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Dorpskrant
November 2026 Issue

CULTURAL DAY : 13 OCTOBER 2026

# A Wonderful Cultural Event in Our Village



Our village recently celebrated a wonderful cultural event that brought people from different backgrounds together. It was a memorable occasion filled with joy, music, dance, and cultural diversity. The event gave everyone an opportunity to learn about and appreciate different cultures and traditions.

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## COMING UP

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| 5 November | Bus trip to Hamilton Gardens |
| 12 November | Trip to Palm Springs Hot Pools |
| 13 November | Happy Hour with Jimmy Bonaire |
| 19 November | Van trip to Arataki Visitor Centre and Crystal Mountain |

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The programme began with a Karanga, Powhiri and presentation of Korowai, a Māori welcoming ceremony performed by Māori guests. Then the Senior Kapa Haka Group from Flanshaw Road Primary School performed Maori songs, Haka and a Poi Dance. It was a meaningful and respectful beginning to the event, reflecting the importance of Māori culture, hospitality, and togetherness.

Following the welcoming ceremony, we enjoyed a medley of traditional Dutch songs sung by Ons Dorp Dutch singers wearing their cultural costumes and some of the villagers joined in singing, too.

Next, the Ons Dorp Care Centre staff presented a variety of songs and dances representing different cultures. They performed enthusiastically, showcasing their talents and sharing the beauty of their cultural traditions. Their performances created a lively and joyful atmosphere, and the audience thoroughly enjoyed the music, rhythms, and colourful dances. The program concluded with a delightful cultural afternoon tea.

Overall, the cultural event was a great success and a memorable experience for everyone who attended. We look forward to more such events in the future.

DANUTA SOSNA

















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24th of the month.

# Hi de Hi Villagers

Well, spring is certainly making its presence felt here in New Zealand. The mornings can still be chilly, even if the days are often sunny and mild. Time to keep those warm jerseys handy, while enjoying the longer days and the first signs of spring colour! What a wonderful, colourful place our village is looking as you drive in. It really does brighten the day.

October has been an incredibly busy month socially, with barely time to catch our breath! We have enjoyed two very successful and well-attended dinners, three van trips to the museum and the hot pools, the Joyful Youth Orchestra, and a lovely Cultural Afternoon, and much more. What a lot of fun and what a lot of organising! A big thank you to everyone who helped make these events such a success.

Now it is time to take a little breather (well, perhaps just a small one!). There is still plenty happening around our village. We have voting coming up in the Atrium — how lucky we are to have this convenience right here on our doorstep! Of course, there will also be our ever-popular Happy Hour with music, another trip to the hot pools, and Operatunity, and visits to the Arataki Visitor Centre and Crystal Mountain. And most of all our coach trip to Hamilton Gardens.

As always, please keep an eye on the calendar for dates and details.

A little reminder: if an event requires registration, please book early! We have to close registrations by a set date, and once the numbers are full, we simply cannot squeeze in any more people. We would hate for anyone to miss out, so don't leave it until the last minute!

And, as always, I will finish with a little request. Please keep an eye on your neighbours. If you know someone who spends a lot of time alone, why not invite them over for a cup of tea or coffee? It costs very little, but a friendly chat can make a world of difference — and who knows, you might enjoy it just as much as they do!

Enjoy the spring sunshine, keep smiling, and keep looking after one another.

Margie van Staalduinen

***What a wonderful evening we had celebrating Leiden's Ontzet!***

It was a great success, enjoyed by our Villagers – with 72 people present, the Pavilion was certainly buzzing!

We started the evening with a short explanation of what Leiden's Ontzet is all about and why this special day is celebrated in the Netherlands, followed by the Dutch National Anthem. It was lovely to see so many people interested in the history behind the tradition.




# WHAT A NIGHT!

Then came the moment we had all been waiting for – hutspot with smoked sausage and gravy! There were plenty of hungry villagers, and thankfully plenty of food to go around. After dinner we had a little break to let everything settle before moving on to dessert.

