



*Hi de Hi*

**Dorpskrant**



July 2025 Issue

# Winter Gardens

ONS DORP



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Deadline for Dorpskrant

24th of the month.

## **Hi de Hi villagers**

### **Giving Back in Bali**

As many of you know, Rein and I are fortunate enough to travel to Bali at least once a year. While we enjoy the beautiful landscapes, rich culture, and warm people, our trips are about more than just relaxation.

Over the years, we've been proud to support Helping Hands Across the Sands (HHATS), a grassroots charity making a real difference in the lives of local families.

HHATS operates under Yayasan Tangan Kasih Antar Pulau, a registered Indonesian charity. They run a variety of

projects—from feeding programs to orphanage support, education sponsorships, and even providing medical aid to families battling cancer. When we visit, we don't just donate financially; we participate in what they call a “food run,” bringing rice, toiletries, and basic supplies to families who need them most. After the food run we visit most of the project houses to drop off a 20kg bag of rice or a few cakes of soap. They go a long way.

### **Some of the key projects HHATS supports include:**

- **Friday Food Run:** 330 meals served weekly at the Suwung tip area — and not a single Friday missed all year!
- **Samaritania School 2:** Staff wages and daily costs.
- **Negara and Sidi Astu Orphanages:** Food, bills, bunk beds, showers, and maintenance.



**PLEASE NOTE:** For August items in the Dorpskrant, as Eirene will be away for 2 weeks. Please contact Antonia ph 027 480 4835 or email: [antonio@kauriclose.com](mailto:antonio@kauriclose.com). Antonia will liaise with Russelle to ensure your items appear in the August issue.

- **Cancer House in West Lombok:** Medical needs, food, transport, and art therapy.
- **Bali Kids Sponsorship:** Assisting over 300 families with school expenses.
- **Christmas Gifts:** 600 presents delivered to children last year — each one received with joy and big smiles.

What makes **HHATS** special is its personal touch. Locals and volunteers alike have formed a real community of care. Rein and I have met many kind-hearted people — both in Bali and among fellow volunteers — and each visit leaves us inspired.

We're sharing this not to boast, but because it brings us so much joy and purpose. It's a reminder that even on holiday, a small act of kindness can mean the world to someone else.



If you would like to donate once or on a regular basis, please, contact us when we're back in July.

**Warm greetings from both of us, Margie and Rein**





# JULY 2025 EVENTS



## Ladies High Tea

26th July at 2pm in the Pavilion.

Ladies, please check your letter box early this month for your invitation (right)



to this much Appreciated event.

**Save the day!**



The village trip in June was enjoyed by the lovely intimate group who went. We enjoyed a tasty meal at Bricklane Lane and then each of us found little treasures at the Op shops we visited.

**Please Note:** Due to a lack of interest Faye has decided to forgo planning any future village trips. Having fulfilled this role for the past six years, Faye wishes to thank all who have travelled and supported her in the past.



## INVITATION

**'LADIES HIGH TEA'**

Dig it out – your very favourite

Cup-saucer & plate

Bring it along to 'High Tea'



On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July

2pm

At the Pavilion

Prizes for the oldest Cup-Saucer & Plate with a history story perhaps and the prettiest:

Cover charge \$5

RSVP - No later than 16<sup>th</sup> July  
for catering purposes

Faye Baker - Phone: 09 83 86952  
Or leave Villa Number on answer machine



## Midwinter dinner in the Pavilion

Wednesday 30 July

Catering by One Sip, music by Sounds of Europe. Come and enjoy delicious food, music and dance to the music we all enjoy so much, having a warm and cosy time together in the Pavilion.

**Time: 5.00 drinks for 5.30pm dinner and evening**

Please phone Antonia 027 480 4835 by 23 July with your name and villa number for catering numbers. Associate members \$25 cash pp please.

Raffle winners on Market day

**Friday June 27**

**1st prize** – E J van Weelie (visitor)

**2nd prize** – Sjan Koster

**Next Market: Friday July 25**

**Happy Hour for July**

Friday 11th July

from 4-6pm.

All welcome!



## Apologies to the **May 30 Raffle Winners**

*We had the wrong month displayed.*

**1st prize** – Joop van Herk

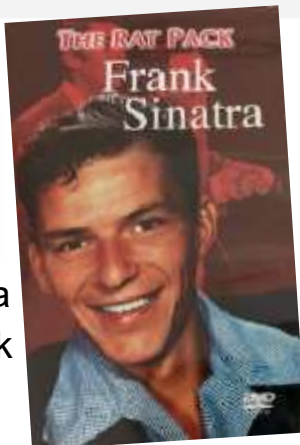
**2nd prize** – Truus & Koos Brasser

## Movies at the Pavilion for July

First and Third Sundays of each month at 2.00 pm

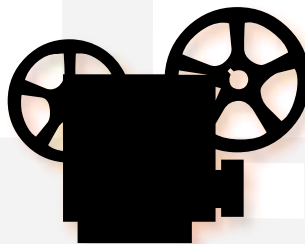
**6 July**

Frank Sinatra  
The Rat Pack  
Music



**20 July**

Shall We Dance  
Comedy



## 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.



# 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Wedding



**Joop & Ria Lankreyer**

*who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary  
on the 18th of June with their family  
in New Plymouth.*



Ria and Joop were some of the first residents in Ons Dorp 40 years ago. They have seen the village grow from the very beginning, one house at the time, then the Care Centre and last the pavilion. They have always been active members of our community and are still going strong. Well done you two!

