



# The Kuijpp

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TO JAN KUIJPERS

## From the editors



A new edition, a new colour, three new family members (Eline, Marlieke and Simon), a new Dutch coin (Euro), a new princess (Maxima) and a slightly different layout. Again there is enough material to fill a new edition with (old) and news about and from the family. To start with, we had to change the price of "The Kuijp" because the old Guilder has died and the Euro has been crowned, "The king is dead long live the king". My fellow editors agreed on raising to € 2,00 per edition, starting with this one.

Because we print now in A3 size we could again improve something in the layout.

In every edition we like to write about someone's hobby like the horses of Bert de Mol, the canaries of Bert Kuijpers, Peter Kuijpers' music and this time Henk Kuijpers' bow and arrow shooting. We have some ideas for a few editions but we would like to hear some suggestions, from you. So feel free to send some.

The commission that takes care of the history stories suffers from a writers block. That's why old was put between brackets. Again ideas are welcome. This title covers stories you heard, read about or remember, poems, songs. Anything. It just has to be old.

And last but not least I wish all readers and non readers a happy and prosperous new year.

On the Cover;

Background; Drawing by Marius

Frame 1; Henk shooting his bow and arrow.

Frame 2; Simon and Hariëtte on their wedding day.

## Advertisement

### Attention – attention

I ask every family member to write down our correct address. This address goes until further notice.

**Betsy and Heiner Flebbe  
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With love from Heiner and Betsy

Poem from the funeral card of

### Wil Velders.

We have to give message to every door,  
Some solemnity and something more  
Some light during night, some comfort in sorrow,  
Some eternity after tomorrow.



Being a good friend of Mieke and Ellen Wil was much involved in the organization of their funeral ceremony. On this occasion some of our family members got very acquainted to Wil. We learned Wil to be a very warm-hearted personality. We still feel grateful for her support and compassion.

Wil died October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2001 at the age of 70.

## The Kuijp

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# Family news / Announcements

## Marriage / Birth / Baptised;

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July 24 <sup>th</sup> 2001	<b>Eline Baltussen</b> was born Daughter of Their address is Tel.	<b>Marco and Margo Baltussen</b> Het erf 3, 5438 RA GASSEL 0486-471257
October 19 <sup>th</sup> 2001	<b>Hariëtte Baltussen and Simon Petersen</b> got married. Their address is; Tel.	Rotscheweg 3 A 5364 NT ESCHAREN 0486 - 473509
October 31 <sup>st</sup> 2001	<b>Marlieke Kuijpers</b> was born. Daughter of Their address is; Tel.	<b>Marijn and Krista Kuijpers</b> J.D. Zocherstraat 26 3404 AS IJSELSTEIN 030 - 2961065
November 18 <sup>th</sup> 2001	<b>Eline Baltussen</b> was baptised. Daughter of Their address is; Tel.	<b>Marco and Margo Baltussen</b> Het erf 3 5438 RA GASSEL 0486 - 471257
November 18 <sup>th</sup> 2001	<b>Jesse Gommans</b> was baptised. Son of Their address is; Tel.	<b>Trudi Kuijpers and Jan-Joris Gommans</b> Mergen 7 5451 TA MILL 0485 - 4555111

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## Deceased;

Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> 2001 **Riek van Oorschot** died just before her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## Changing of address;

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<b>Marijn and Krista Kuijpers</b> moved from; Mient 353 2564 LA s'GRAVENHAGE	to; J. D. Zocherstraat 26 3404 AS IJSELSTEIN (U) TEL. 030 - 2961065
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<b>Peter Kuijpers and Sandra Pessaur</b> moved in together at; Tel.	Amstelboulevard 172 1096 HL AMSTERDAM 020 - 3792084
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The postal address of <b>Marius Unsiga Kuijpers</b> changed; From; "c/Rose Pihei Department of Bougainville P.O. 322 Buka" Papua New Guinea	Into; Pororan Island C/ P.O. Box 285 BUKA Bougainville Province Papua New Guinea
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## And furthermore;

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**Udo and Mariska Kuijpers** are expecting their first baby in the beginning of June 2002.