And what better way to finish than with ice cream, with fruit. A very Dutch meal with a little bit of everything – and no complaints from the dessert department!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the cooking, serving, setting up and clearing away. Events like this don't happen by themselves, and it certainly takes a village to feed a village!

Most importantly, it was lovely to see everyone sitting together, chatting, laughing and enjoying the evening. Dutch tradition and Village friendships plus plenty of hutspot – a winning combination!

MARGIE VAN STAALDUINEN







# AMAZING MUSICAL PERFORMANCE





On Saturday 17th October we were once again blessed with the pleasure of the Joyful Youth Orchestra. This NZ Korean orchestra was established in 2010 and has 34 young musicians ranging from primary to year 13 secondary school age.



As always, they offered a full and varied programme, and in some cases the audience was encouraged to clap or sing along as they played.



The conductor brought out the very best in his orchestra, and it was lovely to see the earnest concentration on all those young faces as he led them through some very complex pieces. They started with the rousing Radetzky March, and from there we were treated to more tender themes including Amazing Grace, and then a pop song medley amongst many others. The first and second violins and cellos were superb with their tones. And the Junior members played a delightful couple of pieces.



The encore was a wonderful rendition of Pachelbel's Canon in D, one of my favourite pieces, so I felt happy and honoured that we could enjoy such lovely music on a sunny spring afternoon.



Hope we can have them back next year!

EIRENE VOON



# Village van trip to the **Maritime Museum**

On 8 October, seven villagers set off to explore the New Zealand Maritime Museum. Our driver, Marian, dropped us off just a short walk from the museum.

There was plenty to see, and we started by learning about the early Polynesian migrations in their waka, followed by the arrival of European migrants. Life on board the early migration ships was certainly no luxury! Later ships offered more comfortable accommodation, with proper cabins containing two or four bunk beds.

Another fascinating section was dedicated to modern yachting and New Zealand's proud history in the America's Cup. A whole area was about the achievements of Peter Blake, one of our local heroes. We also watched a video of the Jules Verne Trophy round the world race, with skipper Peter Blake. I love sailing, but no amount of money could have persuaded me to join the crew on that boat! Sailing through the Southern Ocean looked absolutely freezing, and at times the boat seemed to spend more time under the water than above it.

We also enjoyed seeing the impressive collection of model boats, built by volunteers and donated to the museum.

After a leisurely two-hour stroll through the museum, it was time for lunch. Some of us had already enjoyed morning tea at the Kool Café, so we decided to try the Lula Inn next door. Sitting outside, we could relax and enjoy the lovely harbour views.














We couldn't have chosen a better day for our harbour cruise. It was a perfect spring day, with sunshine and just a light breeze, enough to hoist the sails. The crew were friendly, helpful and very accommodating. They even offered a wheelchair to help one of our group up the ramp and safely aboard the boat.




After the cruise, Marian was already waiting to take us home. It had been quite a long day, but a thoroughly enjoyable one, filled with interesting discoveries, lovely views and good company.

By popular demand, we had arranged a second Maritime outing for 22 October. Our second trip to the Maritime museum was very successful. Everybody enjoyed it and the weather was perfect for the sailing in the afternoon.

ANTONIA AARTS





# Bokhorst Dinner

23RD OCTOBER 2026





Hello everyone,
What a wonderful night for the Bokhorst dinner, It looked like all of you who came, enjoyed it immensely. The food by One Sip was amazing and everyone seemed to agree.
The music by Jim Joll was great and we even got to dance on a much smaller dance floor because of the big crowd that attended.
We all had time to catch up with each other.
Many thanks to everyone who gave us a hand to clear up afterwards, it was nice of you and we appreciate it.
Thanks to Mr Bokhorst for his generosity over the years.

FLORA

# Van trip to Parakai



After the winter break, we commenced our visits to Palm Springs Hot Pools on Thursday 15th October. This October Spring day was rainy, but that didn't stop us in enjoying soaking in the hot pools.

DANUTA SOSNA

# NOVEMBER EVENTS

## OUTING TO HAMILTON GARDENS

Dear Villagers,

Come along and join us for a wonderful coach trip to the beautiful Hamilton Gardens on Thursday, 5th November.

