



Hi de Hi
Dorpskrant



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Sinterklaas visits Ons Dorp

On the 6th of December, we were surprised with a visit of Saint Nicolas, (Sinterklaas) and two of his helpers, "Zwarte Pieten". We welcomed Sinterklaas and his Pieten with some Sinterklaas songs. Sinterklaas told us that his travels had been very long, due to the closure of the Suez Canal. They had to sail via the Kaap. The Pieten, Sinterklaas had brought with him, were very lively and cheeky; they did bring some good energy. Sinterklaas called some people forward and complimented them on their dedication and good the



work they do for the village. Brian O'Connor who looks after the bar at most events and got the Ons Dorp singers together, well done Brian. Two people that were called weren't present, Reese and Miriam Helmondollar, who regardless of health problems kept proof reading the monthly Dorpskrant. Well done, and much appreciated. Jack Velseboer, not

present is driving too fast through the village and needed to do some homework on senior Safe Driving. Truus Groen played the piano; she knows all the Sinterklaas tunes by heart, A big thank you for Truus.

The Pieten handed out Chocolate truffles for the ladies and speculaas for the men. After Sinterklaas and the Pieten left, the villagers stayed on for Happy Hour, with drinks and chicken nibbles. It was good to see so many off you turning up, (over 80 villagers and member's. Thank you to all the volunteers for the time given and the hard work done.



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Deadline for Dorpskrant
24th of the month.

President's Corner

Hi de Hi Villagers

We have moved quietly into 2025, I hope you all had a happy festive season, catching up with family and friends.

The Committee wishes all the villagers and their loved ones and friends a very blessed, happy and most of all a healthy

2025

I myself went on a cruise and sailed around New Zealand, it was fantastic. The weather has been great, which of course is a bonus.

This month the activities organized by the Society Committee and the volunteers will start up again. We look forward to offering you a varied program. More about this later in this edition .

December has been a very busy month for the Society and volunteers. Following on from the Bokhorst dinner, to the celebration of the birthday of Sinterklaas, and a week later the 40th Anniversary of “Ons Dorp “. The latter was a great success, read more further on.

After all the events it was a very busy year; we have had a well deserved rest, time to reflect on the last year.

Attentie-Attentie-Attentie

The Trust advises the villagers, that the coffee, soup and other hot drinks, available from the Atrium, are to be consumed at the Atrium, and NOT TAKEN HOME.

With thanks the Trust.

Get your group in the loop!

I would like to ask those Volunteers who are organizing, craft, bowling, Housie, movies, etc. to write a view lines for the dorpskrant. We have many new villagers in the village and these new villagers have no idea of what is offered or what we are doing at these get-together's. So tell us what it's all about, as some of the villagers may want to join your activity.

Ons Dorp Singers Carol Concert.

The “Ons Dorpsingers” had a very busy week leading up to the concert. The previous Sunday they entertained our care centre friends. They demanded an encore!!

Then the “Ons Dorp singers” walked the village street on Tuesday and Wednesday. We had our village Concert on the Friday, and on Saturday the singers entertained at the “Carnarvon” rest home in Lincoln Road.



On Friday 20th December the Ons Dorp singers entertained in the Paviljoen to a large and appreciative village audience. All joined in with the singing of the well known songs and carols. The program began with some lighter songs, “Jingle Bells” and “Rudolph”, then followed with “Stille Nacht” (Silent Night).

The singers then gave us two songs, the very lovely “O Holy Night”, and a new song Christmas words to Leonard Cohen’s well known song “Hallelujah”. Both were well received.



Then we all joined again for “Hark, The Herald Angels” and “O Come All ye Faithfull”.

The singers were led by their choir Master, Brian O’Connor, and, playing the organ, Harry Brassler. Later Zbigniew Slomian, a friend of Marian and Danuta Sosna joined us with his very professional violin playing. This was a welcome addition to the program.

The villagers then enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea with cake.



“Ons Dorp” celebrated its 40th Anniversary

On 14th December “Ons Dorp” celebrated its 40th Anniversary in the Paviljoen. Many villagers gathered together to celebrate this special event.

The Dutch Ambassador and Patron of “Ons Dorp” Art van der Vorst and some outside invitees, as well as older villagers who presently live in the Care Centre, were celebrating with us.



The afternoon started with an opening speech from Joop Hageman the Chair of the Trust Board. This was followed by a speech of our Patron Art van der Vorst. The time for speeches ended with two more speeches from outsiders. After the speeches Art van der Vorst together with Joop Hageman cut the cake.