## ARE YOU INTERESTED?

The Annual General meeting for the Trust is coming up in August and according to the Constitution, the current Trustees have to stand down but can be re-elected if they are willing to stand again.

***Is being involved in Village matters an area that you would be interested in?***

If so, then please approach a current Trustee to discuss what this position involves.

Elizabeth Jenkins, Vice Chairperson of Trust

## 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.



## NOTICE

Recently a resident noticed a group of women strangers wandering around inside the Pavilion. And others have seen a couple of scooter riders going very fast on our streets. Please, when you notice these happenings, talk to them, ask if they need help, and advise them that Ons Dorp is private property.



## CONGRATULATIONS



Above: Ton and Theresia Fontein at the Pavilion Happy Hour.



Ton Fontein, who celebrated his **90th birthday** on the **25th of June**. Also during happy hour, Joop Hageman presented the certificate of **OBN** (Over Bloomin' Ninety) as well as a gift voucher to be spent in the Ons Dorp Village Shop.

## NOTICE TO ALL MUSIC LOVERS

### Music in the Pavilion

**Wednesday mornings 10-12pm**

Get rid of the winter blues and join me every **Wednesday 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



#### Can't make Wednesday mornings?

The Care Centre has John playing his music in the Main Lounge or Atrium (if the weather is fine) on a Thursday from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

### Podiatry services for Ons Dorp villagers

Siona comes to the Pavilion every 6 weeks on Saturday mornings, and will make your feet feel so much better after his tender care!

*Maybe you would like to mark these upcoming dates for 2025 on your calendar?*

**16 August**

**27 September**

**8th November**

**20th December**

**\$40 cash per person**

This is a very reasonable charge, (most podiatrists charge between \$75-90 per visit, plus you have to drive there!) Siona has regular Saturday clients from 8.30am, but is open for walk in appointments from 10.45 onwards.

### Exercise at the Paviljoen

#### Monday Balancing Classes

Monday 10-11am  
Every Monday



#### Thursday Exercise Classes

Thursday 10-11am  
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!!



## Open Fellow ship

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 Staalduin 09-974 4713

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

## Line Dancing is in full Swing!

Our Tuesday morning line dancing sessions are going strong, with 12 regular, enthusiastic participants enjoying the rhythm, fun and fitness benefits. The good news, we still have room for three more!

Line dancing is a great way to boost your fitness, balance and coordination while having a lot of fun. Most of us are beginners, so don't worry if you've never tried it before. Not quite ready to join in? No problem, you are welcome to come along to watch and see what it is all about. You might find yourself inspired to take that first step! Antonia







## Marmalade season is here at last!

Jars of freshly made marmalade are now available from the village shop. If you have any surplus citrus fruit, please let Eirene know, and she will collect and make it up for everyone to enjoy.

***Only fruit, sugar and water are used, nothing else!***

Suitable clean jam jars are also welcome.

**Ph Eirene 027 459 0653.**

## DVD Library Collection

The library collection of DVDs are being sorted out and put into order. Some have been removed, but all of the others have been sorted.

There are multiple headings under which they are arranged:

MOVIES : CLASSIC : MOVIES : MUSICAL

DUTCH : DOCUMENTARIES : TV SERIES

AUSTRALIASIAN MOVIES : BLU-RAY

**Borrow what you want and return them to the returns box, cheers, Gail**



## Calling all creators!

The ladies of the Craft morning are excited to share the wonderful projects they have been working on – and they'd love for you to join them!

If you enjoy making things, you're warmly invited to take part in a special showcase on **Saturday, 13th September from 2-4pm at the Pavilion**. Whether you knit, paint, sew, sculpt or craft in any other way, this is a great opportunity to share your creativity with the village.

If you'd like to book a table to display your work, please get in touch with Willemina Starke. She's also happy to exhibit your creations on your behalf – just have a chat with her to make arrangements.

For more information, speak to Willemina in the shop on a Wednesday morning, or drop by the Craft Morning, or give her a call at 09 908-0494.

# Save the dates... *AUGUST EVENTS 2025*

## Ons Dorp Society Committee

We would like to invite interested villagers to become Ons Dorp Society Committee members and to be actively involved in Village social affairs.

Not only is it a helpful role, but it is always nice to be part of a small group working towards a common goal for the good of many people here at the Ons Dorp Retirement Village.

If you are interested, please contact any of our committee members for more information about the role. (List of names inside the front cover of this Dorpskrant).

**Society AGM will be held on Tuesday 19 August at 2pm**  
**Everybody receives a pack about**  
**the AGM prior to the meeting**



## 3 Steps for Life

**a FREE one-hour CPR & AED education programme**

**Where:** Ons Dorp Pavilion  
Main Lounge Area

**When:** Wednesday  
6 August  
2pm to 3pm

The Grapevine has full details.

## 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 been going for more than fifteen years. Many villagers and outside Society members visit the Market every last Friday of the month. We would like to see more people, as this Market is for every villager. The proceeds go to the Society. This helps the society to organize Happy hours, coach trips and dinners throughout 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 many to name.

For the new villagers that have not been able to get to the Market yet, here are some of the goods that are sold. Vegetables in jars and cans, soups, spices, and a great assortment of biscuits. There are tables with knick-knacks, craftwork, with very nice presents for little ones. The cheese man, also the herring man with witlof (chicory) and of course herring (a real Dutch treat for many.) There are freshly deep-fried beef croquettes a real treat. You can test 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, have a cuppa and a chat with the people around you.



## 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







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## RAINBOW OF COLOURS



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