Enjoy a lovely day exploring the stunning themed gardens, having a stroll, and enjoying good company with fellow villagers. Whether you love gardening, enjoy a leisurely walk, or simply fancy a day out with friends, this trip is for you!

**General Gardens FREE**

**Themed gardens $27.00**

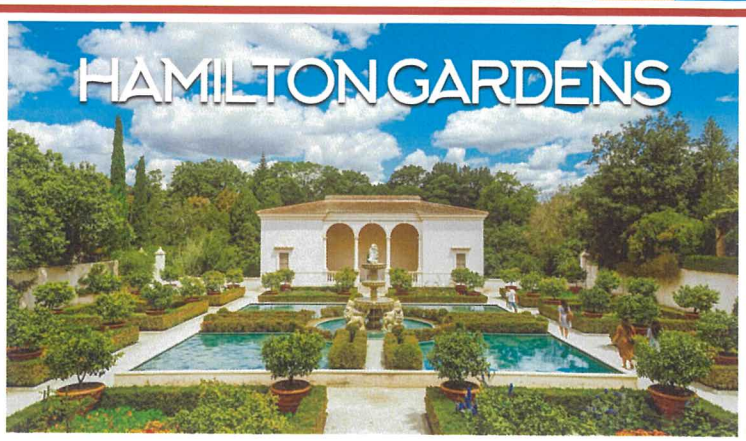
There is a **Gold Card discount** of **10%**.

**Registration is essential!**

Please register with **Antonia Aarts,** villa 38
Mobile: 027 480 4835

before **4th November**

We have only **36 places available**, so please book early to avoid disappointment!




**Date: Thursday, 5th November**

**Departure: 9.00 am**

**Cost for coach $15.00 per person**

Due to the rising cost of diesel, coach hire has become considerably more expensive, hence the increase in contribution for this trip to $15. We appreciate your understanding.

**If you use a walker, there's plenty storage on the coach.**

Bring your walking shoes, your good humour, and perhaps a friend. Let's enjoy a lovely day out together!

MARGIE VAN STAALDUINEN

***Everyone is welcome — we look forward to seeing you there!***

## TRIP TO: Palm Springs Geothermal Pool Complex



Please let Beverley know if you would like to come along.

**Beverley Cook, villa 44**
**ph 027-537-3769**
**or 09 837-3769**

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

**Date:** **Thursday, 12 November**
**Time:** **Departure at 9.30am**
**Where:** **In front of the Care Centre**
**Cost:** **$13.50 + $5 for the van**
**(please have the exact change ready)**

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 COME AND JOIN US!***

## VAN TRIP

### Arataki Visitor Centre & Crystal Mountain

You are warmly invited to join us for a trip to Arataki Visitor Centre and Crystal Mountain.

**When:**
Thursday 19 November
**Leaving:** 10.00am
at the Care Centre
**Back:** Approx 2.00pm
**Cost:** $5 for the van

**Please phone**
**Marion 09-836 4467, villa 68**

# ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

We keep a wheelchair in the pavilion for use in emergencies. It is not available to be borrowed for personal use or kept in your villa for any length of time.
After use, the wheelchair must be returned to the pavilion immediately so it is available for the next person who may need it.
Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.



THE SOCIETY COMMITTEE

## 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**

***Ons Dorp Singers Choir practice will commence again as from Friday 6th November, at 1.30pm in the Pavilion.**

BRIAN

**Podiatrist:**



If you would like to make a note of the final 2026 date in your calendar/diaries, Siona's final visit will be: **12 December.**
Booked from 8.30-10.30, walk-ins from 10.45am. Cost $40.

## 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

## REMINDER TO ALL VILLAGERS

***"Aucklanders are reminded to keep batteries and electronic waste out of household rubbish and recycling bins after batteries were linked to at least 28 fires involving the city's recycling facility and collection trucks over the past year."***

*NZH 15 October 2026*

You can place all household batteries in the letter box at **Number 8**. These will be recycled responsibly.

