

Community center festival May 18 also in Wijkcentrum De Horizon



On Sunday, May 18, 2025, a Community Center Festival will take place throughout Valkenswaard. Wijkcommissie Kerkakkers and

community center De Horizon have put together a wonderful program for you together with the municipality. You are welcome from 11 am to 5 pm. There are all kinds of activities throughout the day. The entrance is **free**, as is coffee, tea and lemonade.

Community center De Horizon, Amundsenstr. 5.

The program on Sunday 18 May:



11 am: Noortje Karsmakers:
Theatre for the little ones from 2 to 6 years old.

12 pm: Silent storytelling by the Library:

Silent Disco for the little ones: Creative with old books: making a memo hedgehog together.



1 pm: Forester Nick Jeurissen

will give a presentation about biodiversity in the neighbourhood and why it is important.

2:30 pm: Music on the Lap of the

Center for Music and Dance. Your little ones, from the age of one and a half, experience what music, singing, dance and movement does to them.

3 pm: Creative workshops and exhibitions:

Seven residents of Kerkakkers show their creative art objects:



- Sylvia Groenen makes **crochet art**.

You can participate in a workshop with her.

- Elly Damen-Wijnen shows you the possibilities of **ceramics**.

- Theo Lammers and Loes van de Laak will tell you about the techniques of **jewellery** making and show their products.

- Jeanne van Mol made so many **greeting cards** that you can buy them, you can also make them yourself in a workshop.



- Jacqueline Aarts is so versatile creative in the **macramé** art (knotting techniques) that you can also buy her pieces of work.

- Jan Vercammen has made so many **wood carvings** over the years that he would now like to show them to you.

4 pm: Live Music by Cosy:

Occasional band Cosy will perform for you.

They make cozy atmospheric music. Will you also come and listen while enjoying a nice drink? Dancing is allowed.

This is how we end the wonderful day in Kerkakkers, we hope you will enjoy it.

Clients of De Biezenrijt, thank you

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the people at De Biezenrijt through this newsletter. Because of their hard work, a large part of the neighbourhood has received a very colourful card with the flower seed bag in our previous newsletter. We are very grateful to the Biezenrijt for their efforts! That is worth a compliment.

And don't forget to plant the seeds together, so that we give the neighbourhood a cheerful boost.

Our working group is also still looking for members. Who likes to think and act with us in green? How do we get more attention for biodiversity? Would you like to join us? Do you also think biodiversity is important?

Please contact the working group:

biodiversiteitkerkakkers@gmail.com



Voor de Nederlandse versie van deze nieuwsbrief zie onze website:

www.wijkcommissiekerkakkers.nl



Garage Sale Kerkakkers 25 May 2025

Sunday, May 25 from **11 am to 3 pm** we will hold a big Garage Sale in our neighbourhood.

Local residents sell their superfluous items from their own front yard / driveway.

Feel free to come and see if there is something nice for you. Of course, family and friends are also welcome.

Would you like to participate? Then sign up by e-mail: garagesalekerkackers@gmail.com

Registration is possible until 19 May.

You will receive material from us to decorate your front garden/driveway so that your participation stands out. Please note: no food/drinks and no commercial sale of (new) goods.

Lunet also at the Garage Sale 25 May

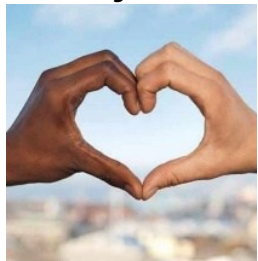


On Sunday 25 May, De Biezenrijt will also participate in the garage sale.

The sale of products made by their clients is at De Biezenrijt of Lunet at Dr. Schaepmanstraat 52.

Free entrance from 11 am to 3 pm.

Lottery at Lunet during Garage Sale



During the garage sale on May 25, there is also a big lottery for **Friends for Gambia** that is organized by the participants of Lunet for that charity.

They will sell lottery tickets at €1.00 each

(6 tickets for € 5.00 or 15 tickets for € 10.00).

