](mailto:editor.nsc@gmail.com)

# President's greeting



**Miryam Denny-Ipenburg**

President

Netherlands Society Christchurch (Inc.)

## Dutch Lessons 2025

Due to the extended Market on February 9, there will be NO Dutch lessons afterwards.

Over the last few years there have been Dutch Language lessons (for adults) after the market on a Sunday afternoon.

Over the years numbers of attendees have diminished and to carry on with these I will need to have a reasonably sized committed group or charge a 'term fee' to cover the time and materials I put into these. I prefer not to have to charge.

If you would like to carry on—or start—Dutch language lessons with me, please email:

[president.nsc@gmail.com](mailto:president.nsc@gmail.com)

If I get enough response, we will start in March after the market.

I have tried to hold these in the evening, but evenings in the past were not well attended.

Best regards,

Miryam

Beste Lezers,

Ik hoop dat iedereen een heel fijne Kerst heeft gehad en wens iedereen een voorspoedig 2025!

Jammer genoeg ben ik alweer aan het werk en heeft het weer niet echt dat lekkere vakantie gevoel gegeven. Hopelijk komt het er nog aan!

Ik wil graag Tony feliciteren met het winnen van de raffle, dat mooie schilderij met de hondjes!

Onze eerste markt combineren wij met een Car Boot Sale. Zie hier meer over op pagina 5. Dit wil zeggen dat de markt deze keer van 10 uur 's ochtends tot 2 uur 's middags is, en er geen Nederlandse les zal plaatsvinden. Dus iedereen die wat te verkopen heeft, meldt je nog even snel aan bij Lynda voor een plekje.

Ondertussen heeft het committee heel even bij mogen komen, zodat we er nu weer volle moed tegenaan kunnen. Er zijn al verschillende leuke ideeën geopperd voor het nieuwe jaar, dus hou onze evenementen goed in de gaten.

Ook komt de ambassade weer met hun pop-desks, in maart, juli en november. Dit staat op onze Facebook pagina met de benodigde links.

Dear Readers,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and I wish you all a prosperous 2025!

Unfortunately, I'm already back at work, and the weather hasn't really given off that cozy holiday vibe. Hopefully, that feeling will still come!

I'd like to congratulate Tony on winning the raffle and taking home that beautiful painting with the dogs!

Our first market will be combined with a Car Boot Sale. See more about this on page 5. This means that the market will take place from 10am. to 2pm this time, and there will be no Dutch Lesson. So, for anyone who has something to sell, quickly sign up with Lynda to reserve a spot.

In the meantime, the committee has had a short break to recharge, so now we're ready to dive back in with full energy. Several fun ideas for the new year have already been suggested, so keep an eye on our events.

The Embassy will also be back with their pop-up desks in March, July, and November. This information is available on our Facebook page with the necessary links.

Met vriendelijke groeten,

With kind regards,

Miryam Denny-Ipenburg

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# What's On!

## Car Boot Sale

Sunday 9th  
February 2025  
10am - 2pm  
Netherlands  
Society Clubrooms

If you would like a spot to sell your wares, costs are \$ 10.00. For more information, check out our Facebook page, Netherlands Society Christchurch and/or Christchurch City Council site What's on CHCH and search for Dutch or Car Boot Sale.



## Dutch Market 2025



Sunday 9th February 2025  
10am - 12.30pm  
Netherlands Society Clubrooms

## Youth of Yesterday

Happy New Year  
**2025**

### YOUTH OF YESTERDAY

Every Friday morning  
9.30 am - 2.00 pm approx.

Operating are Rummikub, card players  
Adult drawing, golfers coffee

#### Important date:

- Start up 24 January 2025

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. You do not have to be dutch to join in.

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# MEETING DUTCH NEW ZEALANDERS



Hans

## Introducing Hans van der Voorn

Born in July 1954 in Zeist, my father's family is from Utrecht and mother's family from Zeist.

Unusually we were living with my mother's family with my two parents and two young children in quite a small house with a lot of other people. That was the incentive to emigrate to NZ.

My father was a bricklayer, mother a homemaker.

We arrived in NZ in May 1956 on a ship called SS Waterman, my older sister and I were 3 and nearly 2. The 4 subsequent siblings were born in NZ.

