



Hi de Hi

Dorpskrant



December 2025 / January 2026 Issue



The Joyful Youth Orchestra performance on **22 November** was an absolute delight. About 60 villagers gathered for an hour of very enjoyable music from these talented youngsters, ten of whom are still at primary school. They all looked very smart in their white shirts and bright blue ties, and played with great confidence and discipline under the baton of their conductor **Sangsu Lee**.





The performance started with a spirited rendition of the Intermezzo from "***Cavalleria Rusticana***", and then we were treated to a super selection of music from different genres, even joining the musicians to sing along to the medley of popular modern classics. The whole performance concluded with a very beautiful Korean song "***Beautiful country***" followed by "***Symphony no 25 in G minor***". But we could not let them go without 3 encores - including a beautiful aria familiar to many where we joined in again, and finally - the beautiful rich tones of Pachelbel's "*Canon in D*". Throughout, the excellent accompanist allowed the young musicians to shine. Well done Joyful Youth, and we hope to see you back again next year!



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Deadline for Dorpskrant

24th of the month.

Hi de Hi villagers

As we move into the warmer, longer days, there is a lovely sense of energy returning to the village. Many of us are busy shopping, planning, and preparing for the festive season ahead. The Society is just as busy, organising activities and helping build the Christmas spirit throughout “Ons Dorp”.

Some of you may already have noticed the beautiful Christmas tree that Rein van Staaldhuizen created upon request of the Society, and put up opposite the windmill in the village. It is a wonderful sight to see as you drive or walk in — a cheerful reminder that the holiday season is nearly here. Thank you, Rein, for adding such a special touch to our village.

This year, a special Christmas Day lunch is being offered in the Care Centre for villagers who may find themselves alone on that day. Please see the notice inside this Dorpskrant Publication for details. We hope it will bring warmth, companionship and a sense of togetherness to those who join.

The Committee would like to thank all Village volunteers for their hard work.

As we enjoy this festive time, let us continue to care for each other. We are a small community, and small acts of kindness make a big difference. Please keep an eye out for those who have recently lost a loved one as Christmas can be especially hard for them. A visit, a chat, or simply checking in can mean more than you may realise.

Wishing everyone a peaceful and joyful Festive Season,
Margie van Staaldhuizen.



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

Sinterklaas Celebrations

Come to the Pavilion Saturday 6th December at 4.15pm
for fun, food and gifts.



Sinterklaas is coming
with his 2 Pieten to visit
us all, give out gifts
and note who is naughty
and who is good....



"This event is combined with the December Happy Hour"
This celebration is for villagers only.



Christmas CONCERT

**SUNDAY, 21 DECEMBER
AT 2PM IN THE PAVILION**

The Ons Dorp Singers warmly welcome all villagers
to our annual Christmas Concert.

Share with us all your familiar and favourite
Christmas songs and carols.

The concert will conclude with afternoon tea and a
time of fellowship
together.

See you all on Sunday
21st December
at 2pm, Brian



Singing

IN THE VILLAGE STREETS

On the evenings of **Monday 22nd**,
and **Tuesday 23rd December**,
between 6pm and 7pm, the **Ons
Dorp Singers** will be "walking the
village streets" bringing you
Christmas songs.

Listen for our bells, then come
outside and sing with us, and be
entertained.

Monday will see us in the back
street, and on **Tuesday**,
down the main street.

**Merry
Christmas**



We warmly invite any villagers who will be spending Christmas Day on their own to join us for a **special Christmas Lunch at the Care Centre**.

You'll be sharing this festive meal together with the Care Centre residents, making it a relaxed and an enjoyable celebration for all.

Place: Care Centre, start 11.30am

Registration & Payment:

Please register and pay at Reception

Cost \$25.00 per person

Register by: 19th December

We look forward to welcoming you for a joyful

Christmas gathering filled with good company and Christmas cheer.

Margie van Staalduin

**Christmas
Day Lunch
at the Care
Centre**

\$25

PER PERSON

**FOR
VILLAGERS
ONLY**

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!

Last clinic for 2025 is:

20th December

\$40 cash per person

\$40 cash per person, a very reasonable charge, (most podiatrists charge between \$75-90 per visit, plus you have to drive there)! He has regular Saturday clients from 8.30am, but is open for walk in appointments from 10.45 onwards.

Mark this next date for 2026 on your calendar - January 31st.



Truus and Trees in their beautiful Dutch costumes at Market Day.

Thanks for all the yummy food served over the year!

