

## Kicked out of the board....

- Two local residents have come forward who are going to follow a beekeeper course so that they too can safely deal with the bees that are active at the public orchard from the hive placed there.
- At our secretariat we received questions from four social organizations (volunteers from the St. Nicholas Church, the KBO, the Zonnebloem and the Stichting Nieuwe Levenskracht) who all want to do something for long-term sick people based on their own objective. If we already get a picture of them through our network of street contacts, we are not allowed to just pass on the names and addresses and we do not do that. But if you know someone - and that may be throughout the municipality of Valkenswaard, it is not limited to Kerkakkers - who you think belongs to the target group of one or more of the organizations mentioned, first ask that person whether they find it ok that you think that help can be requested and then report it (with the consent of that person) to the organizations mentioned.

Which target groups does who target? The CBE focuses on the elderly (50+).

[www.kbo-valkenswaard.nl](http://www.kbo-valkenswaard.nl) Phone: 06-2003 7291

De Zonnebloem is for all people with a physical disability (18+). Phone: 06-2298 3557

[www.zonnebloem.nl/valkenswaard](http://www.zonnebloem.nl/valkenswaard)

A conversation with the people of the Nicolaaskerk is possible for everyone in Valkenswaard/Waalre. Phone: 040-2017 574 (Mon to Thu 9 am to 12 pm)

[www.willibrord-valkenswaard.nl](http://www.willibrord-valkenswaard.nl)

The Nieuwe Levenskracht offers help to the elderly, the sick and people with disabilities.

Phone: 06-3921 9115

[www.nieuwelevenskracht.nl](http://www.nieuwelevenskracht.nl)



Voor de Nederlandse versie van deze nieuwsbrief zie onze website:  
[www.wijkcommissiekerkakkers.nl](http://www.wijkcommissiekerkakkers.nl)

## Making Christmas pieces

On December 13, 2022, we held a Christmas piece making evening for the second time, organized by Kerkakker's neighborhood volunteers. The turnout was large: 30 local residents were so enthusiastic that some came in at 19:30, it actually started at 20:00. Jan and Fien Gijsbers brought a full wheelbarrow with greenery and branches and the other guests also had everything that everyone could use; green, dishes, trays and candles. Everyone went to work with the oasis that was



soaking in the buckets of water. Sharing tools also went well so that everyone could cut and cut and I often went around with iron wire to secure things. Around 9:30 pm, everyone was done arranging flowers and some made a piece for the Wednesday evening before the Kerkakkers Christmas meeting. Many guests helped with cleaning up, sweeping and cleaning so that it was a very successful evening.

Regards, Arne de Louweren.

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## Detective

Around Christmas, the district committee asked if, because the street contact person was ill, I could deliver the newsletter in the Judocus Smitsstraat. So together with an 11-year-old grandchild delivered the newsletters. On the way he asked why do we have to deliver the newsletters? Because the street contact person is sick. What is a street contact? Someone who delivers the newsletters and also delivers a bag with information to new residents, or a card on special occasions. And "keep an eye on" a street or part of a street. Who is the street contact person of the Jan Vlekkestraat Opa? That's Grandma. Then Grandma is a kind of detective and now I understand why Grandma looks through the window so often.

Jan Sanders

## Speed control 30 km zone

February 1st was the day: a speed check with a laser gun in the Kardinaal de Jongstraat to check the maximum speed of 30 km/h. Several dozen cars were checked. After the various actions that the district committee has had to point out to motorists about their speed, such as clicko stickers, banners, speed signs and green dolls, there was now a fine at an unsafe speed.



The new local police officer Vincent Janssen at work.

## Presentation about beekeeping as a hobby

More and more people are choosing beekeeping as a hobby. This is not only about producing honey but also the knowledge of this natural hobby such as the study of gestation plants, observing a bee colony, pollen research, etc. Did you know that bees are extremely important for the pollination of flowers and plants? For our food, we depend for a third on bee pollination. And how about the production of oxygen by plants and trees and the pollination by bees. That is why the variety of life, the biodiversity, is so important.

We are also working on biodiversity in our neighbourhood, we have already realised a public orchard. In that context, two experienced beekeepers will talk about beekeeping. Frans Claassen and Frans Schilders are beekeepers affiliated with the Dutch Beekeepers Association and would like to share their experiences with you. Will you come and listen to their story? Of course there is plenty of opportunity to ask questions.



Come to Buurtvereniging De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5 on Wednesday **8 March** at 8:00 pm.

The entrance is free, so is the coffee and tea. The organization is in the hands of the district committee.