We all toasted with a glass of champagne, or grape juice. The cake was eaten in no time. Thank you Cookie for baking four beautiful cakes. The bar opened after this and canapés were served, by a group of 8 volunteers, family of the villagers. A big, big “thank you” to all those volunteers that worked so hard together with the Society Committee to make this a memorable afternoon.





The Trio "By Chance" looked after the musical part of the celebration and played a variety of European songs. A big thank you Ben on keyboard, Steve on saxophone and Lynn the vocalist.

All present received a souvenir, a coffee mug, filled with cherry liquor bonbons.

The celebrations were a great success.



New Years Eve



New Years eve was celebrated by 33 villagers in the Paviljoen. There was music, a short movie, and ample food and drinks to share around. At 12 o'clock we welcomed the New Year, with a toast of champagne. Looking forward to another great year, for the village, with help of Committees and Management. And of course our volunteers, who are always prepared to lend a hand.



Mugs for Sale

By now you should all have received a coffee mug for the 40th Anniversary; we still have some mugs available,. The Committee has decided to sell these mugs. The mugs make nice presents for friends or family.

Price for filled with cherry bonbons mug is \$12.00

Price for mug only is \$10.00

Please contact any Committee member to purchase one.



Crystal Mountain

The Crystal Mountain Village Van Trip, was a success, we arrived there early. The van was driven by Rein van Staalduinen. The morning started with a visit to the museum, where we admired the huge and unusual crystals that were on display. After the museum, you have to go down in the elevator to get there, because it is underground. We then visited the gallery, which offered an



amazing display of crystals and other gems. Some of the ladies bought themselves a nice piece of jewelry. We were beginning to be very thirsty and hungry, so we headed off to the café and enjoyed a generous lunch. As I forgot to take any photos I decided to take a photo after arriving back at the village. Nice time out!

Sjoelen

On Friday 24 January we enjoyed another sjoel afternoon. It was nice to see some new players who never played this game before but were surprisingly good at it.

Our next sjoel day will be on Friday 28 February at 1.30pm in the pavilion. If you would like to play please see Antonia at villa 38 or call 027 4804835. Please remember that we can only have 24 players.

If you would like to have a bit of practice or like to play a game with a friend or neighbour please go ahead. The sjoelbakken (shuffle boards) are stored in the snooker room and the disks in the cupboard with the other game equipment. You can place the sjoelbak on top of the snooker table, except for Thursday afternoon when the men play snooker. After use please make sure that the box is complete with 30 disks, a score pad, a pen and the game rules.



Have fun!

Botanical Gardens Village Outing



Summertime.... What s beautiful season, to get out and enjoy the beauty of the Gardens.

This year the Manurewa Botanical Gardens are featuring wonderful sculptures. Throughout. Their café is delightful, and should you need it, we can book an electric scooter to travel around in. (Corrie Bol had fun in one last time we went.)

February (Thursday) 13th, is the day, Roelof has kindly agreed to take us. The Village Van leaves

the Care Centre at 10am. The entrance to the Gardens is free.

Contact Faye (leaving villa number on answer machine, please speak clearly)
09-838-6952

Coachtrip to Warkworth & Matakane

The Society has planned another coach trip, on the 18th March. This time we are going to Morris and James Pottery in Matakana. You will be able to admire and or purchase the beautiful pottery made on site. The plan is to have lunch possibly at the adjacent café, or we can drive back to Warkworth to have lunch there. And have a look at the shops. Just outside Warkworth is a small kauri museum at the Parry Kauri Park. This park has a lovely flat 0.8-km loop walk, for those who would like to stretch their legs, if not, the museum is lovely. The park is free, there is a small charge of \$7.00 for the museum. Cost for the Coach is \$10.00 p.p. If you're interested please contact Antonia Aarts, villa 38. Phone 0274-804-835



Sjoelen

We will have another sjoel afternoon in the pavilion on Friday the 28th of February

at 1pm. There will be coffee, tea and biscuits during the afternoon and a small gift for the winner in each pool.

If you would like to participate: please contact Antonia villa 38 or call 027 4804835,

There is a maximum of 24 players.



To all Men:

A group of us meet at the Atrium, Mondays at 10am for a coffee and a chat to get to know each other a little better.

We mostly bring our own large mugs to save the cups provided, we finish at 11am, and we love to have others join us.

Hope to see you there, Eric Hefford.



New residents, Alberto and Berend, villa 13



New residents Neil and Lyn Hyde, villa 35

Open Fellowship

A gathering for all who love, or want to know the Lord Jesus



Where: in the Atrium

When: every Friday

Time: 2pm

++ All Welcome++

Contact Faye Villa 36 PH. 838-6952

Transport

Transport is being offered to those that would like to join activities within "Ons Dorp".

