

Hi de Hi



Dorpskrant



May 2026 Issue

farewell



peter

Peter van Ham's farewell at the Pavilion on 31st March 2026 gave all the villagers' a chance to say their goodbyes and to thank him for all of his work, care and personal interest in their well-being over the 23 years he has worked for Ons Dorp as our Maintenance Coordinator. There were many people glad to stand up and thank Peter for what he meant to them. A super morning tea was enjoyed by all, and we wish him well in his retirement.

EIRENE

INVITATION

Celebrate the King's Birthday

FRIDAY, 1ST MAY 2026

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Email:

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Deadline for Dorpskrant

24th of the month.

## Hi de Hi Villagers

What a lucky bunch we are, living in our beautifully sheltered village. While many parts of New Zealand were affected by the recent cyclone, we were fortunate to escape the worst of it. Our thoughts go out to all those who suffered damage and disruption — we hope they receive the support they need to recover quickly. Thankfully, the weather has now settled a little, and although temperatures have dropped, we are still enjoying the occasional fine day.

On a brighter note, I received two delightful photos from Alberto Bonini of Villa 13.

A rather special visitor has been making regular appearances — a pūkeko that likes to perch on their glass sunroof and linger for a while. This charming bird has returned several times already, which makes it quite a unique and lovely sight.



PHOTO COURTESY OF VILLA 13

Looking ahead to May, we have a number of enjoyable events planned. Our King's Birthday celebration will take place on Friday, 1st May at the Pavilion, starting at around 5.00pm. Be sure to wear something orange — a shirt, hat, or shawl — to honour the House of Orange and add to the festive spirit.

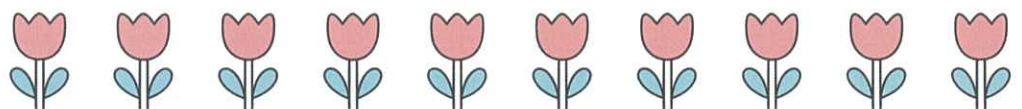
On Wednesday, 6th May, the Sole Sisters will be visiting from 2.00pm onwards, offering a selection of shawls, shoes, socks, and more. Feel free to drop in and have a browse.

Happy Hour will be held on Friday, 8th May (the second Friday of the month, as usual), and will feature some surprise live music — something to look forward to!

For those renewing their Dutch passports this year, the pop-up desk will be available on Tuesday, 12th May. I will contact everyone individually with further details and appointment times.

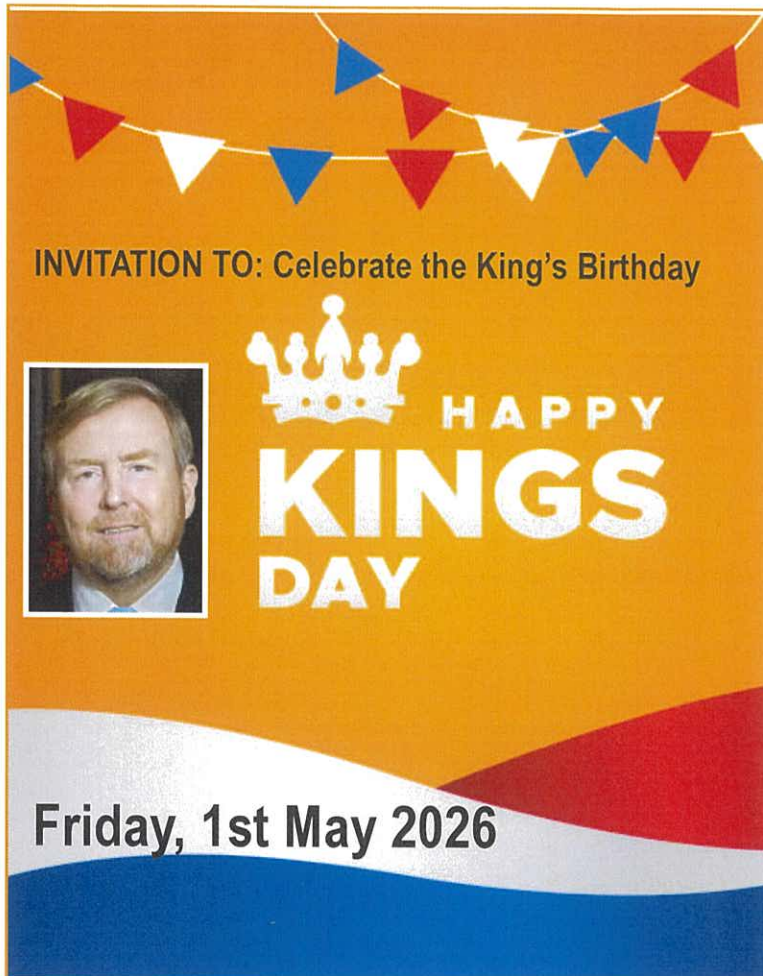
Wishing you all a wonderful month of May, filled with good weather, good company, and plenty of enjoyment. Do come along to the activities—whether it's Happy Hour, dinner, or one of our special events. It's always lovely to see familiar faces.

