

Neighbourhood festival at De Horizon

On **Sunday, May 17** a Neighborhood Festival will take place throughout Valkenswaard. Neighborhood committee Kerkkakers and Neighborhood Association De Horizon have put together a wonderful program for you, together with De Hofnar. You are welcome from **11:00 to 17:00**, because there are all kinds of activities throughout the day.

The entrance is free, as is coffee, tea and lemonade. We therefore provide home-baked delicacies.

Community center De Horizon, Amundsenstr. 5.

The program on Sunday 17May :

- **11:00 am:** Noortje Karsmakers: theater for the little ones from 2 to 6 years old;
- **12:00 pm:** CMD with Music on your lap: music experience for the little ones on the lap of dad, mom, grandma, grandpa, brother, sister, aunt, uncle.....;
- **13:00 hrs:** Dance school La Toja with a dance performance;
- **13:30 hrs:** The student orchestra of Harmonie de Dommelecho;
- **15:00 hrs:** Library with reading and crafts;
- **16:00–17:00 hrs:** We end the day with a nice drink and in the meantime enjoy the atmospheric music of Gee Wizz with music from the 60's and 70's.

There are also creative stalls all day long with, among other things: **ceramics, jewelry, crochet art, macramé art**, etc. And we bake waffles together with your children that they can decorate.



We also have a bouncy castle, now fingers crossed that the weather will be nice. It promises to be a very pleasant day, you will come too! Various other community centers

also participate in this neighborhood festival.

For a **complete overview** of the activities

Check out: www.valkenswaard.nl/buurtfestival



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

Pancakes for Alpe d'Huzes

Wednesday morning **6 May around 11:15 am** pancakes will be baked during the Coffee walk-in, as a sponsorship for Miranda van der Velden's participation in Alpe d'Huzes.

More info and **registration** via our [website](#).

The Hungarian oak

At the beginning of the Dr. Schaepmanstraat, near house number 2, there is a monumental oak tree. The trunk circumference is more than four meters. The crown has a diameter of about 25 meters and the height is estimated to be about 25 meters. The branches grow spread out in all directions, a real heart branch is missing. The lower branches have been removed, but otherwise very little has been sawn in the tree.

Given its size, you would think that the tree must be 100 years old.

That seems unlikely because the district is not that old. The Sint Jan school was not put into use until 1951, the rest of the district followed later. The park between the



two street parts is therefore also from after the war. It is very unlikely that the oak came to grow there spontaneously, as often happens with our native oaks. The Hungarian oak does not produce offspring in the Netherlands. It is a tree that has been purchased and deliberately planted in the park. The tree has grown very well and is still in good condition. Apart from the space that the tree has, the location is not really ideal. It stands in the pavement on three sides. The sandy arable land in which it stands is certainly not fertile. The fallen leaves are largely removed in the autumn. The soil is getting poorer and poorer. Could he perhaps benefit from a leaking sewer system? Now the municipality is (carefully) going to remove a piece of the pavement to give the roots a little more space. This great tree has earned that.

Commemoration of war victims

In addition to the national commemorations on 4 and 5 May, a special commemoration for the Valkenswaardse war victims has been held for more



than 10 years. Not only of the Second World War, but also of all the war violence that followed.

Sunday evening, May 10, 18:45 hrs,

there will be another wreath laying ceremony at the Old Cemetery on the **Kerkhofstraat** by the Union of Brothers in Arms from Valkenswaard.

Relatives and others are also allowed to lay flowers. Following the ceremony, there will be an opportunity to chat with a cup of coffee. See Facebook: [10 mei monument Valkenswaard](#)

Presentation about the Emergency Package



Presentment on the emergency package by the **Red Cross** on Wednesday evening, **May 13**. In the Netherlands, emergencies such as power outages, extreme heat or floods can affect anyone. For many people, it is difficult to figure out what to do then.

