

Hi de Hi

Dorpskrant

October 2025 Issue



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What a lovely day we had on Saturday, 13th September! The weather was letting us down, but that didn't deter the villagers. The Paviljoen was buzzing with villagers, and it was so nice to see so many familiar faces out and about.

The hall looked wonderful with all the art and craft on display. Our talented villagers showed off paintings, quilt work, knitting, pottery, model building, finger puppets and so much more, a real treat to wander around and admire.

A very big thank you to Wilhelmina Starke (top left) and Ria Eckhardt (bottom left), who did a fantastic job organizing the event. And of course, thanks also to all the villagers who brought in their beautiful craft and art work to share with everyone – you really made the day special.



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Deadline for Dorpskrant
24th of the month.

Hi de Hi villagers

Spring is definitely in the air!

The days are getting sunnier, though the wind still likes to remind us it's around.

Everywhere you look, the gardens are bursting with colour. I managed to pick 80 irises from my own garden and shared them with friends — such a joy to spread a bit of spring cheer.

It's been another busy month with plenty of activities. Happy Hour was lively as always, and the Exhibition was a real treat.

The van trip to the Diva Exhibition was also a great success — we had a full van, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

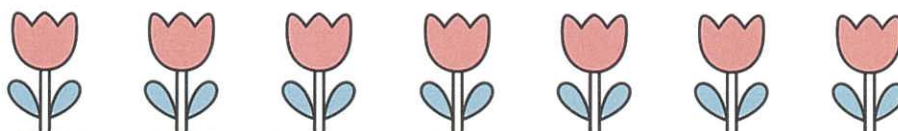
You may have noticed that the pile of roofing material has now disappeared from the grass, which can only mean one thing: most of the roofs are now repaired. What a relief!

Looking ahead, we'll be heading back to the Palm Springs Hot Pools for a relaxing soak in the beautiful warm water. Keep an eye out for further details — it's sure to be another full van!

Until next time, enjoy the sunshine and the blossoms.

Margie van Staalduinen

President Society Committee



If you have some items of news for the next Dorpskrant, please call Eirene on 027 4590 653 or email to: georgeeirene@gmail.com



OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS



Bokhorst Dinner

Friday 10th October 2025

It's the time of the year again that we have our yearly Bokhorst dinner.

For our new villagers - a little background. Bob Bokhorst was one of our villagers for a long time, until his passing. He left his estate to the village, to be used for the villagers. The Trust decided at the time, that the Society (social club) would receive money to organize activities. Also, there would be an annual dinner for the villagers in the Paviljoen, paid for by the estate. So, Bob, thank you very much, we are enjoying the dinners and the activities!

When: Friday 10th October

Where: The Beatrix Paviljoen

Time: 5.00pm

Music: Sounds of Europe

We will have some drinks and the dinner will be served around 5.30pm.

Please contact Antonia villa 38, or call her on 0274-804-835.

Please leave your name (s) and villa number on the answer phone, to reserve your place for the dinner before **Thursday 2nd October**.

Invitation to



Dear Villagers,
We are planning an outing to the Palm Springs Hot Pools on
Thursday, 16th October

Come along and enjoy a relaxing soak in the warm water!

Entry fee: around \$9.00

Lunch: bring your own homemade lunch, or you can purchase something tasty from the local bakery, which we will visit first for morning tea.

The van will depart from:

Elizabeth & Don's
Villa 59 at 10am



**Call Margie at villa 18
or phone 09-974-4713
by 14th October.**

It will be a lovely day
of relaxation and good company.

MESSAGE FROM BESTCOMM

THE PAVILJOEN INTERNET SWITCH BOX NEEDS TO STAY ON!

This switchbox is near the pool tables at the Paviljoen. **DO NOT** switch off.



The Joyful Youth Orchestra will perform in the Pavilion on
Saturday 22 November at 2pm.
Time to hear and see these terrific young people. *More in next month's Dorpskrant*

Raffle winners on Market day

Friday September 26

1st prize – Eric Hefford, V23

2nd prize – Joke, Visitor

Next Market: Friday October 31?