We were briefly with family in Warrington, Otago after we arrived but soon moved to Balclutha, where there were quite a few Dutch people. My father started a bricklaying business there in partnership with his brother. There is a long history of building and bricklaying in the family in and around Utrecht. They were very good at their trade and did ok, albeit with some initial prejudice at the time. It was quite a change for them coming from a city in Nederland to a small town in NZ in the 1950s, but they adapted fairly quickly. We were very close to my uncle and aunt, but she passed away very young at the age of 39.

We grew up not speaking Dutch much, definitely not once we started school. That was the notion at the time. Recently I've set about learning it on Duolingo and am finding the basic vocabulary relatively easy to recall but am poor at the grammar. I travel to Nederland regularly for work, and while everyone speaks English well, they appreciate it if I make an effort to also speak Dutch.

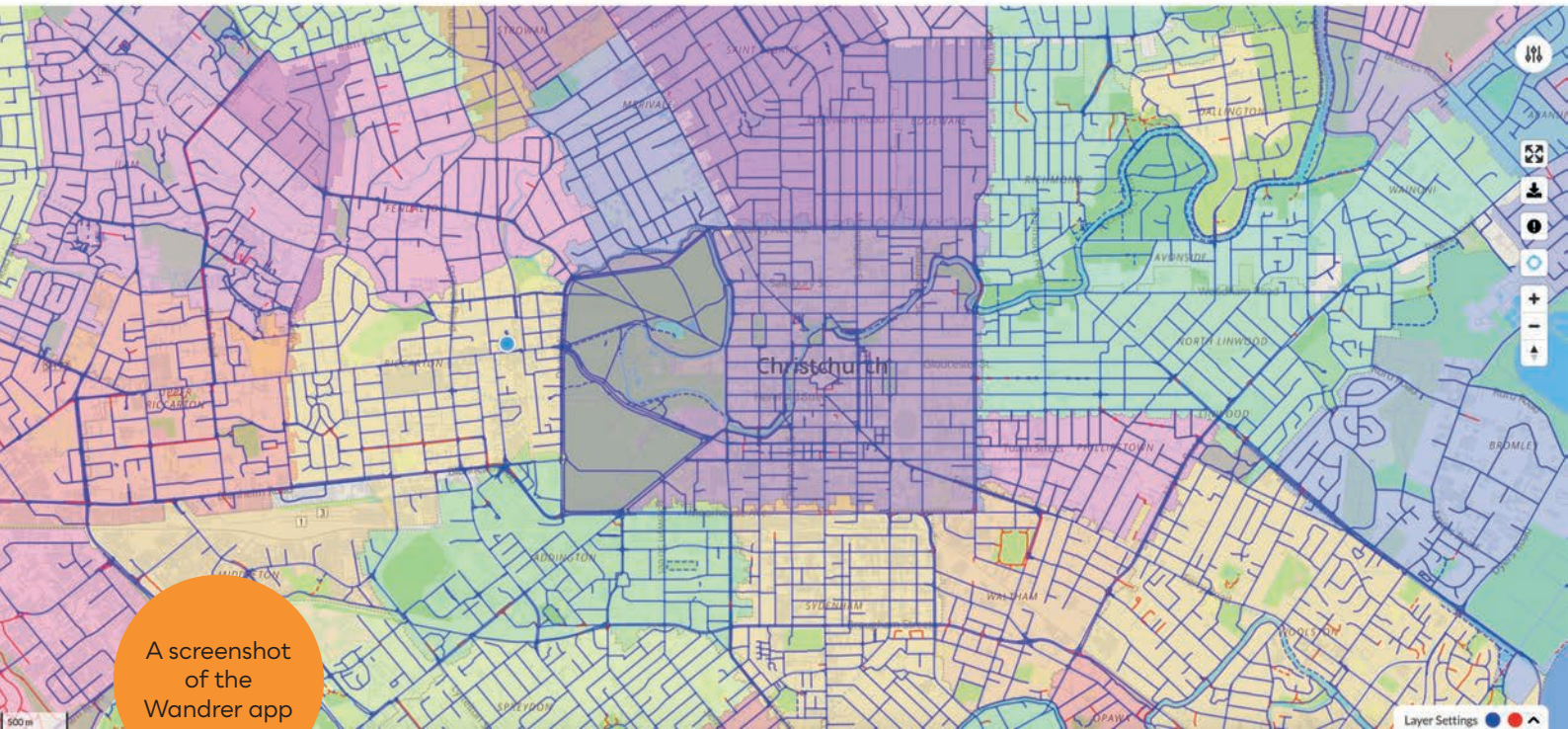
I wound up getting a degree in civil engineering at Canterbury University, and spent the early part of my working career in construction at Downer & Co, including being project engineer on the Chatham Islands Airport.