Margie van Staalduinen



*If you have some items of news for the next Dorpskrant, please call **Eirene on 027 4590 653** or email to: **georgeeirene@gmail.com** If you have no acknowledgment or response from Eirene send emails directly to **reception@onsdorp.co.nz** with **Dorpskrant** in the Subject line.*

# MAY EVENTS



INVITATION TO: Celebrate the King's Birthday

**HAPPY  
KINGS  
DAY**

**Friday, 1st May 2026**

Dear Villagers, You are warmly invited to celebrate the 59th birthday of

## His Majesty

### King Willem-Alexander

Join us for a lovely Nasi and Bami dinner and an enjoyable evening together.

The bar will be open as usual.

To make the celebration even more festive, please wear something orange, the national colour of the Dutch Royal Family.

**Where: Pavilion**

**When: Friday 1st May**

**Time: 5:00 pm**

**Music: Sounds of Europe  
with Eric and Brian**

To register your attendance, please phone Antonia Aarts 027 480 4835 before Wednesday 29 April, giving your villa number & name.

*We look forward to celebrating this special occasion together with you.*

## INVITATION

### Dutch Remembrance Service

Villagers are warmly invited to attend the Dutch Remembrance Service

**On Sunday 3rd May at 2pm**

**At the Dutch Monument, Dove-Myer Robinson Park, Parnell, Auckland.**

This special service is held each year to remember and honour those who lost their lives during the Second World War. It is a meaningful occasion for the Dutch community to come together in reflection and remembrance. After the service, everyone is welcome to join for afternoon tea at the Rose Garden Hotel, Gladstone Road, Parnell. It will be a lovely opportunity to spend some time together following the ceremony.

**If you are interested in attending, please contact Margie on 09 974 4713 or 021 222 6833 before the 29th April**

Dear Villagers,

Come along and enjoy a relaxed and enjoyable afternoon browsing a beautiful selection of shoes and handcrafted scarves!

**When: Wednesday, 6th May**

**Where: Pavilion**

**Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm  
(walk in anytime)**

Sole Sisters, Barb and Anneriet will be joining us. Barb is bringing a lovely range of shoes, sandals, socks & handbags, and Anneriet will showcase her stunning collection of handcrafted scarves, made from luxurious mohair and silk.

Whether you're looking for something special or simply feel like a pleasant outing, this is a wonderful opportunity to treat yourself and catch up with others.

*We look forward to seeing you there!*





# MAY EVENTS



## Village outing to Devonport

Join us for a trip to Devonport for a visit to the Navy Museum in Torpedo Bay. Entry is free and it has a cafe. Or you could enjoy a waterfront walk, or the shops, cafes and art galleries.



**Date:** Thursday 7 May, 2026  
**Time:** Depart at 10am.  
**Where:** In front of the Care Centre.  
**Cost:** \$5 for the van.  
To book call Beverley Cook  
027 537 3769 or 09 837 3769



TRIP TO:



You are warmly invited to join us for a relaxing visit to the Palm Spring Hot Pool in Parakai.

**Date:** Thursday, 14 May 2026  
**Time:** Departure at 10am  
**Where:** In front of the Care Centre  
**Cost:** \$12 + \$5 for the van

We drive to Helensville, where we have morning tea, and the opportunity to purchase lunch. We will then continue to the Palm Springs Hot Pools.

Enjoy a soothing soak in the warm mineral pools and a lovely time out together. A great chance to relax, unwind, and enjoy each other's company.

Please let Beverley know if you would like to come along

**Please let Beverley Cook, Villa 44 know if you would like to come along.**

☎ 027 537 3769 or 09 837 3769

**Please join us, Beverley**

## To all Dutch Villagers about passports



A pop-up desk will be available for renewing Dutch passports, especially for retired people in our community.

The Embassy will be visiting on **12th May**, and further information will be provided closer to the time.

Please feel free to invite other older people who may benefit from this service.

