

Music evokes memories

We are going to organize a musical evening! Local resident Sylvia Groenen came up with the "Door & Voor" evening of **Wednesday April 9**. Together with her we want to offer you a musical evening; You can share your choice of music.

When you hear a certain song, you think back to your childhood, a special holiday, your parents, your children, your first love, a unique event, a good friend, your wedding day, or another valuable memory....



Write on the music card that comes with this newsletter which song you would like to hear again and why? Or what you think back to! Put the music card in the mailbox at our secretariat, at Dr. Ariënsstraat 20, or hand it in during our coffee walk-in on Wednesday morning. You can also do it digitally by sending an email to: secretariaat@wijkcommissiekerkakers.nl

On Wednesday evening, April 9, we will make it a nice, musical evening full of memories together. You will have the opportunity to explain your memory verbally with the audience, but you do not have to. You are already making the people in the room happy with your choice.

The evening **starts at 8 pm** in community center De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5.

Admission, participation, coffee and tea are **free**. Everyone living in Valkenswaard is welcome, even if you do not submit a music track.



Voor de nederlandse versie van deze nieuwsbrief zie onze website: www.wijkcommissiekerkakers.nl

Residents and visitors of Lunet made beautiful greeting cards for you

Nice earrings were also made. Now they are for sale during the coffee walk-in of the neighbourhood committee on Wednesday morning between 10 am and 12. The cards and earrings are sold for only € 0,50 each or 12 pieces for € 5,00. Please pay the exact amount.

Ask our hostesses and hostesses about it.

The proceeds go to charity, which is great! You can also enjoy a cup of coffee and get to know other visitors to the walk-in house.

Admission is **free**, as is coffee and tea.

You will find the walk-in center in Lunet Wijkcentrum "in de inloop", Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4.

We look forward to seeing you!

Demonstration pruning fruit trees

This year Teun de Zeeuw will again prune the trees in our neighborhood fruit garden.

He is a very experienced fruit grower with great practical and theoretical knowledge of fruit growing.

We can see him at work pruning and bending, explaining the how and why of the interventions. Teun can answer all our questions about fruit trees with knowledge of the facts and also does so in an educational way!



You are welcome to attend this pruning lesson on **Saturday, March 1 at 10 am** in the fruit garden, at Le Sage ten Broekstraat 80 / corner Kloosterstap

Information evening about purchasing an emergency kit.

We live in an unpredictable time. The international security situation has deteriorated sharply in recent years and this affects the Netherlands. Yet we rely on everyday amenities such as the availability of electricity, water and full shelves in the stores. In extreme situations, you can easily run out, and the right help can take longer. It is therefore important to be prepared for situations of prolonged outages, such as electricity, drinking water or internet. This requires action from everyone. From the



government, but also from you and your environment. Therefore, prepare now. But how can you prepare for a threat? And what disasters or incidents should you think of? We have to talk

about that with each other. Not to sow fear, but to make well-informed choices. Decide for yourself how far you want to go in this. But at least think about it carefully. During this meeting, it is about what can be included in an emergency kit. We invite you to come and listen and discuss the purchase of an emergency kit:

Wednesday evening, **March 12 at 8 pm**, in Community centre De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5. Doors open from 7:00 pm.

On Wednesday morning, **March 19 at 10:30 am**, there will be a short summary in Lunet Wijkcentrum "in de inloop" Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4.

Doors open from 10:00 am.

Admission is **free**, coffee and tea too.

Also take a look at the website: www.denkvooruit.nl

Family Easter Scavenger Hunt

on Sunday morning **April 13, 2025**

This activity, organized by Kerkkackers Kidz, promises moments of fun and joy for the whole family. In addition to the egg hunt, there are various other activities to entertain children, such as face painting and outdoor games.

You can start between 10 and 11 am from **Het Mollenveldje** on the Min. Aalbersestraat for a short walk of about 2 km through our neighborhood. You will look for pictures of Easter eggs that the Easter Bunny has hidden.



Afterwards there is a nice surprise for every child. Will you join us?

Registration before April 1:

Send email to

kerkackerskidz@hotmail.com

Indicate the number of children and adults.

Secure your spot and walk with us! We look forward to celebrating Easter with you and your family!

Workshop Easter-Crea

During the coffee walk-in on Wednesday mornings of **April 2 + 9 + 16** between **10 am - 12** we will be creative with the theme of Easter.



We are going to craft with paper and we are going to crochet. Will you join us?

You are most welcome. You don't have to sign up, just walk in.

You pay a contribution of € 1.00 each time. We will provide all kinds of materials.



You can find the coffee walk-in in Lunet Wijkcentrum "in de inloop" Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4 Valkenswaard.

Biodiversity in our neighbourhood

Hey, will you sow with us?

Spring is coming! It's time to put our neighborhood in the spotlight again. This year we have opted for a more native seed mixture. With plenty of flowers for the butterflies and bees. Will you also help to transform our neighborhood into a flowery paradise for our insects?