The main prize is a gift voucher worth € 50.00 from restaurant Bij De Neut in Westerhoven.

Draw at **3 pm** at their stand at the Flower Parade site on the Dr. Schaepmanstraat.

Lunet provides a meeting place for people with disabilities three times a week in Wijkcentrum "in de inloop".

They can drink coffee together and also have a hot meal.

They also provide a free time activity in the evenings.



Will you help build the youth parade float of Buurtschap Kerkakkers this year?

The Youth Club is an initiative of the parade builders of the hamlet of Kerkakkers.

Their goal is to teach young people how to build a parade float with great fun (and safely)!



The children build their own float with their own theme. All children who are in primary school are welcome to become a member of Buurtschap Kerkakkers. Children up to 8 years old must become a

member under the supervision and guidance of their own guardian.



All youth members up to a max. of 16 years old, they want to guide to become parade builders. Depending on your age, different tasks are performed. From safety in the parade tent to the flower field and flower pricking.

Not only is it fun, but you also become a youth club member of the hamlet and you also learn to work well together.

You will walk in the parade with the youth car and can proudly

say that you have helped with it!

The Youth Club takes place in the parade tent of the hamlet of Kerkakkers on the Dr. Schaepmanstraat. Start of the Youth Club will be around the summer holidays, the exact date is still to be communicated.

You can register until May 18, 2025 at the latest via e-mail: jeugdclub.kerkackers@gmail.com

They will contact you as soon as possible.

Very busy at Lunch for Singles

More than forty local residents feasted on the delicacies provided by the volunteers for the singles from our neighbourhood.

Fresh soup, various bread and rolls with toppings, a boiled egg, various fruits, homemade cake and plenty of coffee, tea and juice.

All this for only € 5.00 at a time.



Every last Friday of the month at **12 noon** in the walk-in center at Lunet Wijkcentrum "in de inloop" at Mgr. Zwijsenstraat 4. You can register from the 14th of the month until the Monday before at the latest, by e-mail bestuurslidkerkackers@gmail.com or phone 06-4224 9471, but full is full.

Young status holders receive help in learning the Dutch language

The Kerkakkers district committee has good contact with the young status holders living on the Kardinaal de Jongstraat. These boys of Eritrean and Syrian descent have found a safe home in our neighbourhood after the war violence in their country.

They are between 17 and 19 years old and are supervised during the day by the Hilzijn/Yuna care group. They have a residence permit for five years. In the context of neighborly help in our neighbourhood, the wijkcommissie has now found a volunteer who helps the boys to become proficient in our language. This volunteer, Paul Faassen, is a

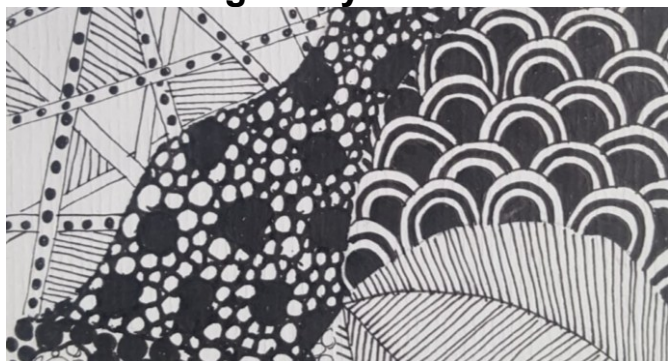


teacher by profession so they are in good hands. We are very grateful to Paul for spending his free time helping the boys move forward. The fact that the boys learn the Dutch language well is necessary for them to integrate optimally

into our society. They also visit the Cordaad language café in the library.

The boys work or go to school, play sports and learn to become independent. They do their very best; We are proud of these hard workers. They are also open to giving something back to the neighbourhood and the wijkcommissie will be happy to mediate in this.

Meet Zentangle May 14



If you feel like being creative and relaxing in an accessible way, come and **join the Zentangle workshop** on Wednesday morning **14 May** between **10 am and 12 pm**.

Line by line you make simple patterns, with which you then fill a surface and create unique works of art. Anyone can do it; Come and experience what it does to you. The workshop is given by our neighbour Brigit Ederveen.