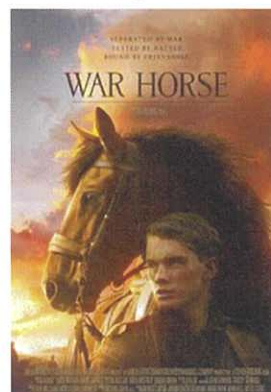
If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Margie on 09-974-7413 or 021-222-6833

## Movies at the Pavilion for May

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 2.00 pm

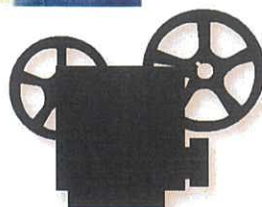
### Erin Brockovich

Julia Roberts  
is Erin Brockovich  
BASED ON A TRUE STORY  
DRAMA/LEGAL DRAMA



### War Horse

WAR/ADVENTURE



# Happy Hour



With Live Music  
Friday, 8th May  
from 4-6pm

## RAFFLE WINNERS ON MARKET DAY 2026 — Friday April 24th

1st prize – Douwe Kuyt  
2nd prize – Gert (Visitor)  
Next Market **29th May**



## NOTICES



### The Ons Dorp singers practice every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month

Please note there will be **NO practice: 1st May**, as we celebrate the King's Birthday.

**Ons Dorp singers**

**Next practice: 15th May**



Above: Marian Sosna is our much-appreciated accompanist, and took these photos (so he is not visible).



### Line Dancing

With Kerri every Tuesday morning at 10.30am. So much fun and good for coordination and balance. A small fee is charged 4-weekly.

Call Flora Kaminski  
Villa 73 - 09 320 0974



**NO Jazz afternoon 1st May due to Kings Birthday Celebrations.**

**Jazz in the Afternoon**

Back on the 15th May after the Ons Dorp Singers practice.



### Podiatrist Siona at the Pavilion

If you would like to make a note of these forthcoming dates on your 2026 calendars/diaries

His 6 weekly visits will be:

**2 May;**  
**13 June; 1 August;**  
**12 September;**  
**24 October; 5 December**



# HAPPY HOUR

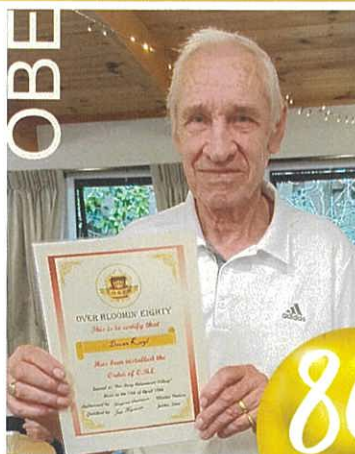
10 APRIL

The Happy Hour began with the celebration of three birthdays

## CONGRATULATIONS



Tonnie Leenders



Douwe Kuyt



Gail Griffin

Above: Tonnie Leenders, who turned 90, was presented with an OBN (Over Bloomin' Ninety) certificate by Margie van Stalduinen. Douwe Kuyt received an OBE (Over Bloomin' Eighty) certificate, and Gail Griffin



was also presented with a "very belated" OBE for her 80th birthday. Everyone raised their glasses and sang Happy Birthday together.

After a few more drinks, the Ons Dorp Singers, accompanied by Marian Sosna on the piano, performed a selection of wartime songs to commemorate ANZAC Day. Everyone was encouraged to sing along to well-known favourites such

as **The White Cliffs of Dover**, **Lilli Marlene**, and **It's a Long Way to Tipperary**.

Right: A very charming Easter Bunny also made an appearance, carrying a basket filled with chocolate Easter eggs.



All in all, it was another enjoyable Happy Hour

ANTONIA AARTS



# NOTICES



## 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.**

Dear Villagers,

Through the suggestion box, I received a request to screen more movies during the winter season. The current frequency of screening is twice a month, the first and third Sunday. The attendance is quite variable and ranges from 32 (max) to 15 (min) villagers. To increase the number of movies is pending on Villagers, who are interested and willing to watch.

To follow-up on the above request, may I please ask anybody who would be interested in watching more movies during daytime and or evenings to contact me directly 09 8381017 and indicate the frequency and timing.

In case more than 15-20 people are interested, I will consider the options and time, but another operator and coffee ladies may be required to do the screening and serving the coffee. Reason being that the time to screen, incl. setting up, coffee time and cleaning-up afterwards takes us in total some 4 hours.

Movies are chosen and mostly bought by myself, been given (at loan) by Villagers or borrowed from the library, to screen. However, may I please ask anybody who have (in their opinion) some suitable DVD('s), which I could borrow to screen, to contact me? I love to hear from you.

YOUR OPERATOR, ROELOF

## NOTE FROM YOUR SOCIETY COMMITTEE

**We have received some great suggestions in the Suggestion box located in the Pavilion foyer.**

We have noted a request for more van outings, which we have actioned, so keep your eyes on the Dorpskrant each month to see where the next trip will be and who to contact for it.

A couple of suggestions were not really for the society to act on, so they have been handed to the appropriate people to action. We are very pleased to have your input! Keep it up, and make sure your names are on the suggestions.

# Regular Activities in the Paviljoen



## 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

This is by all participants a very enjoyable social evening, with a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit at the end of the games.