Happy Hour for October

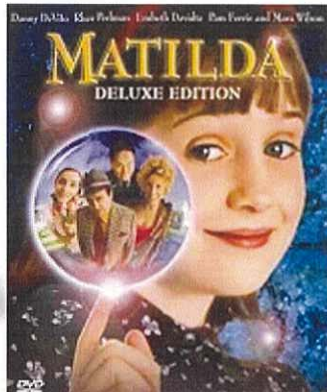
Friday 10 October
from 5-6pm followed
by the Bokhorst Dinner
& Sounds of Europe



Movies at the Pavilion for October

1st and **3rd** Sundays of each month at 2.00 pm,
except for this month — October which is the **2nd** and **4th** Sunday at 2.00pm.

Matilda
COMEDY



Calendar Girls
COMEDY

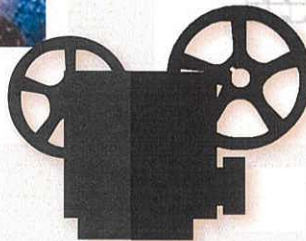


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Ons Dorp water woes one afternoon in August — now all fixed!

However, looking on the bright side, what a fabulous fountain there was briefly....

Happy Hours & visitors

Because some of us have visitors on Happy Hour nights, at a recent committee meeting it was voted that any villager may bring along a visiting friend or family member to Happy Hour, but the visitors will be charged \$5 cash to cover 2 drinks only. This money can be given to any committee member who will then advise Brian O'Connor. Brian will issue 2 vouchers to be used by the visitor that night.

This will apply from 1 October 2025

Notice for all the Blokes

Rein van Staalduinen is puzzled!
Please check your garage for a green metal box containing a power drill.

Just before leaving for a two months holiday in May, I lent my hammer action power drill to a needy villager who had to drill holes in concrete. That person probably tried to return it and found me not home, and over time forgot, probably still sitting in the garage.

**Please return my drill to villa
18, thanks,
Rein van Staalduinen**

CONGRATULATIONS

To our two newly certified 90-year-olds at Ons Dorp!

Congratulations to both Corrie Bol and Ali Bombay who received their OBN (Over Bloomin' Ninety) certificates recently.



Ali Bombay



Corrie Bol

DIVAs exhibition at the museum —18 September, 2025

What a lovely time we had on Thursday September 18. We left in the van at 10.30am and proceeded to the Auckland Domain and then onto the **"Divas" Exhibition** at the Museum.

We didn't really know what to expect to begin with, but none of those who went were disappointed. The Museum really excelled itself. When we entered the exhibition, we were each handed earphones so that we could get an audio experience as well as seeing the **"Divas"**, and what a great experience that was.

As we slowly meandered through the exhibit we could hear the voices of performers such as Maria Callas, Greta Garbo, Audrey Hepburn, Billy Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Marilyn Monroe to Beyoncé, Elton John, Tina Turner, Whitney Houston, and many more, too many to list.

We had coffee and nibbles at the café in the Museum and some of us went to view other things as well. All in all, a nice way to spend a rainy day. Thanks to Rein for being our driver. Flora





Line Dancing

It's fun and most have no problems doing it, even if they have 2 left feet.

LINE DANCING, once a week

Tuesdays at 10.30 for 1 hour.

We can fit a couple more onto the floor, so come and give it a go, you won't regret it!

Great teacher, great music, gentle exercise.

Flora



NOTICE TO ALL MUSIC LOVERS

Music in the Pavilion

Wednesday mornings 10-12pm

Get rid of the winter blues and join me every Wednesday morning from 10 - 12 noon 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



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?

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.

Society **SUGGESTION BOX**

in the Pavilion foyer



Dear Villagers
You may have noticed the new suggestion box in the foyer, next to the noticeboard and telephone. The Society Committee welcomes your ideas, questions, and comments about attractions, entertainment, outings (by coach or village van), guest speakers, and more. For your convenience, a notebook and pen are also provided. The box will be checked once a week.

Please note:

**FOR SOCIETY MATTERS ONLY
DO NOT** use for Management or the Trust Board.

**Kind regards,
The Society Committee**

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.