After a successful flower seed campaign in the previous two years, we have chosen to repeat this campaign.

That's why this newsletter includes a bag of bee mixture.



Instruction: Before sowing, make the soil weed-free. After sowing, rake lightly. Keep the soil moist, but not too wet.

A flowery environment not only contributes to a wonderful place for insects, but also brightens up our neighborhood. Last year we received nice photos of pots full of flowers and colorful (front) gardens, thank you for that! This year you can send in a photo again and maybe it will be placed in the next edition of the Kerkackers newsletter. Mail to:

biodiversiteitkerkackers@gmail.com

Kerkackers Garagesale on May 25

Clean up your attic and storage room and sell your stuff from your front garden.

From 10 am to 2 pm, your local residents in the neighborhood can browse through unnecessary household goods, toys, clothing, bicycles, etc., etc. at many addresses.

Please no food and commercial sales.

More information in our next newsletter and on our website.

Nick introduces himself:

Dear neighbors,

As the newest member of the Biodiversity Committee, I have been asked to introduce myself. My name is Nick Jeurissen and since six months now, my girlfriend and I have been living with our two daughters in the Kerkackers district.

When starting a vegetable garden on the Le Sage ten Broekstraat, I came into contact with one of the members of the neighborhood committee, after which I was soon roped in for the committee.

Nature and biodiversity have interested me from an early age. Originally raised in Dommelen, as a child I could always be found in the stream valley of the Keersop and the Dommel.

Later I was lucky enough to be able to deal with nature and everything around it in my work.



As a forester-manager at the Brabants Landschap Foundation, I am allowed to maintain the nature reserves of Brabants Landschap in the southeast of the province together with a team.

I hope that with the expertise from my work and from my interest in nature and everything that lives in it, I can contribute to the greenery in our neighborhood.

I think we have lost a green living environment and the contact with wild animal and plant species over time.

But by working on this, we can get this back to a large extent, preserving and improving the greenery in our neighborhood can contribute to this, so I will commit myself to this.

Green greetings,

Nick Jeurissen

Blue wheelie bin for waste paper

In the spring, families in Valkenswaard will receive a new container with a blue lid. This container is for waste paper and cardboard (no drink cartons, they have to go in the gray bin).



Do you already have a gray and a green container? Then you get the blue one. Do you live in a flat or apartment? Then the collection of

paper and cardboard will only change later in the year. If more is known about this, you can read it on the website: www.Cure-afvalbeheer.nl

You can also hand in at **Speeltuinen Geenhoven** yourself, then you support the playground. There are also containers there to hand in clothing, etc.

Maak Rimpels great success

In January, there will be another 20 seniors (65+) started the free meetings.

Introduction, fitness, smartphone, expanding network are the keywords in these courses. Would you like to join us? Take a look at the website www.maakrimpels.nl for the next course in Valkenswaard and surroundings, or come for more information on Wednesday morning between 10 and 12 am to the walk-in center in Lunet Wijkcentrum "in de inloop" at Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4 Valkenswaard.



Attention dog walkers

Unfortunately, at Atalenta they have a lot of trouble with people walking their dogs in the outdoor garden of the St. Jan childcare. The entire site that surrounds the building between the stone fence (Ch. Ruijs de Beerenbrouckstraat – Dr. Schaepmanstraat – Mgr Zwijzenstraat) is privately owned by Atalenta childcare and education and not a public space. There are signs everywhere indicating that it is forbidden to walk your dog. Despite that, they speak to people personally every day with the request to walk the dog somewhere else. Just cleaning up is not enough. The children and staff are regularly in the poop. They want to have the freedom to use the entire site with the children. There are plenty of places in the neighborhood where the dog can be walked.

Door & Voor informatieavonden

Every **second Wednesday evening of the month**, a free lecture, excursion or workshop is organized "By & For" local residents, in community center De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5. Start is 8 pm. Admission is free, as is coffee and tea.



Agenda Door & Voor evenings

- **Wednesday March 12, 8 pm**
Theme: Do you have an "emergency kit" at home? Do you have enough food and drink at home just in case...? The municipality will explain, will you come too?
- **Wednesday April 9, 8 pm**
Theme: Remembrance music of local residents (see article on page 1).

Walk-in centre agenda

Lunet Walk-in center
"In de inloop" Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4.

While enjoying a free cup of coffee or tea, have a nice chat, be creative and/or play games.

Are you coming too?

EVERY WEDNESDAY-morning from **10 to 12 am**

- **Wednesday 19 March 10 am Emergency kit**
Theme: Do you have an "emergency kit" at home?
- **Wednesday 16 April 10 am Geenhoven**
Theme: Someone from Speeltuinen Geenhoven will tell you what activities are organized in their halls. Is there something for you?
- **Friday 28 March + 25 April 12 am Lunch for Singles** Enjoy food together for singles from the neighborhood. (See text on page 2).