GAIL GRIFFIN

## Line Dancing with Kerri

Last day for 2026 will be
**Tuesday, 3rd November**
Line Dancing will start back in February 2027




**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**



## WELCOME TO ONS DORP







Introducing two new villagers to Ons Dorp: Anneke Kannegieter who moved into villa 40 and Joyce Harrison who moved into villa 72.

Wishing you a happy retirement.

## A TRIBUTE

### Miriam Frances



Miriam passed away peacefully on Friday 16 October surrounded by her family.

We offer our deepest condolences to Reece and the family.

## Alberto and Berend got Married!

Alberto and Berend in Villa 13 got married on Sunday 25th October at the Waitakere Resort and Spa in Waiatarua.

Supported by family and friends they pledged themselves to each other.

This was the 24th anniversary of their meeting so already a special date for them. Although they have been a couple since 2004, it was only when Berend proposed to Alberto on his 80th birthday party, which took place in the Pavilion in December 2025, that they decided to formalise their union.

Joined by 68 family members and close friends and live streamed around the world, Berend and Alberto pledged their vows in the beautiful gardens high in the Waitakere ranges.

After the wedding ceremony, they enjoyed a delicious meal followed by speeches, a cake cutting and dancing late into the night.

***Congratulations to Alberto and Berend!***





**Dear villagers,**

## VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT

Joop Hageman and I have made the decision, that the last day of selling raffle tickets by us, will be on the last (Christmas) market day in December '26

After 7-8 years, and selling many raffle tickets by the "short and the tall men", with pleasure and always with a smile, we would like to call it a day.

Because nothing lasts forever, and our ages are counting, **two volunteers are sought to fill the vacancies as from January 2027.**

The duties involve: selling as many raffle tickets as you can, on the last Friday (market day) of every month, unless otherwise decided by the market-team, form 8.30am to 12.00 (noon), commencing January, 29th 2027.

No experience is required, but some training will be given, unfortunately remuneration will be zero. (ha, ha).

Please contact Joop Hageman, phone 09 837176 or myself 09 8381017, if you think you might be the right candidate and for further info.

JOOP HAGEMAN AND ROELOF SIEBRING

## 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:**

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| 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.***

**FRIDAY HAPPY HOUR**



**Friday**
**13th November**
**From 4.00pm**

This week **Jimmy Bonaire** will be entertaining.

## RAFFLE WINNERS ON MARKET DAY

**2026 — Friday October 30th**

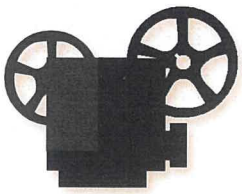
1st prize – Linda Brens, villa 90
2nd prize – Regina van der Sluis, villa 15

Next Market **27th November**

## "QUOTE OF THE MONTH"

"I don't believe in aging.
I believe in forever altering
one's aspect to the sun." –

-Virginia Woolf



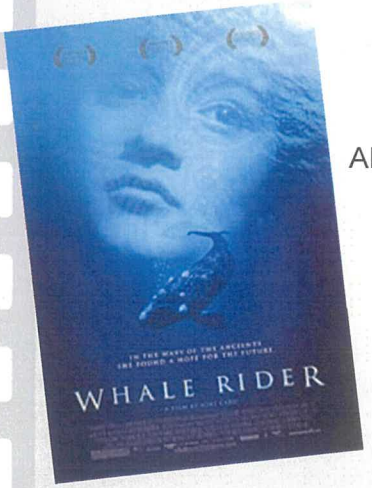
# November Movies at the Pavilion

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

**PLEASE NOTE:** These two movies will be last to screen this year.
We will commence screening in March 2027.

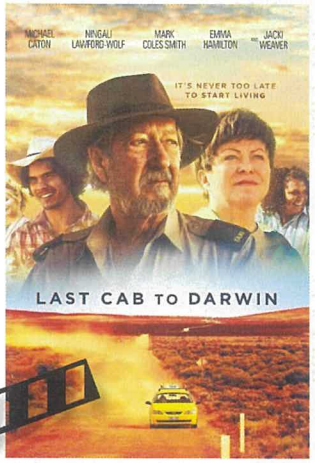
ROELOF SIEBRING




**Whale Rider**
FAMILY/
ADVENTURE

**Last Cab to Darwin**
DRAMA/
MELODRAMA






# 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

## Every 1st and 3rd Friday 1.30pm to 2.30 pm



New comers welcome. Contact Brian 09 836 4467

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.