I met my wife Patricia in 1982, and got married in 1983. We lived in the UK for a couple of years, came back to Downer in Wellington in 1986 then had 2 children, spent some time in Invercargill, then went back to Wellington. I left Downer in 1994 to start an energy company called Nova Gas, which was later sold to Todd Energy and became Nova Energy. At around the same time as we sold the company, my wife had secondary breast cancer so I retired early, travelled a bit with the family, before she passed away in late 2002.

My current company here is called Izon Science and we've worked closely for a long time with Amsterdam University's Medical Centre, AUMC.

We grew up with bikes and as a child we did some quite big rides. I started riding recreationally in 1999 in my mid 40s to get some exercise, initially road riding with a Wellington group. My first serious bike was a titanium framed Litespeed, which seemed good at the time, but is now well behind modern technology. Since then I've branched out into many kinds of riding and own about 8 bikes at the moment. I spend more time mountain biking now than road riding. Among other things I have the only life pass at the Christchurch Adventure Park, where I ride regularly.

Other bike riding things I've done are hill climbing events called Everesting, where the aim is to bike up and down the same hill until you've accumulated the height of



A screenshot of the Wander app

Mt Everest. It needs to be done all at once, no going home for a sleep. One version of this is to climb 10,000m instead of Everest's 8,848. Twice I've had the world record for being the oldest person to do the Everest 10,000. The last time I did that was 54 laps of Clifton Terrace in Sumner. I lost that record a few years ago and haven't decided if I should get it back or not.

Another bike riding diversion is called Wandrer Earth, where the aim is to ride as many different roads and streets as possible. The attached map of Christchurch shows the roads I've ridden in blue and not ridden in red. The system covers the whole world, and is handy when visiting a new place or country.

I have a new goal which is to break the world chainless record, which is to ride a flat course with no chain (so you can't pedal). It's done on a pump track and the current record is 50km, held by a kiwi professional living in Canada. Pumping means you stand on the pedals and use your body weight to go up and down the little rises and falls. When I read about him doing it, I thought that by using my Everesting experience I could probably break that myself. It's a different action to pedalling and uses more energy per km. I'm aiming to do that in March at the children's pump track in Manchester St, near the Margaret Mahy Playground. I need to measure the course accurately but going by my GPS, 60km will be around 700 laps and should take about 4.5 hours. I'll be raising some money, by getting sponsored per lap, to buy bikes for ChCh children who otherwise wouldn't have one. My local bike shop is helping me to get those bikes partly sponsored by one of the bike manufacturers. I've

started serious training now. Before the holidays I was just trying it out. Next week I aim to get up to 20km, then work my way up every week until I can do the 60km. The difficulty is managing the training while children also want to use the track. Often they are really young 2-3 years old, so that gets a bit messy. Going earlier in the day before they arrive seems to be the best way.

To have the world record ratified means that I need to get the course accurately measured with a survey wheel, and then use an electronic race timing system to count the laps. Ideally we will have a screen showing the lap number, time and distance.

I think the CCC will be supportive because it's good for Christchurch also it promotes cycling and good for children to be introduced to riding in a safe environment and to see what's possible.



The pump track at Margaret Mahy Playground



# News from the Embassy

December 2024

## Tip from us

For all your questions relating to any Dutch government organisation, call our 24/7 contact center:

0800-388-243

Or visit:

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

## Embassy closure

Christmas Closure  
23 Dec '24 - 6 Jan '25

Wellington Anniversary  
20 January '25

Waitangi Day  
6 February '25

### Message from the Ambassador

Dear Dutch community,



2024 has been a year of *action* and *connection*. The Embassy team, including our Honorary Consuls, worked hard to strengthen our ties with the Pacific, including New Zealand. From hosting key delegations on horticulture innovation, security and climate change to expanding our Embassy team with new faces - including a duo Deputy Head of Mission and a Pacific Advisor - we've made big steps in deepening our relationships.