Raffle winners on Market day

Friday November 28

1st prize – Laurina Flikweert (Villa 26)

2nd prize – Piet Bakker (Visitor)

Next Market: Friday January 30

**December Happy Hour
combined with Sinterklaas visiting.**



Saturday, 6 December from 4.15-6pm



Greetings FROM THE TRUST BOARD

As 2025 draws to a close, we can look back and be thankful for all the good times we've had. We have farewelled a few Villagers, as well as welcoming new friends.

The regular activities bring a good number of people together - especially our catered dinners, and yummy morning or afternoon teas!

How fortunate we are as a Village to have so many Volunteers who give of their time so willingly each week.

A BIG thank you - you know who you are!

The Trust Board may not be very visual, but we work hard and quietly to keep Ons Dorp safe, friendly and most important of all, a unique Village where people want to make this their home.

On behalf of the Trust Board, I wish you all a Blessed Christmas, and look forward to 2026 bringing you good health and happiness.

ELIZABETH JENKINS, TRUST BOARD CHAIRPERSON.





I take this opportunity to thank all those Volunteers, (often forgotten) for the sterling work they all do, in serving all Villagers, day in, day out.

I am referring to the members of Committees, Trust, Villagers helping with market days, running the shop, organising bowling, knitting, library, morning tea and coffee mornings, sjoelen, game and cards afternoons, pickle ball, gym, choir, workshop etc. movies and housie.

If anybody or activity is forgotten, please accept my apology for that.

A BIG THANK YOU, FOR PROVIDING ALL THE WORK AND SERVICES ENJOYED BY ALL VILLAGERS. A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

Roelof

To all Ons Dorp residents



From Russelle at Reception

It has been a pleasure publishing the Dorpskrant for you.

It's time to save water

Watering your plants

TOP TIP: Water your plants **early in the morning or late in the evening** to reduce evaporation and ensure more water reaches the roots.



If you notice any problems with any taps, toilets or possible leaks in and around the Village, please contact Reception who can organise a plumber to investigate.

If it is the weekend or a public holiday and is an emergency please contact your Village Trustees.

Mobile Hairdressers

Two **NEW** MOBILE HAIRDRESSERS that can come to you

Mobile Hairdressing Ltd

Tania will be starting at the Care Centre **EVERY THIRD THURSDAY**, starting

February 19th, 2026

from 9.30am to 12.30pm

t. 09 832 4198

m. 021 323 853

E. info@mobilehairdresser.co.nz



Hair By Addy

Addy will be starting at the Care Centre

6 January, 2026

Fortnightly on a Tuesday from 9.30am

m. 021 079 3731

E. adeline_raihman@xtra.co.nz



Johannes Antonius Wilhelmus van Dolleweerd (John)

12 September 1941 – 13 November 2025

John van Dolleweerd, Villa 43, passed away suddenly on the 13th November. Petronella's family would like to thank the villagers, staff and management of Ons Dorp for their sympathy, kind words, baking, flowers and cards after the sudden passing of John. It has been much appreciated having people pop in to visit and show their support. It is nice to know that our Mum/Oma has such a caring community around her. We know that Dad/Opa thoroughly enjoyed his time at Ons Dorp, immersing himself in village life, and getting to know everyone.

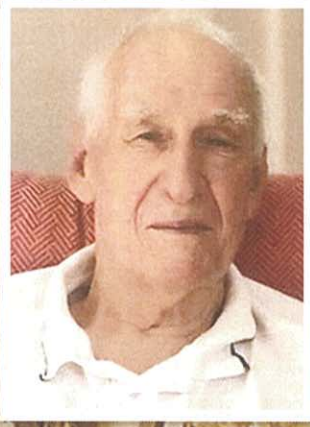
FROM THE VAN DOLLEWEERD AND SUTHERLAND FAMILY

... and from John's friends at Ons Dorp:

John's funeral was held on Wednesday 19th November 2025 and a good number from Ons Dorp were present to support Petronella, along with her children, grandchildren, extended family and friends. All shared precious memories of John. John's involvement in Village life was mainly the weekly Men's coffee gathering, and his music appreciation group. He had a great love of music, especially classical music. He was limited by health issues, but attended all occasions possible.

John was an articulate man, one with an opinion on coffee group conversations, and with a twinkle in his eye putting a humorous twist to what he shared. It is a pity that we only learn so much about a friend when it is too late to share together about their very interesting life.

ERIC & HEATHER HEFFORD



*John will be sadly missed,
but remembered for
many a day to come.*

Final Society Committee meeting for 2025

What a lovely surprise greeted us this morning when we had our final Society Committee meeting for 2025! Some very kind villagers had gathered together to say thanks for the work we have done over the year – with sandwiches, sausage rolls, sweet treats, drinks and an exciting gift at each place. Thank you so much to these people, we felt very cared for and honoured indeed!





