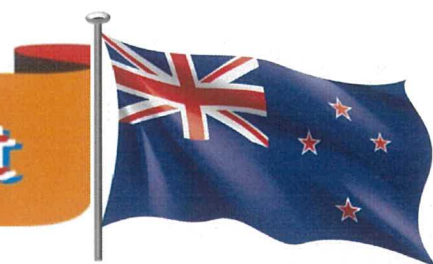




Hi de Hi

Dorpskrant



October 2026 Issue



Ambassador visit

The new Ambassador of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, **Her Excellency Jacqelien Nienhuis** was celebrated by the villagers of Ons Dorp at a meet and greet afternoon tea in the Paviljoen on the 23rd of September.

The Ambassador spoke to lots of people at various tables, all enjoying the afternoon. She was very interested in the stories they had to tell about how and when the Dutch arrived here in NZ and their retirement at Ons Dorp.

She warmly showed an interest in the individual residents and their stories and learned about the resident here with different nationalities.

There was plenty of delicious food with coffee or tea for everyone.

Altogether a lovely afternoon and a lovely Ambassador.

We hope in the future she will visit us again.

FLORA KAMINSKI



COMING UP

3 October
8 October
15 October
17 October
23 October

Leiden's Ontzet & Happy Hour
Van trip to Auckland Maritime Museum
Trip to Palm Springs Hot Pools
Joyful Youth Orchestra
Bokhorst Dinner

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Village van trip to Kaipara Coast Plant Centre & Sculpture Garden

On Wednesday 16 September, nine villagers, including our driver Marian, visited the Kaipara Coast Plant Centre & Sculpture Garden.

We arrived at 10.30am and started our visit with a coffee or tea at the outdoor café. After our refreshments, seven of us set off on the 1km long sculpture trail. We were all given a map and followed the trail through beautifully landscaped gardens, admiring the 44 sculptures along the way.

A great variety of materials had been used to create the sculptures, including wood, concrete, steel, glass, ceramics, pumice, driftwood and recycled plastic. One of my favourite pieces was made from plastic bottles and looked like a beautiful pink flowering shrub.

The trail was a gravel track with a few ups and downs, but nobody had any problems, not even Wilma with her walker!

Some of us bought a few plants and, after lunch at the café, it was back on the bus and home again.

Thank you, Beverley, for organising such a lovely outing. What a shame you couldn't join us

ANTONIA AARTS



AN AMAZING MUSICAL PERFORMANCE!



The morning of September 15th at 10am the MARINA VIEW SCHOOL CHOIR came and entertained us with their singing. The 43 children, aged between 7 years and 9 years old, sang their hearts out. Some of the songs the audience knew and we sang along with them. As part of the programme a music student from Massey High School who also came as a helper, sang, "Top of the World", to a rapt audience. While the performance was absolutely outstanding, it was unfortunate that the turnout was lower than expected.

ELIZABETH JENKINS
Chair of Ons Dorp Trust



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Deadline for Dorpskrant

24th of the month.

Hi de Hi Villagers

Well, this really is our last Hi de Hi from Bali for this year! We'll be back in the village on the last day of September, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone again — especially at our 3 October celebration! After a quieter month, we finally had the opportunity to get involved again with Helping Hands Across the Sands. We made the long four-hour trip to the Negara Orphanage, where 14 young people, aged 14 to 20, are currently living and going to school. They come from very poor backgrounds and some have lost one or both parents. For many, continuing their education on their islands simply isn't possible. The orphanage gives them the chance to attend high school and hopefully have better opportunities in the future. We received a wonderful welcome, complete with beautiful frangipani leis. Everyone introduced themselves, and we spent time chatting and helping them practise their English — very important when so many future jobs are in tourism. We also brought them some toiletries, which are not covered by sponsorship. The youngsters cooked our meals, and we enjoyed craft activities, games and, of course, a visit to the night market where they could choose whatever food they fancied. A little treat of Martabak — chocolate and grated cheese cake — finished off the evening nicely. We were exhausted but very happy! Rein and I sponsor one of the young people, contributing NZ\$35 a month towards food and schooling. If any villagers would like to help support a young person and give them a better chance in life, we would be very happy to tell you more.

