



*Hi de Hi*



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### 4th May Dutch Commemoration day

On the 4th of May, it was Dutch Commemoration Day, (Dodenherdenking). Rein and I attended the service at the Rose garden Parnell. There is a Dutch Monument, where the wreaths are being laid. The turn-out was good. Lucy Powell who organized the event, opened the service and the Dutch ambassador Ard van Der Vorst and some other spoke some words. After the service we enjoyed some catching up with the mostly Dutch people, with a cup of tea and a lovely scone.



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Deadline for Dorpskrant  
24th of the month.

## **Hi de Hi villagers**

Where does the time go?

May 2025, crazy, time is going too fast. When I'm going to bed at night, I'm thinking over what I have done that day, and realize not done enough through the day, not enough time to do more, am I getting slower or does the time goes faster.

Anyway, hope this newsletter will find you in good spirits.

This month Russelle from reception has taken over the editing of the Dorpskrant.

Any material should go to Eirene Voon and Eirene will make sure it gets to Russelle.

The next two months the Committee has not organized any major events, because I will be away from Wednesday 28th May until July 22nd.

You can still contact me, calls are going through to my mobile with no cost to you.

For July there are a few events, you will be notified via the Dorpskrant.

Cards and other weekly activities will continue as per normal.

Very short report for now, since I'm very busy.

Stay healthy and enjoy every day, visit some friends or the neighbors.

***Have a great month or two!  
Until we meet again.***

Welcome to “Ons Dorp” Sandra Murphy. Villa 24





## The Auckland Mandolinata Orchestra



**Above: The Auckland Mandolinata Orchestra** gave us a thoroughly enjoyable performance on the afternoon of Saturday 3 May.

The smartly dressed orchestra of 22 members very obviously enjoy making music together, and each item was interestingly presented by Bryan Holder – their musical director and conductor. Many of the tunes they played were familiar to us, and some were new and delightful. The lucky 46 villagers who attended were all humming along joyfully with the final item and then the choir joined us for a chat over a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits.

What a pleasure to host them at Ons Dorp!

## E-Waste collection

**The E-Waste collection** on Sunday 4 May was participated in by 12 households.

On request, some heavy items were uplifted from homes, and the rest were collected on Sunday at the Pavilion. Most items were free for disposal, but for some there was a small fee to pay to share the recycling costs, and these were paid for at the time. As part of her regular recycling commitment, Gail Griffin collected all the batteries to deliver to Mitre10 or Bunnings, which is a free service anybody can use, and is much appreciated. Our village van was then loaded up, and on Tuesday we delivered everything to Echo Tech at Penrose, who were impressed at the amount we had for them! Many thanks to Rein for his help with the flyers and for his time in driving the van, and to Jack for his support and much heavy lifting.

This E-Waste collection was a simple self-funding exercise which helped some villagers responsibly dispose of their unwanted e-goods.



## Line dancing



Tuesday mornings at 10.30am

The line dancing sessions have been a great success so far, with a mix of men and women enjoying it. It's a fun activity for all ages, not too difficult, and helps with coordination and balance, which is so important as we get older.

We do have space for a couple more people if anyone is interested in joining. The cost is \$20 every four weeks in advance, which goes towards paying our wonderful teacher, Keri.

*We meet every Tuesday at 10:30 am for an hour in the Pavilion, Flora*

## 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.



## 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.

## Music in the Pavilion — Wednesday mornings 10-12pm

Notice to all music lovers.

Get rid of the winter blues and join me every Wednesday morning from 10 to 12 am in the Pavilion.

I have thousands of songs on my hard disc and will play music from some of the world's best artists to cheer you up. Classical, Popular, Jazz, Klezmer - it's all there for you.

Stay as long or short as you like. I can play your favourites as long as you can remember the title, John Van Dolleweerd

## Village van trip to Bricklane with Faye

### Wednesday 11th June

Brrrr, it's Winter - so let's warm up at Bricklane, New Lynn on Wednesday 11th June!

The van will leave from the Care Centre at 10.30am.

A special Gold Card holder priced lunch at Bricklane for **\$15**, then for the enthusiasts, a game of mini golf, or if you prefer - a spot of shopping at the mall.

**Book early with Faye 09 838 6952 and leave your villa number on her answer machine.**



60th Wedding Anniversary  
Congratulations to two couples in the village who recently celebrated their anniversaries just one week apart in early May!

**To Brian and Marion O'Connor  
& Graham and Christine Winter**

*What a wonderful milestone, well done  
and best wishes for your future  
together!*

**Save the day in your calendars for...**

## Ladies High Tea

26th July at 2pm in the Pavilion.

A notice will be printed in the July Dorpskrant, and invitations will be delivered.



Raffle winners on Market day

Friday April 25

1st prize – Joop van Herk

2nd prize – Truus & Koos Brasser

Next Market

Friday June 27

## Happy Hour



Happy Hour is on

Friday 13th June from 4-6pm.

All welcome!



## Movies showing in June

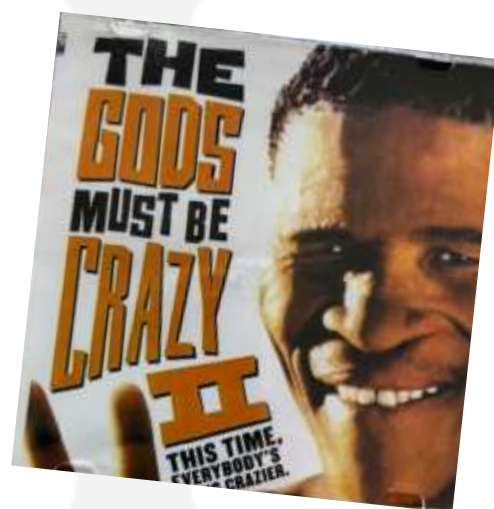
In the Paviljoen at 2.00 pm

8th June

The Gods Must Be Crazy

22nd June

The Sound of Music



## NOTICE:



There seems to be an influx of pigeons in the village - please do not feed them!

DOES ANYONE

HAVE A MAH JONG SET?

The Care Centre is looking for a Mah Jong set for residents.

Please contact reception if you have one available.

## 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!!



## Local News



Te Atatu South Park is undergoing an upgrade to enhance recreational opportunities. This includes improvements to the footpath network, planting trees for shade, renewing playground equipment, and installing street furniture. Additionally, a new youth hub is planned with features like a meeting point, basketball court, table tennis, and picnic areas. A picnic area with a lawn, shelter, seating, and barbecue is also part of the upgrade plans. Furthermore, a pump track will be built. The goal is to improve the park's overall appeal and provide better recreational options for the community, according to Auckland Council's **"Have Your Say"** page.

Submitted by Kasper Koning Villa 14

## 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 goes on a monthly basis to the Society to help and fund their activities.

## Regular Activities in the Paviljoen

**Sjoelen every 4th 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.

**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 09 320 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 Only.

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, ph. 838 1017