We also took our consular services to the next level. With more pop-up consulates across New Zealand and tailored services for our 80+ community, we're making it easier for you to get the support you need. And we're not stopping - 2025 will bring even more improvements.

Next year, we'll celebrate *60 years of diplomatic representation* between the Netherlands and New Zealand and *15 years of the Waka collaboration* between Wereld Museum Leiden, Dutch Waka Paddlers and Toi Māori. These milestones are a testament to the strong foundation we've all built together and the exciting future ahead. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to an even more successful year together in 2025!

On behalf of the team 'Fijne feestdagen en een gelukkig Nieuwjaar', Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete,

Your Ambassador,  
Ard M.M. van der Vorst

### Consular pop-up desks 2025

We are delighted to announce our 2025 consular pop-up dates and destinations and look forward to seeing you there:

- 10-13 March – Christchurch
- 19-21 May – Tauranga
- 14-17 July – Christchurch
- 23-24 September – Queenstown
- 3-6 November – Christchurch

If you wish to receive an email when appointments become available you are welcome to register for the InfoService (in Dutch) and select 'Aanmelden + registratie bij ambassade': <https://informatieservice.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/>

Alternatively, info and appointments will be available one month prior to each date on our [website](#) and our [social media pages](#).

A reminder that you can apply year round at the embassy in Wellington or VFS Global in Auckland: [www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/apply-new-zealand](http://www.netherlandsworldwide.nl/passport-id-card/abroad/apply-new-zealand)

### NL and NZ - celebrating 60 years of diplomatic representation

In 2025 we celebrate 60 years of diplomatic representation between our two countries. Together with the New Zealand Embassy in The Hague, we're very proud to present the 60th anniversary logo.



The logo celebrates the strong bond between our two nations. It visually represents shared history and cultural connections through iconic symbols:

The Koru: A stylized fern frond, symbolizing new beginnings and growth, a distinctive New Zealand motif.

A Waka: Showcasing the stern of the waka "Te Hono ki Aotearoa" (The Link to New Zealand), permanently housed in the Netherlands.

Delfts Blue: A traditional Dutch pottery style, representing centuries-old craftsmanship and artistry.

The logo's design incorporates a water element, symbolizing the historical connection between the two countries, and the intertwining shapes signify a balanced, strong and enduring partnership.

Thanks to Ambassador Ard van der Vorst, Ambassador Susannah Gordon, Elizabeth McKay, Hannah Frost, Merle Overmeire and Nico Buitendijk for their contribution to this design process.





# Christmas BBQ photos

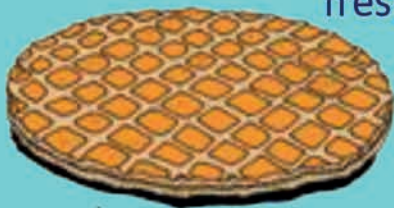


# LEKKER DUTCH



## VERSE STROOPWAFEL

Cinnamon spiced syrup waffle  
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Croquette, soft rol & mustard  
(menu can change per market)