Unfortunately, the maximum numbers of players has been reached, therefore no new participants can be accommodated at this stage until further notice.



## 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.



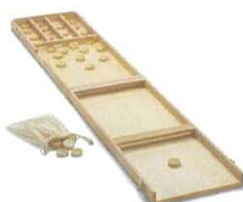
## Thursday Afternoon Pickle Ball, from 4.00 – 5.00 pm

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



## Sjoelen every 4th Friday of the month at 1.30 am

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.

## MAY 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<p><b>Siona the Podiatrist</b> comes every 6 weeks to give your feet a treat in the Pavilion! <b>Cost \$40.</b> He is fully booked from 8.30-10.30am, but you can walk in from 10.45am. <b>VISITING: 2ND MAY</b>  <b>NEXT VISIT: 13 JUNE</b></p>				<p><b>1</b>  <b>NO PRACTICE</b>                      Ons Dorp Singers Practise                      2pm                      Atrium - Open Fellowship  <b>5pm - Pavilion</b>                      Dutch King's Birthday Celebrations</p>	<p><b>2</b>                      Podiatrist                      Booked Appointments  <b>ONLY</b> 8.30-10.30am                      WALK-INS from 10.45am                      NEXT VISIT: 13 JUNE</p>	<p><b>3</b>                      10am Atrium Coffee Time  <b>2pm</b>                      Trip to the Dutch Remembrance Service                      Dove-Myer Robinson Park  <b>2pm Movie:</b>                      Erin Brockovich                      DRAMA/LEGAL DRAMA</p>
<p><b>4</b>                      10am Atrium                      Men's coffee-morning  <b>10-11am Exercise-Balance</b>                      1-4pm Klaverjassen                      7.30pm Bowls</p>	<p><b>5</b>                      10.30am Line-dancing                        1-5pm Games afternoon</p>	<p><b>6</b>                      9-12pm Village Shop  <b>9.30-12pm Craft</b>                      1pm Canasta                      2-4pm Sole Sisters at the Pavilion</p>	<p><b>7</b>                      10-11am Exercise                      10am Devonport Van trip                      1pm Billiards  <b>2.30pm Ladies</b>                      afternoon tea Atrium                      4-5pm Pickle Ball</p>	<p><b>8</b>                      2pm                      Atrium - Open Fellowship                      4-6 pm Happy Hour</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>                      10am                      Paviljoen Coffee Time</p>
<p><b>11</b>                      10am Atrium                      Men's coffee-morning  <b>10-11am Exercise-Balance</b>                      1-4pm Klaverjassen                      7.30pm Bowls</p>	<p><b>12</b>                      10.30am Line-dancing                        1-5pm Games afternoon                      TBA Pavilion - Dutch Passport Renewal</p>	<p><b>13</b>                      9-12pm Village Shop  <b>9.30-12pm Craft</b>                      1pm Canasta</p>	<p><b>14</b>                      10-11am Exercise                      10am Palm Springs Van trip                      1pm Billiards                      4-5pm Pickle Ball</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>1.30-2.30pm</b>                      Ons Dorp Singers Practise                      2pm                      Atrium - Open Fellowship</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b>                      10am Atrium Coffee Time  <b>2pm Movie:</b>                      War Horse                      WAR/ADVENTURE</p>
<p><b>18</b>                      10am Atrium                      Men's coffee-morning  <b>10-11am Exercise-Balance</b>                      1-4pm Klaverjassen                      7.30pm Bowls</p>	<p><b>19</b>                      10.30am Line-dancing                        1-5pm Games afternoon</p>	<p><b>20</b>                      9-12pm Village Shop  <b>9.30-12pm Craft</b>                      11am Care Centre                      Catholic Mass Service                      1pm Canasta</p>	<p><b>21</b>                      10-11am Exercise                      1pm Billiards  <b>2.30pm Ladies</b>                      afternoon tea Atrium                      4-5pm Pickle Ball                      7pm Housie</p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>1.30pm Sjoel Afternoon</b>                      2pm                      Atrium - Open Fellowship</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>                      10am                      Paviljoen Coffee Time</p>
<p><b>25</b>                      10am Atrium                      Men's coffee-morning  <b>10-11am Exercise-Balance</b>                      1-4pm Klaverjassen                      7.30pm Bowls</p>	<p><b>26</b>                      10.30am Line-dancing                        1-5pm Games afternoon</p>	<p><b>27</b>                      9-12pm Village Shop  <b>9.30-12pm Craft</b>                      1pm Canasta</p>	<p><b>28</b>                      10-11am Exercise                      1pm Billiards                      4-5pm Pickle Ball</p>	<p><b>29</b>                      9-12pm Village Market day                      9-12pm Village Shop                      2pm                      Atrium - Open Fellowship</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>