



Hi de Hi
Dorpskrant



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Botanic Gardens

Our Trip to the Botanic Gardens was a delight to the group. The Interesting sculptures trough out the gardens, with stories of their meanings added intrigue. The café didn't disappoint, and everyone enjoyed each others company.



As March is Matakana (being a gift from the society) I felt a trip to Browns Bay in April would be appropriate as a last minute chance to either shop or enjoy an Autumn day on the beach. The choice is yours.



Van leaving for Browns Bay 10am Thursday April 10th, from the Car Centre. Marion has kindly agreed to drive. (No need for \$ 5 Van fee as in the past). Call Faye (09)8386952 leaving your villa number clearly on her answer machine if out, to book a seat.



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Deadline for Dorpskrant

24th of the month.

Presidents corner

Hi de Hi Villagers, the holiday time is behind us, most of us are back to our normal routines. The months of January and February have been rather windy, sometimes wet but most of all we have had some very warm days, good for some!

This month (March) we will have our normal activities, in the Paviljoen, e.g. cards, exercises, bowls, housie, Dutch shop, Market day, etc. The Society offers something new this month.

Many of us have problems with our feet or just can't take care of them, we have invited a Podiatrist to come to the village to do our feet for us. You will have found a flyer in your letterbox, with all the information. Siona will come back to the village on a regular basis every 6-8 weeks, we hope many villagers will take advantage of this offer, because Siona will only come back if there are enough villagers using his services.

You can find all the information about the day out to Warkworth and Matakana (Pottery) further down in the Dorpskrant.

In the last Dorpskrant I did ask for any interest in playing bowls, sadly nobody reacted, so there won't be a second bowling evening at this stage.

Let's enjoy the rest of the summer weather, as long as it lasts.

Notice

The light tree in the foyer of the Pavilion, has been purchased by the Society Committee in the past. As we getting more villagers using a walker, we have to create more space in the foyer for the walkers. It is therefore that the Committee has decided to donate the light tree to the hospital. The residents have been very happy to see the tree placed in the lounge. Please **DO NOT** remove the tree from the hospital or care center, as it has been donated for the pleasure of the residents and we do need the space in the foyer.



Music during Happy Hour

We still getting requests during the happy hour, to turn the sound down or up. The Society has again decided that there will be soft music during the first 1.5 hour. The music will be turned up after that. Just keep in mind that it is a Happy hour and no disco, we do our best, to please as many villagers as possible.

BBQ at Happy Hour 14th March

Can you bring a salad or plate to share at the BBQ at Happy hour on 14 March,

After the first hour when we will sit down with a drink and some nibbles, we will have a BBQ. The Society will look after the sausages and bread and the sauce. We ask the villagers to bring a plate to share to go with the BBQ, any left overs need to be taken home after finishing the BBQ.



Learn Dutch language course

A few weeks ago, you received a flyer in the letterbox about a Dutch language course. Of course this was not aimed at villagers who speak fluent Dutch. It is of course possible, that your children or grand children or even friends are interested in a Basic Dutch course. What about our English speaking villagers anyone who will take some Dutch classes to learn some basic Dutch?



10-week beginner Dutch Course

Starts 6th March 7.00-8.30pm, finishes on 15 May, with a break on 17 April.

To book or enquire:

Theschumannsnz@gmail.com

Mob; 021-133-8999

Attention-Attention-Attention

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.

HOUSIE

Did you know, that every third Thursday of the month at 7.00 pm, a “Housie” evening is organised for all Villagers and outsiders (members of the Society “Ons Dorp”) in the Pavilion??



This game is very similar to Bingo, can be played by everybody and is very

popular. Cards for the game are sold at \$3.50 each, which can be used for the entire night. You may buy as many as you like.

Approximately 10 games per evening are played with very attractive prices, most of them from the village shop.

Halfway the evening, the team will make coffee and/or tea. A nice biscuit goes with it.

The team hopes to see you all in the Pavilion on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Raffle winners on market day

Friday 28th February

1st prize – Peter Kreutz

2nd prize – Frans Aarts

Next Market 28th March

On behalf of the Housie team,

Guusje, Janni and Roelof

A vertical advertisement for 'Glorified Mobile Podiatry Services'. The background is a lush green forest scene. On the left, there is a white line drawing of a human foot. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout. At the top, it says 'BOOK YOUR FEET IN TODAY'. Below that, 'CONTACT:' is followed by 'Siona Tonga Phone: 0224278879' and 'Email: sionatonga2019@outlook.com'. The company name 'Glorified Mobile Podiatry Services' is prominently displayed in the center. At the bottom right, there is a white icon of two footprints. The overall design is professional and nature-themed.

