

*Hi de Hi*



# Dorpskrant



June 2026 Issue



**KING'S  
BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION  
DINNER**  
1 MAY 2026 IN THE  
PAVILION

The celebrations kicked off on the morning of 27th April, the actual birth date of the King, with a showing of Dutch flags outside many of the villas. The beginning of the celebration at Ons Dorp.

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On Friday the 1st of May the flags appeared once more ready for the evening, and our village came together to celebrate. We all gathered, sporting the orange colour in so many ways. At 5pm Margie stood to address the significance of the occasion, while on the large screen were videos capturing past views of royal ceremonies with walkabouts.

**“Lang  
leve de  
Koning!  
Hoera,  
hoera,  
hoera!”**

Voices uplifted both in Dutch and English to pay homage to King Willem Alexander. Then the talking began, while Don and Brian served drinks. It was good to see some 90 people had turned out for the occasion.

After 5.30 the tables were called one by one for those seated to collect their meal from the servers. The most acceptable bami and nasi goreng plus egg foo yung. The familiar duo of "Songs of Europe", Eric and Brian provided entertainment while the eating commenced.

Once plates were cleared, the desserts were delivered to the tables by committee members. Sadly, at this point I had to attend a 7pm video call from a family member in Europe. Then, as I sat at home, I could hear the happy voices of the villagers as they left at intervals to head home. No doubt with that ideal



music - some of the attendees would have danced in the space available.

Another great social time with a good turnout of 90 persons for one of the village's major events. Many thanks go to the Social Committee, and partners, who worked to provide us with another well set up happy and memorable occasion.

**Long Live the King!**



GAIL, VILLA 8

## Hi de Hi Villagers

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### Dorpskrant Items

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Deadline for Dorpskrant

24th of the month.

Aren't we the lucky ones this month of May! We have been spoiled with beautiful sunshine, and although the mornings and evenings are feeling cooler, the days themselves have been very pleasant indeed. It certainly makes village life enjoyable when the weather plays along.

May started off in true Dutch style with our wonderful King's Birthday celebrations. Over 90 villagers joined us in the Paviljoen for a lovely evening together. The orange decorations looked festive and cheerful, the tables were beautifully set, and everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner of Bami, Nasi Goreng and Egg Fu Young. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces enjoying good food, friendship, and gezelligheid (Coziness) together.

Another successful event this month was the Dutch Embassy pop-up desk for passport renewals. Many villagers made use of this opportunity, and we are very pleased with how smoothly everything went. We look forward to working together with the Embassy again in the future.

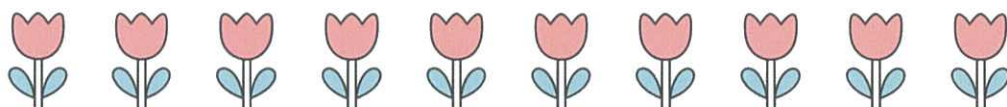
Now we are already looking ahead to our Mid-Winter Dinner, with music by the ever-popular Jim Joll. Please check this issue of the Dorpskrant for all the details and dates — it promises to be another lovely social evening together.

And now, something on a more personal note. Many of you have seen me walking around the village lately. My hip replacement took place on the 11th of May and was very successful. I am happy as Larry and feeling great — and from here on things can only improve. My walking certainly already has!

I will be away for most of the winter months, and Antonia Aarts will kindly take my place while I am gone. I will still try to write a few articles for the Dorpskrant from Bali, so hopefully you will hear from me now and then from warmer shores.

In the meantime, I wish you all warm and cosy winter months ahead. Don't forget to invite a neighbour or friend in for a cup of tea or coffee — especially during the cooler days. A little bit of company and kindness goes a very long way.

Warm regards,  
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.*

# Kings Birthday Party PLUS!

## CONGRATULATIONS



OBE

Sjan Koster



OBE

Zygmunt Kaminski



We not only celebrated the Dutch King's birthday, but also those of Sjan Koster and Zygmunt Kaminski, who have both turned eighty. They were presented with the Certificates of OBE ("Over Bloomin' Eighty") by Margie van Stalduinen.

# HAPPY HOUR

8 MAY

Happy Hour was a delight, with Evan Reid playing his saxophone while we chatted, and then some of us were up dancing because we just needed to move our feet to his delightful music!