With our presentation 'Well prepared' (in Dutch) we help participants to gain insight into risks, understand the importance of preparation and by giving practical tips that really make a difference. You will receive clear explanations and practical tips from the volunteers of the Red Cross

Themes: power/gas/water outages, extreme heat and possibly flooding. Wednesday **13 May** in Buurthuis **De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5**, coffee from **19:30**, start presentation 20:00 hrs. Entrance: **FREE**, as well as a cup of coffee or tea. Organization: Wijkcommissie Kerkakkers.

Tropical-Teen disco Friday 8 May

After the large turnout and enthusiastic reactions,



the neighborhoods agree: We are going to organize this twice more in 2026!

The next edition is scheduled for

Friday, May 8, from 19:00 to 22:00 hrs.

Free for everyone from **10 to 14 years old**.

Refreshments € 1,00 per coin.

Location: **Zaal Geenhoven**, Hoppenbrouwers 15
Think of summer atmospheres, fresh beats, palm trees (at least in mind) and above all an evening full of fun. Parents: Mark this date in your calendar, because the teenagers don't want to miss it! There are also plans to organize a Halloween disco in the fall.

Do you have ideas and would you like to help us...

Let us hear from you! Who knows, maybe your idea will shine in the middle of the room.

We are already looking forward to making it another wonderful, cheerful evening.

Theme **Friday 8 May : Tropical Party**

with a Tikibar, DJ Tijn, Photobooth and FiFa tournament. Do you have the best Tropical Outfit?

Registration: tienerdiscoValkenswaard@gmail.com

Presentation Zorgwinkel Medicura

On Wednesday morning, **May 20**, care store Medicura will give a short presentation (in Dutch) about their tasks. During the Coffee walk-in, they will tell you all about the **medical aids** that you can borrow or buy from them, such as a wheelchair, walker or high-low bed.

Coffee from 10:00 am, start ±10:20 am.

Admission is **FREE**, so is the coffee and tea.

More info: www.medicura.nl

Presentation Buurtzorg Valkenswaard

On Wednesday morning, **June 17**, Buurtzorg Valkenswaard-Dommelen will give a short presentation (in Dutch) about district nursing and care they provide.

Coffee from 10:00 am, start ±10:20 am.

Admission is **FREE**, so is the coffee and tea.

More info: valkenswaard.buurtzorg.net

We are looking for initiators in moving together.

The neighborhood committee would like to make more exercise activities possible in the neighborhood. The sports and exercise director of the municipality Eric Craemers will help us with this. Together with local residents, various ideas have already arisen, such as:

- A **Vitality Club**: There are already four Vitality Clubs of Buurtzorg in Valkenswaard and because of the great success we now also want to realize Kerkkakers in our neighborhood. A Vitality Club will exercise in the open air under the guidance of a qualified coach. We think of Tuesday morning and Thursday morning with a cup of coffee afterwards;
- A **Walking Club**, also with coffee/tea afterwards;
- Realize a **Jeu de Boules court** in the park strip of the Dr. Schaepmanstraat.
- Wouldn't it be wonderful and cozy to throw a ball together on beautiful summer evenings close to home.

Do you have more ideas for moving together? We would like to hear from you.

To realize the ideas, we are looking for local residents who want to take the initiative. Isn't that something for you?

It doesn't have to take a lot of time. Maybe you can do it with a friend, or with neighbors, or with family.... Think about it and then sign up with us. Even if you have any questions. Please send an email to bestuurslidkerkakers@gmail.com or a phone call to 06-42249471 or walk in during our coffee moments.

Excursion to Old Cemetery

Will you join us on an excursion (in Dutch) to the Old Cemetery in the Kerkhofstraat, next to Vlaslant?

Wednesday evening June 10, gather from **19:15 hrs**, start tour 19:30 hrs.

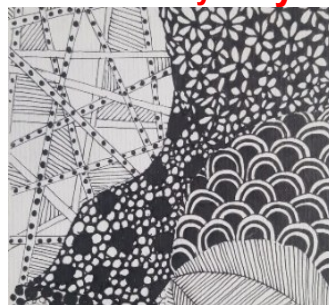
The tour takes about 1.5 hours, there is a toilet available. Participation is **free**.

Guided tour: by Mr. W. Coolen and other board members. We visit the Calvary and the graves of Karel Mollen and Rinus Michiels.