We also returned to the Cancer Houses, where patients and their families take part in weekly art activities. This time we made sun catchers, with everyone — including the family members — getting stuck in. And naturally, there had to be bubbles for the little ones! There was some lovely news too: our little miracle baby, now nine months old, is doing wonderfully. Sadly, one elderly lady had just received the news that her cancer had returned. These visits really remind us how difficult life can be for some families. The charity helps patients from the islands access treatment they otherwise could not afford, and hopefully they return home with not only better health but also new skills to share with their families.

Take care, keep smiling and enjoy village life. We'll see you all very soon!

Margie van Staalduin





OCTOBER EVENTS



VAN TRIP TO AUCKLAND MARITIME MUSEUM



We are visiting the Maritime Museum at the Viaduct Basin in downtown Auckland. The museum houses one of New Zealand's most important heritage collections, covering everything from the Great Pacific Migration, which began more than 1,000 years ago, to the cutting-edge technology and design used in the America's Cup and modern yachting.

We will spend approximately two hours at the museum, followed by lunch at the Cool Café, situated at the entrance to the museum.

At 1.30pm, we will embark on the Ted Ashby, a heritage scow, for a one-hour harbour cruise.

Enjoy views of the city skyline, Sky Tower and Auckland Harbour Bridge from the water.

The Ted Ashby is moored right next to the museum and is accessible via a ramp.

Both the museum and the Ted Ashby are suitable for people using a walker. There are stairs, ramps and a lift, as well as plenty of opportunities to sit down while watching a video, having a rest, or simply enjoying the harbour views.

YES... WE'RE GOING NAUTICAL THIS MONTH!

When: Thursday 8 October
Time: 9.30am from the Care Centre.
 Back approximately 3.00pm
Cost: \$5.00 for the van + \$25.00
 for the harbour cruise, *Auckland Seniors rate*
 Bring a jacket for the boat trip!



Please phone Antonia, Villa 38, on 027 480 4835 to book

THE MUSEUM IS FREE FOR AUCKLAND RESIDENTS, PLEASE BRING PROOF OF ADDRESS

Bokhorst Dinner

It's that time of the year again when we celebrate our annual **Bokhorst Dinner**.

For our new villagers, here is a little background. **Bob**

Bokhorst was a much-loved villager who lived at Ons Dorp for many years until his passing. He generously left his estate to the village, to be used for the benefit and enjoyment of our villagers.

At the time, the Trust decided that the Society would receive an annual contribution from the estate to organise

activities for the villagers.

It was also decided that an annual dinner would be held in the pavilion for all villagers, with the cost covered by Bob's estate.

So, Bob, thank you very much!

We continue to enjoy the wonderful dinners and activities made possible by your generosity.

When: Friday 23 October

Where: The Beatrix Pavilion

Time: 5.00pm

Music: Jim Joll

We will start with drinks, followed by dinner served by

One Sip at approximately **5.30pm**.

Please contact Antonia Villa 38, or call her on 027 4804 835.

Alternatively, please leave a message with **your name and villa number** before **Friday 16 October**.

*We look forward to seeing you all
for another enjoyable*

Bokhorst Dinner!



OCTOBER EVENTS



LEIDEN'S ONTZET – 3 OCTOBER



Hi-de-Hi Villagers!

Following several requests over the past couple of years to bring this celebration back, the committee has decided to celebrate it once again this year. As the committee will be preparing dinner for approximately 70 villagers, this will be a one-off celebration!

And, of course, no Leiden's Ontzet would be complete without our traditional hutspot!

Served with smoked sausage and plenty of gravy — for those who are interested.

So put the date in your diary, bring your gezelligheid, and join your fellow villagers for an evening of good food, drinks, and laughter.

Friday 3 October – from 4.30 pm at Pavilion

Margie van Staalduinen, THE COMMITTEE

We look forward to seeing you there!



**ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: \$10
PER PERSON, CASH PLEASE**

TRIP TO:



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

Date: Thursday, 15 October 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 know if you would like to come along.

Beverley Cook, villa 44

ph 027-537-3769 or 09 837-3769

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US!

You are warmly invited to a musical performance with the **Joyful Youth Orchestra**, who will once again delight us with their skills and dedication.

They have visited Ons Dorp many times, and it is a joy to see such a varied age group all playing together as one.

Do join us!

When: Saturday 17 October

Where: in the Pavilion

Time: 2pm

Come early for a good seat!