Please note: You will need to be able to walk **unaided to and from** the vehicle.

The following people are available to help with transport:

Joop Hageman 09 837 5176

Roelof Siebring 09 838 1017

Simon Hoekstra 09 299 9126

Rein van Staalduinen 09-974 4713

Please call in advance so pick-up can be organised.

Happy Hour

Happy Hour is on Friday the 14th February from 4-6 pm



The Village Shop is open every Wednesday morning between 9 and 12pm

The village shop is now selling flags and has a large range of goodies like: kroketten; kersen bonbons; a variety of chocolates; ginger or plain ontbijtkoek; a large selection of different kinds of Dutch biscuits; drops (Liquorice) all sorts; soup (tomato, chicken, vegetable, pea soup) chocolate hail; different spices; red cabbage in a jar; brown beans, kapucijners, appelstroop, biscottis and.... much, much more! On our monthly market days (the last Friday of the month) both the “Kaas Boer” with his large delicious selection of Dutch cheeses and the “Herring Boer” with Dutch herring, witlof and roll mops are always popular and busy. Furthermore, there are the knick-knack tables with lots of items for sale!

Raffle winners on market day

Friday December 20th

1st prize – Doedtie Hoekstra

2nd prize – Jack Velzeboer

Friday January 31st

1st prize – Joop Hageman

2nd prize – Gert v/d Vegt

Next Market

28th February



Acknowledgements

Annette Ker of villa 34, who is presently in hospital, wishes to thank all villagers who befriended Benjii. Last week at 15 years of age, Benjii went over the rainbow bridge, and is at rest. As it could be some time before Annette is among us again she did not want the support and friendship to go unacknowledged.

Some people have asked where the light tree has gone from the Foyer of the Paviljoen. The tree has been donated (see photo) to the care centre hospital lounge. Many residents are very mesmerized with the lights, according to Jolien.



Movie showing in February

In the Paviljoen at 2.00 pm

February 23

Sole Mio

“Live in Concert”



2nd Bowling group Setup?

After talking with Guusje Boots, we thought it a good idea to start up a second evening for bowls. The group led by Guusje is full, hence the second evening. Is there anyone in the Village interested to organize this second group, and or interested in playing in-door bowls? Let me know, Margje 974-4713 or 021-2226833.



“Ons Dorp Singers”

We practise every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm in the Paviljoen, All interested to join welcome.



Exercise at the Paviljoen

Monday Balancing Classes

Monday 10-11pm

Every Monday

Thursday Exercise Classes

Thursday 10-11pm

Every Thursday



Watch "(1 Hr) Lively Chair Yoga Class with Tatis Cervantes-Aiken at Yoga Vista" on YouTube
<https://youtu.be/4eCb3TFHnTg?si=58vW20rXGtKFyeMb>
Also, have a go on the exercise bicycle!!

Regular Activities in the Paviljoen

Sunday Coffee Mornings at 10.00 am

The 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in the **Atrium**.

The 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month in the **Paviljoen**.



Monday Afternoon Klaverjassen at 1.00pm

A very relaxed afternoon playing cards, with tea/coffee in the break.

Contact: Margie, 974 4713.

Monday Evening Indoor Bowling at 7.30 pm

These are very enjoyable social evenings with a cup of tea or coffee at the end of the evening. Therefore, if you enjoy social evenings and want to give it a try, you will not regret it!



Tuesday Afternoon any games from 1.00 pm until 5 pm

Here again, villagers who enjoy playing games get together to play a social game with a chat and cup of tea or coffee. All villagers are welcome, please bring any games you may have from home if you like.



Wednesday Morning at 9.00 am

Crafty villagers get together every Wednesday morning, starting at 9:30am to do knitting, needle work, in short anything to do with hand crafts. All villagers welcome.



Wednesday Afternoon Playing Canasta at 1.00pm

Villagers interested in playing / learning Canasta or Klaverjassen please phone Theresia on 320 0296 or 027-614-3643.



Thursday Afternoon Billiards or Pool at 1.00 pm

Villagers play pool or French billiards (3 Balls, no pockets)
Newcomers are welcome.



Thursday Afternoon Pickle Ball, from 4.00 – 5.00 pm

Paviljoen or Bowling green.

Contact Petra, ph 833-8044 or mob. 021-256-3361



Housie every 3rd Thursday Evening of the month at 7:00pm

Good prizes, good company. Coffee or tea with biscuits during the evening,
Contact Guusje Boots, ph. 837 5241 or Roelof Siebring, phone 838 1017