# JUNE EVENTS



INVITATION TO

## The Royal New Zealand Navy Band Concert

You are warmly invited to enjoy an afternoon of wonderful music with the Royal New Zealand Navy Band on:

**Wednesday 10th June**  
**Te Atatu Peninsula**  
**Community Centre**  
**603 Te Atatu Road.**  
**Doors open: 1:00pm**  
**Concert starts: 1:30pm**

Admission is free, so come along and enjoy a lively afternoon of music and entertainment with friends and fellow villagers.

***Everyone is welcome***

MARGIE VAN STAALDUINEN

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The van is not available for this trip, perhaps you can organize transport with a neighbour or friend to get there.



TRIP TO:



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

**Date: Thursday, 4 June 2026**

**Time: Departure at 10am**

**Where: In front of the Care Centre**

**Cost: \$18 + \$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, Villa 44 know if you would like to come along.**

**☎ 027 537 3769 or 09 837 3769**



## Midwinter dinner in the Pavilion



Saturday 20 June

Come along for a cosy get-together and enjoy good company, delicious food from One Sip, and dance the night away to music by Jim Joll.

**Time: The bar will be open from 5pm, dinner served around 6pm.**

Please phone Antonia 027 480 4835 by 15 June with your name and villa number for catering numbers. Associate members \$25 cash pp please.

**HUBERTA**  
**"Bep"**  
**BUS**



Bep passed away peacefully on Sunday 12 April surrounded by her family. Although Bep was a private person, she will always be remembered at Ons Dorp as the "Flower Lady".

## Van trips to the Naval Museum, Torpedo Bay

This turned out to be a very popular outing and there were enough bookings for two trips. We were very fortunate to have two glorious days for our visits. The museum detailed the history of the New Zealand navy. There was also a wall hanging of 1500 knitted and crocheted poppies in remembrance of those seamen who lost their lives in the wars. Following this we refreshed ourselves in the adjoining cafe which was pleasantly quiet and had a view over the harbour of the city skyline.

Our driver Marian Sosna drove us to some of the North Shore beaches, and then on the way home took us to see the four new railway stations around the city which will cater for the new underground trains services which may be open in August.

BEVERLEY COOK



## NOTICES

### Dear Villagers — are you a soccer fan?

*Everyone is welcome!* 🏆

Or do you simply enjoy watching exciting international sport together with others? You are warmly invited to come and follow the Viva World Cup Soccer matches in the Paviljoen. The matches will be shown on the TV in the Paviljoen, giving everyone the opportunity to enjoy the atmosphere and cheer along with fellow villagers. The full match schedule can be viewed on the notice board in the Paviljoen lobby. A special thank you to Marian Sosna, phone number 09-836-6278 who will be hosting the broadcasts. Come along, enjoy the games, and support your favourite teams!

### 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



### Ons Dorp Market

Winter is nearly upon us and it is time to check our winter accessories. I will be at the market with my hand knitted and hand felted scarves, wraps, hats fingerless gloves, etc, along with bags and other items. See you there, Beverley Cook

### 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:*

- 13 June; 1 August;**
- 12 September;**
- 24 October;**
- 12 December**



## SAVE THE DATE: JULY

**CRAZY HAT**



*High Tea*

**Saturday July 25th at 2pm**

*Get Crazy and put your imagination on Steroids for a Crazy Hat High Tea!*

There will be a prize for each table, so, Ladies let your **Wild Side out**, just for a Laugh 😊

Also – lend Faye a copy of a picture from your Wedding Day, making sure you write your name & Villa number on the back. We will have a competition with a prize for the one who gets the most photo guesses right.

**PHOTOS TO FAYE NO LATER THAN JULY 11TH**

# 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.

# Happy Hour



Friday, 12 June  
from 4-6pm  
See you there!

## RAFFLE WINNERS ON MARKET DAY 2026 — Friday May 29th

1st prize – Rudi Laterveer, Villa 22

2nd prize – Arend, Visitor

Next Market **26th June**

Dear Villagers,

After my request in last month's Krantje for any suitable DVD's, which residents may have and I could borrow for screening, I did receive an interesting DVD, called "DE BRUG".

This movie is about a bridge to be constructed across the river Maas in Weerde (NB), just prior to the second world war

This Dutch spoken movie, without subtitles is therefore only suitable for those Villagers, who are able to understand Dutch.

However, everybody is free to watch. The screening time of this movie is approx. 400 min and requires at least 4 evenings to watch the whole movie.

I am happy to screen this on four subsequent Wednesday evenings, but only if there is interest of at least 10 people.