TULIPTIME

A colourful display of
Tulips in the garden at
Villa 59



NOTICES

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.

Contact Flora Kaminski Villa 73 - 09 320 0974



PickleBall, the "Ons Dorp way"

Every Thursday afternoon
from 4-5pm.

It does not require a high level of fitness;
you only need to take a few steps
forwards or sideways to return a ball!

There is no charge and you will need
non-marking shoes.

For further information,
ring me,
Petra Zeeven VILLA 12
ph: 09 833 8044



◆ Items for the Dorpskrant:

Please ensure any items and articles for the Dorpskrant are sent to Danuta *by the 24th of each month*, so they can be checked for dates/times/correct spelling etc. before they go (on a USB stick) to Russelle, to work on, ready for end of month publication. Anything later, or last minute, please also email via Danuta.

Note: it is up to the persons concerned to make sure their items/articles are correct in every detail.

Thanks, Danuta
Email: danuta.sosna@gmail.com

Market Day Donations

To Villa Owners

When selling your villas or decluttering, please ask your family to consider donating sellable items to the Social Committee, to be sold at our monthly Market Day. These funds are used for social functions, happy hours and entertainers.

Contact Marion 09-836 4467

Podiatrist:

If you would like
to make a note of
these forthcoming
dates on your 2026
calendars/diaries,
Siona's 6 weekly visits will be:

24 October;

12 December.

Booked from 8.30-10.30, walk-ins
from 10.45am. Cost \$40.



NO FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR
Saturday, 3rd October
From 4.30pm
Combined
Happy Hour with
Leiden's Ontzet



RAFFLE WINNERS ON MARKET DAY

2026 — Friday September 25th

1st prize – Regina van der Sluis, Villa 15

2nd prize – Aria Kuyl, Villa 9

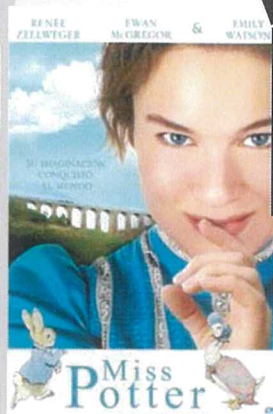
Next Market 30th October

October Movies at the Pavilion

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

PLEASE NOTE: The final two
 movie viewings will be during the
 Month of November.

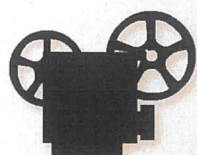
**NO MOVIES FOR THE MONTH
 OF DECEMBER**



**4
October**

Miss Potter
 Renée
 Zellweger
 DRAMA

**Amazing
Grace**
 DRAMA



**18
October**

A BIG THANK YOU

To all who helped in so many ways to make
 the visit of the Dutch Ambassador such a
 success.

The afternoon tea was exceptional
 The ladies in the kitchen were still working
 away when the Villagers had all gone.
 All your effort was much appreciated.

ELIZABETH JENKINS
 Chairperson of the Trust Board.



MARGARET DELAND

seniorplanet.org

As soon as you
 feel too old to
 do a thing, do it.

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.***

Regular Activities in the Pavilion



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 9.30 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 4-5pm

Contact Petra Zeeven, ph 09 833 8044

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 pm

Ons Dorp Singers

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



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

October 2026

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Siona the Podiatrist comes every 6 weeks to give your feet a treat in the Pavilion! Cost \$40. He is fully booked from 8.30-10.30am, but you can walk in from 10.45am. VISITING: 24 OCTOBER			1 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 2.30pm Ladies afternoon tea Atrium 4-5pm Pickle Ball	2 POSTPONED Ons Dorp Singers Practise 2pm Atrium - Open Fellowship	3 4.30pm Combined Happy Hour & Leiden's Ontzet Dinner	4 10am Atrium Coffee Time 2pm Movie: Miss Potter DRAMA
5 10am Atrium Men's coffee-morning 10-11am Exercise-Balance 1-4pm Klaverjassen 7.30pm Bowls	6 10.30am Line-dancing  1-5pm Games afternoon	7 9-12pm Village Shop 9.30-12pm Craft 1pm Canasta	8 9.30am Auckland Maritime Museum trip 10-11am Exercise 1pm Billiards 4-5pm Pickle Ball	9 2pm Atrium - Open Fellowship	10	11 10am Paviljoen Coffee Time
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