There are also several monumental trees.

Drawing workshop with Zentangle

If you feel like being creative and relaxing in an accessible way, come and join the drawing workshop with Zentangle during our Coffee walk-in on **Wednesday May 13** from 10:00 to 12:00 am.



The workshop will be given by our neighbor Brigit Ederveen on Wednesday morning during the Coffee walk-in in **community center "in de inloop"** Mgr. Zwijsenstraat 4.

Participation is **FREE**, as is the coffee and tea.

Jan Vlekkestraat - Dommelseweg

On January 22, 2026, an 83-year-old woman died with a bicycle accident at the intersection Jan Vlekkestraat – Dommelseweg.

Many local residents find that intersection unclear, who has priority? There are already people who avoid the intersection, especially by bicycle.

The district committee asked for clarification from the municipality and this is the answer:

"The priority sign in the Jan Vlekkestraat for the Dommelseweg - with corresponding shark teeth on the road surface - applies to the entire Dommelseweg.

This is the main lane (for motorized traffic) and the associated double cycle path. The bottom sign with the bicycle and the two arrows is indeed to draw traffic to the attention that cyclists can come from both directions, and have priority. The entire intersection is considered a priority road. For this reason, the connection from Jan Vlekkestraat was made by means of a so-called exit construction (threshold)"



Community Center “in de inloop”

Mgr. Zwijssenstraat 4.



EVERY MONDAY morning and EVERY WEDNESDAY morning from

10:00 to 12:00 am while enjoying a

free cup of coffee or tea, we have a nice chat and/or play games or play cards. You can also come and knit, crochet etc. or draw with Zentangle. Will you join us?

Every **FIRST WEDNESDAY** of the month there is a free consultation hour of a **Independent Client Supporter OCO**. See www.valkenswaard.nl

Every **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of the month, there will be a short presentation on an interesting topic during the coffee walk-in, around 10:30 am.



EVERY LAST FRIDAY of the month there is a Lunch for Singles at 12:00 hrs.

Together with other singles from the neighborhood, good

food for € 5.00 per person. Register from the 15th until the Monday before at the latest, by sending an e-mail to bestuurslidkerkakers@gmail.com or by phone 06-4224 9471.

Door & Voor information evenings

Every **SECOND WEDNESDAY-evening** of the month a free lecture, excursion or workshop is organized "By & For" neighborhood residents,



in community center **De Horizon, Amundsenstraat 5**. Start is 20:00 hrs. Admission is **free**, as is coffee and tea.

Agenda

Admission is **FREE**, so is the coffee and tea. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details and our [website](http://www.kerkkakers.nl) for any changes.

May 2026

Monday	May 4	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
Wednesday	May 6	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
with consultation hours from Client Supporter OCO and also pancakes for Alpe d'Huzes			
Friday	May 8	Teenagerdisco 10-14 years in the main hall of Geenhoven	19:00–22:00

Monday	May 11	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
Wednesday	May 13	Coffee walk-in with workshop Drawing with Zentangle	10:00–12:00
Wednesday	May 13	presentation about Emergency Package De Horizon	20:00–22:30

Sunday	May 17	Neighborhood Festival with many activities De Horizon	11:00–17:00
Monday	May 18	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
Wednesday	May 20	Coffee walk-in with presentation of Zorgwinkel Medicura	10:00–12:00

Monday	May 25	Closed due to Pentecost	
Wednesday	May 27	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
Friday	May 29	Lunch for Singles contribution € 5,- pp Wijkcentrum	12:00–13:30

June 2026

Monday	June 1	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
Wednesday	June 3	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
with consultation hours of Client Supporter OCO			

Monday	June 8	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
Wednesday	June 10	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
Wednesday	June 10	Excursion in the Old Cemetery Kerkhofstraat	19:30–21:00

Monday	June 15	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
Wednesday	June 17	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
with presentation of Buurtzorg Valkenswaard			

Monday	June 22	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
Wednesday	June 24	Coffee walk-in	10:00–12:00
Friday	June 26	No lunch due to vacation	