Look at [www.wijkcommissiekerkackers.nl](http://www.wijkcommissiekerkackers.nl)

## Want to help build the parade float of Buurtschap Kerkakkers?

What is the Youth Club Buurtschap Kerkakkers?



The Youth Club is an initiative of the corso builders of Buurtschap Kerkakkers. Our goal is to teach our youth how to build a float with great pleasure (and safely)! The children build their own car with their own theme. Who is

among the youth we are looking for? All children who are in primary school are welcome to become a member of Buurtschap Kerkakkers. Children up to the age of 8 can only build under the supervision and supervision of one of the parents/guardians.

Welke dieren kun jij bedenken?



All youth members up to max. 16 years, we want to guide you to become a top-notch corso builder. Depending on your age, different tasks are performed. From safety in the parade tent to the flower field and flower. Why should I participate? Not only is it fun, but you also become a youth club member of the community and you learn to work well together. You will walk with the youth car in the parade and can then proudly say that you have helped! Where and when does the Youth Club take place? The Youth Club takes place in the parade tent of Buurtschap Kerkakkers on the Dr. Schaepmanstraat. Start of the Youth Club will be June 27, 2023, How do I sign up?

You can register until March 31 at the latest:

[jeugdclub.kerkakkers@gmail.com](mailto:jeugdclub.kerkakkers@gmail.com)

We will contact you as soon as possible.

Also take a look at: [www.kerkakkers.nl](http://www.kerkakkers.nl).

## Volunteers requested

The district committee is looking for some extra volunteers. You can think of:

**Neighbor help:** walking buddy, keeping company, administration help, doing chores, cooking together, shopping, helping with transport, babysitting children, etc

**Children's activities:** devising and organizing activities for the children in the neighborhood, a few times a year and / or structurally.

**Working group biodiversity:** helping to create more variation in nature in the district, more flora and fauna and thus helping to shape a better living environment.

**Street contact person:** being the eyes and ears of the street, signaling is an important task, without prejudice, with an open attitude and with discretion.

**Neighbourhood libraries:** help maintain our two free public libraries, they are widely used.

**Social Media:** share our agenda on the most common social media.

**Providing lunch:** Helping to provide lunch for local residents 1 time a week.

**Hostess/host:** during our coffee walk-in moments and our Door & Voor evenings.



**Organize an activity yourself:** you can occasionally organize an activity yourself, with the support of the district committee. Of course, the district committee is also open to new structural activities. We invite you!

You can register via our secretariat:

[secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkakers.nl](mailto:secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkakers.nl)

or by telephone in the evenings: 06-41234138

or simply with a note in our mailbox:

Dr. Ariënsstraat 20 Valkenswaard.

## New hairdresser in our district

One of the objectives of our district committee is to support starting entrepreneurs in expanding brand awareness in the neighborhood.

**Hairstyling Bij Anja**, is a small friendly salon where women, men and also children can go. Through years of experience, Anja has extensive knowledge about coloring and cutting. It is located at the Jan Vlekkestraat 22.



The salon can be reached via the side entrance on the Doctor Ariënsstraat. It is by appointment only, so feel free to call! 06-29500 562

## Agenda walk-in house



While enjoying a free cup of coffee or tea, you can catch up. Are you coming too?



Walk-in house **Kardinaal de Jongstraat 6** always from **10:00 to 11:30** am. We will try to speak English if you want.

- Monday **6 March**
- Monday **20 March**
- Monday **3 April**
- Monday **17 April**
- Monday **1 May**

## Door & Voor information evenings

Every second Wednesday evening of the month a free lecture, excursion or workshop is organized "Door & Voor" neighborhood residents, in community center De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5. Start is 8:00 pm.

Admission is free, coffee and tea too.



## Agenda Door & Voor evenings

- **Wednesday 8 March 8:00 pm**  
Theme: Beekeeping as a hobby. Two beekeepers talk about their hobby. Would you like to listen?
- **Wednesday 12 April 8:00 pm**  
Theme: To be announced soon on our [website](#) and in the publication boards in our district.
- **Wednesday 10 May 8:00 pm**  
Theme: performance of Instrumental Trio Mousai

## Practical meeting on pruning fruit trees.

On Saturday 4 March, the Valkenswaard fruit grower Teun de Zeeuw will prune the trees again on our public orchard on the Le Sage ten Broekstraat. We can see him at work pruning and bending, explaining the how and why of the interventions.

All interested parties from our district are welcome. We look forward to seeing you at this pruning class on Saturday 4 March 2023 at 10:00 am in the fruit garden on Le Sage ten Broekstraat.