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## POFFERTJES

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## OLIEBOLLEN

Traditional Dutch Donut

## APPELTAART

Oma's Recipe served with cream

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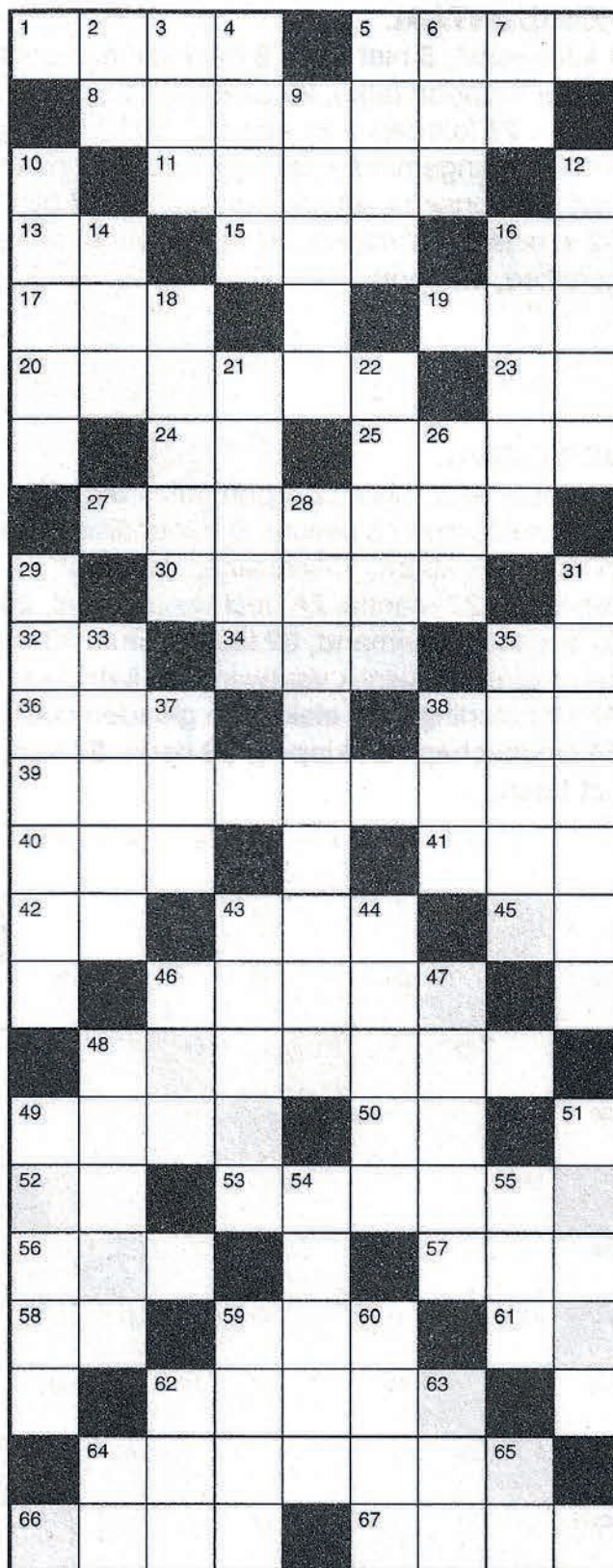
# Puzzle of the month

## HORIZONTAAL

1 bruusk, 5 verlegenheid,  
 8 middagvoorstelling, 11 bloedgever,  
 13 Bijbeldeel, 15 rekeneenheid voor  
 personeel, 16 muzieknoot, 17 knal,  
 19 bloemperk, 20 tongval, 23 peuter,  
 24 modern, 25 plaats in Letland, 27 veld  
 waar vee kan grazen, 30 sportattribuut,  
 32 rund, 34 uitroep van droefheid,  
 35 nachtspiegel, 36 milieuvriendelijk  
 (voorvoegsel), 38 gehoororgaan,  
 39 kletskaus, 40 kroeg, 41 Japanse munt,  
 42 anno passato (afk.), 43 groot bedrag,  
 45 noot, 46 veegwerktuig, 48 knoeier,  
 49 varken, 50 en dergelijke (afk.), 52 en  
 anderen (afk.), 53 stierenvechter,  
 56 blaasinstrument, 57 hooghartige  
 houding, 58 de dato (afk.), 59 groet,  
 61 onder andere (afk.), 62 geur, 64 refrein,  
 66 as, 67 aardsoort.

## VERTICAAL

2 americium (afk.), 3 wiel, 4 materie,  
 5 zoogdier, 6 voordat, 7 neon (symbool),  
 9 binnen (Lat.), 10 uitroep, 12 Russische  
 brandewijn, 14 bovenste uiteinde, 16 goede  
 eigenschap, 18 Nederlander, 21 ordinair  
 meisje, 22 financiële ineenstorting, 26 deel  
 van een fuik, 28 kleur, 29 balspel op een  
 veld, 31 hoog oprijzen, 33 plank in de kast,  
 35 aardappel, 37 grondsoort, 38 honderd  
 gram, 43 gezichtskleur, 44 naar beneden,  
 46 verheugd, 47 mythologische tovenaars,  
 48 nijdig, 49 rangtelwoord, 51 het heilige  
 boek der moslims, 54 kant langs water,  
 55 rivier (Spaans), 59 stand der edelen,  
 60 Europese munteenheid, 62 uitroep van  
 schrik, 63 vermogend, 64 kanaalpeil (afk.),  
 65 mij.