DATES TO REMEMBER



Movies in the Pavilion Back in late February 2026

Christmas break Exercise & Balance classes 2025 / 2026 Dates

Monday Balancing classes (Heather):

Last day: **15 December 2025**

Restarting **Monday 12 January 2026**



Thursday classes (Sue):

Last day: **18 December 2025**

Restarting: **Thursday 8 January 2026**

Ons Dorp Singers will be “on holiday” during January

We will commence Rehearsals on
**Friday 6th February, followed by
Friday 20th February**

at 1.30 to 2.30pm in the Pavilion.

Rehearsals are always the first and
third Fridays in the month.

**New members are very welcome
Please contact Brian O'Connor
(unit 86) ph. 09 836 4467**

Housie

No Housie in
December 2025/
January 2026
Back 3rd February
2026

Market days

Final market day &
village shop for 2025
Friday December 19th

Happy Hours

Back
February 13th 2026

Pickle Ball

Last day 18 December,
Back 15 January 2026

Sjoel

Finished for the year.
Back 23 January 2026

Open Fellowship

Final date for 2025
12th December
Back
30th January 2026

Line Dancing Back 3 February 2026

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



Use of Pavilion Air conditioning

With the extreme warm
temperatures we are
experiencing, and months
ahead of us we need to be
wise with our electricity.
When you turn the air
conditioning on in the
Pavilion, please make sure
ALL doors and windows
are closed, to get the best
results.

If the internal doors are
open, then both air
conditioning units need to
be on.

If you have a function in the
Pavilion, then it is advisable
to turn the conditioning on
at least **one hour before**.

“**Running the air
conditioning and
having open doors and
windows is a waste of
electricity.**”
THANK YOU
ELIZABETH JENKINS



NOTICE

🕒 A Friendly Reminder About Fruit Trees 🍏

Some villagers have fruit trees in their gardens or around their villas. Please remember that these are **private trees**, and the fruit belongs to the villager who owns them. If you would like some fruit, **please ask the villager first before picking**. Let's continue to respect each other's gardens and keep our village a friendly and considerate place to live. 🌿

Margie van Staalduinen

Invitation to



January trip to Palm Springs Pool complex at Parakai



Our planned November trip to the Parakai Hot Pools had to be cancelled due to bad weather, but we are pleased to announce a new date:

Thursday, 15th January 2026

We hope many villagers will join us for a relaxing day out.

If you would like to come along, please contact Margie to register.

Date: 15 January 2026

Time: Departure at 10:00 am

Where: Outside Don's place, Villa 59

Cost: \$5.00 for Van, \$12.00 pool.

If 10 more villagers are coming along.

Contact **Margie van Staalduinen:**

☎ **021 222 6833 or 09 974 4713**

Please note:

We will stop at the bakery first for morning tea and to pick up some lunch before heading to the pools.

**We look forward to an
enjoyable day together!**

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

Simon Hoekstra

09 299 9126

Roelof Siebring

09 838 1017

Rein van Staalduinen

09-974 4713

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

Society Report – November

Overview

November has been a generally quiet and pleasant month in the village. With the weather improving, most villas have been able to be aired out regularly, bringing in fresh air and contributing to a comfortable living environment.

Events & Activities

Happy Hour This month's Happy Hour was well attended and featured a performance by the Ons Dorp Singers. Their programme was enjoyed by all and added a cheerful atmosphere to the afternoon. Extra snacks were served on this occasion, including mini meatballs with peanut sauce. These were very well received and contributed to a more festive feel. The Joyful Youth Orchestra performance, as always, wonderful!

Preparations

Sinterklaas Celebration

Planning is underway for the annual St. Nicolaas event.

Committees are coordinating details to ensure a smooth and enjoyable celebration for residents.

Christmas Tree Setup

Arrangements for setting up the Christmas tree are in progress. This will mark the start of our December festivities and add seasonal spirit to the Pavilion.

General Notes

The village grounds and villas continue to be well maintained. Residents have appreciated the calmer pace of the month and the opportunity to enjoy the improving weather.

Margie van Staalduinen

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.

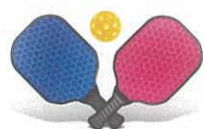


Wednesday Afternoon Playing Canasta at 1.00pm

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.

December 2025						
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise Balancing 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowling	2 1-5pm Games afternoon	3 9-12pm Village Shop 9.30-12pm Craft 1pm Canasta	4 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium 4-5pm Pickle Ball	5 2pm Open Fellowship in the Atrium 1.30-2.30pm Ons Dorp Singers Practise	6 Happy Hour and Sinterklaas From 4.15pm Residents ONLY	7 10am Atrium Coffee Time
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