Podiatrist

The Podiatrist has been treating villagers in the pavilion and will be returning on the 5th of April. For those who would like to see the podiatrist please let Margie van Staalduinen know to arrange an appointment time to limit waiting. 099744713

Market in the village

The Market in the village has been going for many years, it has been impossible to find out, when the start date was. We do know that it's going more than fifteen years. Many villagers and outside Society members are visiting the Market every last Friday of the month. We would like to see more people, this Market is for every villager, the proceeds are going to the Society. This helps the society to organize Happy hours, coach trips and dinners through the year. So you see it's important to support the Market.



Many thanks to all the volunteers that are there every Market day, to set up , sell and tidy up again, serve coffee, sell tickets, sell in the shop, etc., etc. too much to name.

For the new villagers that have not been able to get to the Market yet, here are some off the goods that are sold. Vegetables in jars and cans, soups, spices, a great assortment of biscuits. There are tables with knick-knacks, craftwork, with very nice presents for little ones. the cheese man. The herring man with witlof (chicory) and of course herring a real Dutch treat for many, of course there are freshly deep-fried beef croquettes a real treat, you can proof your luck by buying a few tickets in the raffle. To finish this off, coffee or tea are served for free. So come to the Market, have a look, do some shopping and have a cuppa and a chat with the people around.

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

The shop in the village is open and run by 4 volunteers every Wednesday and the last Friday of the month (Market day) from 9.00 – 12.00.

We sell a large range of Dutch products. Biscuits, Speculaas, Syrup Wafers, Cafe Noir. Licorice, Coins, School Chalk, Double Salt . Vegetables in tins and jars, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, Apple Sauce. Soups, Pea Soup, Chicken Soup, Vegetable Soup. Div. Breakfast-, Candy-, Ginger Cake, Cherry Liquor Chocolates, Jam.



We like to encourage all villagers to support and buy from our shop because the total profit is going on a monthly basis to the Society to help and fund their activities.

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.



Warkworth trip 18th March

On the 18th March we're going out for a daytrip. The plan is that we are driving to Warkworth, from Warkworth to Matakana, where we will have a coffee/tea break. We will visit the pottery and have a guided tour through the factory, this is planned for 11.30am. After this visit we will return to Warkworth where we all go our own way to have a look around. Warkworth has beautiful shops and plenty of cafes.

My plan was to offer a visit to a reptile park for those interested, ten minutes drive from Matakana, sadly the park doesn't open on Tuesdays, so that's a NO GO.

We will leave Warkworth, for the museum and a short boardwalk to view Kauri trees, for the keen ones.

After this all we're going back home to "Ons Dorp", where we will arrive between 4 and 5pm.

We still have about 5 places available, so if you like to come on board contact Antonia on 027 480 4835 villa 38, before 10th March.



Open Fellowship

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

Where: in the Atrium

Happy Hour

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



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:

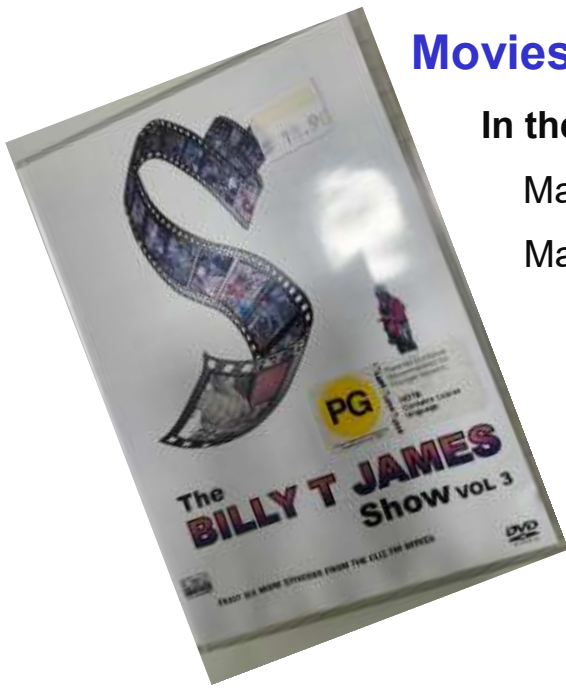
Joop Hageman	09 837 5176
Roelof Siebring	09 838 1017
Simon Hoekstra	09 299 9126

Movies showing in March

In the Paviljoen at 2.00 pm

March 9th, Billy T James

March 23rd, Love Actually



Sjoelen

Our next sjoel day will be on Friday 28 March 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.

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

Sjoelen every last Friday of the month at 1.30 am



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