# November 2026

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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| | | **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: 12 DECEMBER** | | | | 1<br>10am **Atrium** Coffee Time<br>**2pm Movie:**<br>Whale Rider<br>FAMILY/ADVENTURE |
| 2<br>**10am Atrium**<br>Men's coffee-morning<br>**10-11am** Exercise-Balance<br>**1-4pm** Klaverjassen<br>**7.30pm** Bowls | 3<br>**10.30am** Line-dancing<br>**FINAL CLASS FOR 2026**<br><br>**1-5pm** Games afternoon | 4<br>**9-12pm** Village Shop<br>**9.30-12pm** Craft<br>**1pm** Canasta | 5<br>**9am**<br>**Hamilton Gardens Bustrip**<br>**10-11am** Exercise<br>**1pm** Billiards<br>**2.30pm** Ladies afternoon tea Atrium<br>**4-5pm** Pickle Ball | 6<br>**1.30pm**<br>Ons Dorp Singers Practise<br>2pm<br>Atrium - Open Fellowship | 7 | 8<br>10am<br>**Paviljoen** Coffee Time |
| 9<br>**10am Atrium**<br>Men's coffee-morning<br>**10-11am** Exercise-Balance<br>**1-4pm** Klaverjassen<br>**7.30pm** Bowls | 10<br>**1-5pm** Games afternoon | 11<br>**9-12pm** Village Shop<br>**9.30-12pm** Craft<br>**1pm** Canasta | 12<br>**9.30am**<br>**Parakai Hot Spring Pools**<br>**10-11am** Exercise<br>**1pm** Billiards<br>**4-5pm** Pickle Ball | 13<br>2pm<br>Atrium - Open Fellowship<br>**4-6 pm** Happy Hour | 14 | 15<br>10am **Atrium** Coffee Time<br>**2pm Movie:**<br>Last Cab to Darwin<br>DRAMA/MELODRAMA |
| 16<br>**10am Atrium**<br>Men's coffee-morning<br>**10-11am** Exercise-Balance<br>**1-4pm** Klaverjassen<br>**7.30pm** Bowls | 17<br>**1-5pm** Games afternoon | 18<br>**9-12pm** Village Shop<br>**11am Care Centre**<br>Catholic Mass Service<br>**9.30-12pm** Craft<br>**1pm** Canasta | 19<br>**10am Arataki Visitor Centre & Crystal Mountain**<br>**10-11am** Exercise<br>**1pm** Billiards<br>**2.30pm** Ladies afternoon tea Atrium<br>**4-5pm** Pickle Ball<br>**7pm** Housie | 20<br>**1.30pm**<br>Ons Dorp Singers Practise<br>2pm<br>Atrium - Open Fellowship | 21 | 22<br>10am<br>**Paviljoen** Coffee Time |
| 23<br>**10am Atrium**<br>Men's coffee-morning<br>**10-11am** Exercise-Balance<br>**1-4pm** Klaverjassen<br>**7.30pm** Bowls | 24<br>**1-5pm** Games afternoon | 25<br>**9-12pm** Village Shop<br>**9.30-12pm** Craft<br>**1pm** Canasta | 26<br>**10-11am** Exercise<br>**1pm** Billiards<br>**4-5pm** Pickle Ball | 27<br>**9-12pm** Village Market day<br>**9-12pm** Village Shop<br>**1.30pm** Sjoel Afternoon<br>2pm<br>Atrium - Open Fellowship | 28 | 29 |
| 30<br>**10am Atrium**<br>Men's coffee-morning<br>**10-11am** Exercise-Balance<br>**1-4pm** Klaverjassen<br>**7.30pm** Bowls | | | | | | |