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# Dutch Lessons for Children

Come and join us at Upper Riccarton library, van 10 februari op maandagen tijdens term, tijd van 3:30-5:30pm. Neem je snack en wat te drinken mee. Ook je eigen schriftje en potlood/pen. Enige kosten zijn zaalhuur, die afhangen van hoeveel gezinnen/kids komen. Tot nu toe ongeveer 35 NZD per gezin / per term.

Voor meer informatie kan je contact opnemen met Elma van Baasbank 02902378998

Come and join us at Upper Riccarton library, from 10th February on Mondays during term, time 3:30-5:30pm. Bring your own snack and something to drink. Also your own notebook and pencil/pen. Only costs are room hire, which depends on how many families/kids come. So far approx 35 NZD per family/per term.

For more information, please contact Elma van Baasbank 02902378998



## Bee Problems

Several people asked me: "Why does a beekeeper burn his hive?" and "What is American Foulbrood?"

Hier is een kort antwoord op beide vragen;

A TV news item, some time ago, showed a beekeeper burning a beehive because of American Foul Brood.

American Foulbrood (AFB) is a very serious disease caused by the bacterium *paenibacillus* larvae.

This bacterium produces millions of spores that germinate in the gut of baby bees, the bee larva.

The result of that infection is that bee larvae become a slimy mess and die, so no more brood in the hive.

This disease can be treated with anti antibiotics, several countries do that, but not in NZ, our honey has to be kept pure.

In NZ beekeepers have to report the infection and within 7 days the infected hive (s) with all the hive ware on it has to be burned.

To do that, the hive lid is lifted, pour 1/2 ltr petrol into the hive, kill all the bees (can be as many as 50,000), close the hive again and prepare the burning within a week.

AFB spores can stay alive for more than 50 years, they resist all chemicals and cannot be killed with hot water.

Some beekeepers are unlucky and lose more than 100 hives or even 1000.

There is a possibility to make the woodwork sterile again with the treatment called: Wax Dipping. In a big container the wax (paraffin) needs to be heated to 160 deg.C and all the wooden parts need to be kept in the wax for 10 mins. The beekeeper can start again with a new family of bees.

*Gerard, the beekeeper*

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weer stralen!"***

# Klaverjas Club "Ons Genoegen"

Het Nieuwe jaar is alweer in volle gang en we hopen dat het een goed jaar mag worden, niet alleen voor ons maar voor de hele wereld want het is het op het ogenblik een pest zooi met al die oorlogen en branden, dan leven wij in een luilekkerland. We hebben vernomen dat Leni Nelis is overleden, ze was op leeftijd, in die vroegere dagen was de kaart club was Leni de penningmeesteres, dat was in die dagen een heel voorname positie want je keek achter zo'n zestig leden en die hielden je in de gaten als een hawk want ze konden het veel beter maar doen dat was er niet bij, nog bedankt Lenie. Leg maar een lekker kaartje met Willempie daarboven en zo is Piet Bhom daar heen gegaan.

We hebben de pot verteerd op de laatste competitie dag en de winnaars van het jaar 2024 waren 1ste Wim de Winter, 2de Koos van Nieuwkerk, 3de Beb van Polanen, 4de Arda Hogendoorn, 5de Lydia Verstappen en 6de Olga Verstappen. Die kregen een extra prijsje en de rest van de deelnemers kregen een doosje chocola, zo allemaal een prijsje zodat ze trouw komen. De Kerst lunch was weer gezellig en we gaan dit nieuwe jaar met volle moed weer verder en waarom? Omdat het beter is naar de club te komen dan naar de Box te zitten kijken. Hier praat je met vrienden.

Wel, dit is het voor deze keer, Ik wens jullie allen het beste van dit jaar en heel veel geluk in het spel van het leven. Wim



## New members welcome!

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

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