**Please advise your interest to watch by phoning Roelof 8381017, to commence on a to be advised date in July/August.**

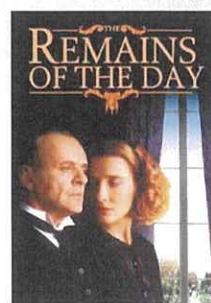
Looking forward to many replies, your operator

## Movies at the Pavilion for June

1st and 3rd Sundays of each month at 2pm

### Remains of the Day

Anthony Hopkins  
ROMANCE/DRAMA



### The Lady in the Van

COMEDY/DRAMA  
WITH MAGGIE SMITH



## 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.

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

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

## JUNE 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
<b>1</b> Public Holiday <b>KING'S BIRTHDAY</b>  10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning <b>10-11am Exercise-Balance</b> <b>1-4pm Klaverjassen</b> <b>7.30pm Bowls</b>	<b>2</b> 10.30am Line-dancing  <b>1-5pm Games afternoon</b>	<b>3</b> 9-12pm Village Shop <b>9.30-12pm Craft</b> <b>1pm Canasta</b>	<b>4</b> 10-11am Exercise 10am Van Trip Palm Springs <b>1pm Billiards</b> <b>2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium</b> <b>4-5pm Pickle Ball</b>	<b>5</b> <b>2pm</b> Atrium - Open Fellowship	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 10am Atrium Coffee Time  <b>2pm Movie:</b> <b>Remains of the Day</b> ROMANCE/DRAMA
<b>8</b> 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning <b>10-11am Exercise-Balance</b> <b>1-4pm Klaverjassen</b> <b>7.30pm Bowls</b>	<b>9</b> 10.30am Line-dancing   <b>2pm Budget Meeting</b>	<b>10</b> 9-12pm Village Shop <b>9.30-12pm Craft</b> <b>1pm Canasta</b>	<b>11</b> 10-11am Exercise <b>1pm Billiards</b> <b>4-5pm Pickle Ball</b>	<b>12</b> <b>1.30-2.30pm</b> Ons Dorp Singers Practise <b>2pm</b> Atrium - Open Fellowship <b>4-6 pm Happy Hour</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Podiatrist</b> <b>Booked Appointments</b> <b>ONLY 8.30-10.30am</b> <b>WALK-INS from 10.45am</b>  NEXT VISIT: 1ST AUGUST	<b>14</b> 10am Paviljoen Coffee Time
<b>15</b> 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning <b>10-11am Exercise-Balance</b> <b>1-4pm Klaverjassen</b> <b>7.30pm Bowls</b>	<b>16</b> 10.30am Line-dancing  <b>1-5pm Games afternoon</b>	<b>17</b> 9-12pm Village Shop <b>9.30-12pm Craft</b> <b>11am Care Centre</b> Catholic Mass Service <b>1pm Canasta</b>	<b>18</b> 10-11am Exercise <b>1pm Billiards</b> <b>2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium</b> <b>4-5pm Pickle Ball</b> <b>7pm Housie</b>	<b>19</b> <b>1.30pm Sjoel Afternoon</b> <b>2pm</b> Atrium - Open Fellowship	<b>20</b> <b>Mid-winter Christmas</b> <b>Dinner from 5pm</b>	<b>21</b> 10am Atrium Coffee Time  <b>2pm Movie:</b> <b>Lady in the Van</b> COMEDY/DRAMA
<b>22</b> 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning <b>10-11am Exercise-Balance</b> <b>1-4pm Klaverjassen</b> <b>7.30pm Bowls</b>	<b>23</b> 10.30am Line-dancing  <b>1-5pm Games afternoon</b>	<b>24</b> 9-12pm Village Shop <b>9.30-12pm Craft</b> <b>1pm Canasta</b>	<b>25</b> 10-11am Exercise <b>1pm Billiards</b> <b>4-5pm Pickle Ball</b>	<b>26</b> <b>9-12pm Village Market day</b> <b>9-12pm Village Shop</b> <b>2pm</b> Atrium - Open Fellowship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10am Paviljoen Coffee Time
<b>29</b> 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning <b>10-11am Exercise-Balance</b> <b>1-4pm Klaverjassen</b> <b>7.30pm Bowls</b>	<b>30</b> 10.30am Line-dancing  <b>1-5pm Games afternoon</b>	<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: 13TH JUNE</b> <b>NEXT VISIT: 1ST AUGUST</b>				