Anna (Anse) Bakker

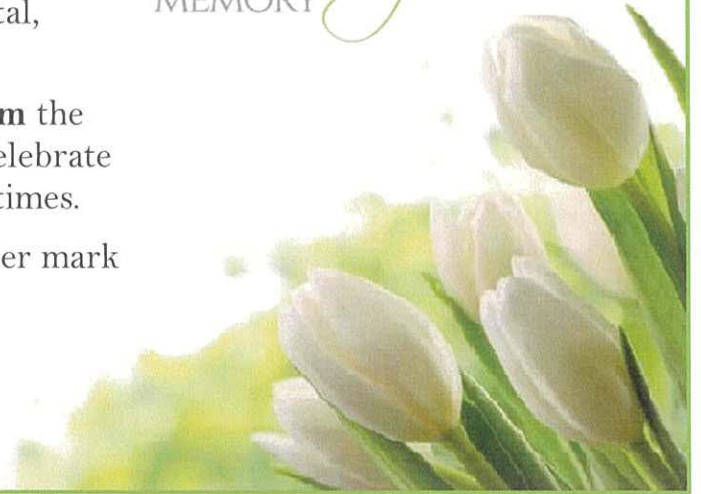
Anna passed away peacefully on the 24th of September at North Shore Hospital, surrounded by the ones she loved.

IN *Loving*
MEMORY

On **Saturday, October 4th** from **2pm to 6pm** the Family would like to invite you to unit 62 to celebrate Anna's life and to reminisce about the good times.

Although Anna was a private person, she left her mark and will be sadly missed.

Anna's family have advised that a private cremation was held Monday, 29th of September.



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 Staaldunin 09-974 4713

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

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.

Power consumption in the Pavilion.

The Society committee received a letter from Roelof regarding some matters of concern. Please read his letter below, and if you are in charge of locking up after events, do please take note, because as he says "we all pay for the power"!

Many thanks to Roelof for pointing out these important details, Eirene

From	"Roelof"
To	Ons Dorp Villa Residents
Cc	
Bcc	
Subject	Power Consumption

"Hi Eirene,

I have a complaint, which is the following:
On several occasions I have and with me several other villagers have notify me from time to time, that after any event in the Pavilion and nobody being in the building: Lights were **NOT** switched off,
Doors and windows **NOT** being locked,
Heaters being switched on, but not being switched off.

Residents who activate any appliance, heater, lights, open doors and or windows are responsible to switch them off then check and lock doors and windows.

This is irresponsible!!!!

In the past I put a flyer on the entrance door of the Pavilion, but I'm not too sure if it is still there. Villagers must remember that they do finance all costs associated with the day to day running of anything in "Ons Dorp"!!, incl power. I suggest somebody should put something in the Dorpskrant, to reduce ever increasing power bills. Enjoy your Sunday afternoon. Cheers, Roelof"

A later email from Roelof asking me to add this point: "In my previous email, I forgot to mention that the radio next to the piano should be switched off at the wall. Often forgotten".

Sjoelen

We always look forward to the **4th Friday of the month** when we play Sjoelen at the Pavilion. This is such a fun game, no teams, so no pressure to win!



We usually play with different people each month which is a nice way to get to know one another, and we always stop for a cuppa and chat. Some lucky people even win a prize! Thanks Antonia and Frans for organising such a pleasant activity for us to enjoy,

Eirene

Exercise at the Paviljoen

Monday Balancing Classes

Monday 10-11am
Every Monday



Also, have a go on the exercise bicycle!!



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>

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 off 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.

Craft Group



The Ons Dorp weekly Wednesday Craft Group get together for company and great “yarns” both knitting and conversation.

Fun stuff for Seniors

SENT BY ANTONIA FROM FACEBOOK

NEUROLOGICAL TEST: ONLY USE YOUR EYES!

1- FIND THE C IN THE TABLE BELOW!

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2- If you found the C, then find the 6 in the table below.

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3- Now find the N in the table below. Attention, it's a little more difficult!

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If you pass these three tests without problem:

- you can cancel your annual visit to the neurologist.
- your brain is in perfect shape!
- you are far from having any relationship with Alzheimer's.

Share this with your over-55 friends; it can reassure them.

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



PLEASE NOTE: If there is an event at the Paviljoen, be aware that dates, times, and even cancellations might occur. It's crucial to check your calendar for any updates or changes.