We ask for a small contribution of € 1,- per person for material costs. Lunet Wijkcentrum "in de inloop" at the Mgr. Zwijzenstraat 4.

Excursion to Gijsbers Tuinbouw

Gijsbers Tuinbouw is a mixed horticultural company with vegetables and floriculture products.

Asparagus, hydrangeas and cut shrubs are grown. There is also a shop at home from mid-April to the end of June, where the asparagus and hydrangeas, as well as strawberries, are sold directly to the consumer.



During this excursion you can take a look behind the scenes of the company.

On Wednesday evening, **June 11**, starting at **7:30 pm**, address: **Kromstraat 55** Valkenswaard. Participation is free, registration is not necessary. Also take a look at their website:

www.gijsberstuinbouw.nl

You can find information about the shop, the asparagus, the hydrangea and the cut shrubs Ilex, Callicarpa and Forsythia.



Need help with your finances?

Are you a small business owner; maybe you have a sole proprietorship or a general partnership; maybe you are self-employed or employed?

Do you ever ask yourself the following questions:

- Why do I have to pay so much tax?
- Am I sufficiently insured for illness, disability and pension?
- Will I have enough income left over from my entrepreneurship to live on?
- I don't understand my payslip?



Over Rood is a volunteer organization that can help you gain insight and overview of your finances with the aim of making good choices independently.

Paul Nijenhuis of Over Rood can tell you all about it. He will give a presentation/lecture with the opportunity to ask all your questions (free of charge). Will you join us? You are very welcome!!

Even if you do not have any questions directly.

Wednesday evening, **May 14**, in community center **De Horizon**, Amundsenstraat 5. Start is **8 pm**.

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

No need to register, just come

Walk-in centre agenda

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

Will you join us?

EVERY

WEDNESDAY MORNING always from 10 am to 12 pm, in the **Lunet Community Center "in de inloop"** Mgr. Zwijsenstraat 4.

On the 3rd Monday of the month there is also a short presentation in our walk-in house:

- **Wednesday 21 May** ±10 am **Street contacts**
Theme: what does a street contact person do for the neighborhood committee? Come and listen.
- **Wednesday 18 June** ±10 am **Cordaad**
Theme: What can Cordaad do for us? They provide the answer with explanation.
- **Friday 30 May + 27 June** 12 pm **Lunch for Singles** Eat good food together for € 5.00, for singles from the neighbourhood.
Register no later than Monday in advance by telephone 06-4224 9471.

Commemoration of Valkenswaard war victims on May 10, 2025

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.

Saturday evening, **May 10 at 6:45 pm**, 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.



Door & Voor evenings

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

Agenda Door & Voor evenings

- **Wednesday 14 May** 8 pm **OverRood**
Theme: Trouble paying taxes? OverRood can guide you. See also www.overrood.nl
See also the text on page 3.
- **Wednesday 11 June 7:30 pm** **Excursion**
Theme: Excursion at Gijsbers Tuinbouw at Kromstraat 55. Will you also come and have a look at their greenhouses? See also the text on page 3.

Cordaad Welzijn Valkenswaard

On Wednesday morning, **June 16**, during the coffee walk-in, someone from Cordaad Welzijn will talk about their work for the residents of Valkenswaard. From Automaatje, Neighborhood Mediation and Shopping Service to the Form Café'.



Come to the Lunet Wijkcentrum "in de inloop" at Mgr. Zwijsenstraat 4, **starting ± 10 am**. Admission is **free**, as is coffee and tea. More info at: www.cordaadwelzijn.nl

Poem by a local resident

Hello neighbours, recently I saw that the poplars at the Goorkes were felled. I wrote a poem about this. Regards, Toos van Riet: (original made in Dutch)

BIG GIANTS

*high above all they wraths
looked over the street and landscape
saw the growth, the bloom, the change
Now it's their turn
Great giants are felled
he carefully saws to the core
forces them to their knees
Bare the growth rings
and all that remains are memories.....*