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We celebrated a party on the occasion of **Bert Kuijpers's** 65<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2001 in party centre 't Heike in Mill. It was a marvellous feast with family and friends of Bert and Doortje.

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## Family gathering 2001

The family gathering was organized by Christel van Toor and Martha Blokland this year on August 25<sup>th</sup>. We started off with a pick nick on a lawn near the



club house from "de gilde" from Overloon. There was enough food (sandwiches and fruits) and drinks (coffee, tea and soft drinks). There was enough space for a ball game and time enough for a chat.



Even the weather seemed to be taken

care off, all day sunny and very hot ( $\pm 30^{\circ}$  C). After that everyone was invited for a visit to the nearby zoo park. This zoo park is a combination of a small zoo and a botanical garden. Visitors meet with a lot of very interesting animals and plants, as the brochure says. There are panda's, pelicans, gibbons, storks, otters, all kind of monkey's and many other animals.



There was a maiden meadow, a big grass valley where the visitors can walk between the animals. There is a butterfly valley where a lot of scarce kinds of butterfly

fly around. and of course there is the botanical garden with a Roan tree valley, an Acacia- and cactus collection and a honeybee farm.



And very important, there is the "Kids Kingdom" with a carnival to play in and cuddly animals from the children's farm. There are al lot of animals that like children very much like raccoons, prairie dogs and gerfalcons. There is a children's theatre and children can have their faces coloured like their favourite animals or join in an exciting search. All together enough excitement.



After having a drink on the terrace everyone moved to Mill. In café "Het Lagerhuis" everyone was welcome to have a warm and cold meal. Family members that didn't join in the zoo, join there for the evening. Only the youngest children were taken home because they had to go to sleep in time. The beautiful dish was presented with music and fireworks.



After everyone finished eating we showed the film that we, Martha and me (Jan), taped during our visit in Papua New Guinea. This way Henny, Colleen and Mieke, Marius, Lambert, Mary and Ann-Mary, Marisa and Josephine were present at our family gathering this year.



The response was good. It is very impressive how Peter's children cope with that much of misfortune. To see the film took two and a half hours. Only a few of us stayed after that for a late night chat at the terrace because the weather was still fantastic. This was the end of this year's very successful family gathering in a tropical climate.



## The pencil



By Trudi Kuijpers

First I want to thank auntie Annie for handing the pencil to me. When she called, I thought, "I'll do this sometime later". Now we finished all the partying, (baptising Jesse, my birthday, mum and dad's birthdays and the fantastic party for my fathers 65<sup>th</sup> birthday) it is time to write. I am sitting at my computer desk with a glass of wine and a plate of potato chips, the deadline approaching in sight, I'm thinking "Eaks what shall I write". This moment I decide that it's going to be a short life story and I am starting off with Jan-Joris (Jep for his friends)!

Jep and me, we know each other for 12 years now. Jep was studying electro technics / telecommunications at HTS (technical high school) in Venlo. We knew each other for only a few months when he had to go to England for six months because of his trainee period. We were to meet only once during this period. It didn't turn out that bad after all. We spoke a lot on the phone and Jep came back home unexpected twice (once because of his work and once because of a concert, so not really for me) and once me and our friends went to visit him. After that, I won a prize, a plane return ticket to London, exactly during this period. Jep graduated and everything went well. Where was he to live? It might be nice to go and live together, we thought. That's how we ended up in St. Hubert. And still it was nice and good.

At that time I was employed at a printing company in Nijmegen. I kept working there for 8,5 years and had a marvellous time there. After that I moved to a printing company in Haps. This is where I still work part time, for 20 hours a week as a secretary and personnel manager. This in combination with me being a mother makes me feel satisfied. 1 Day a week our two children are in children's care and 1,5 days a week we have someone taking care of them in our house.

After our tame rabbit, Coco, who knew all kind of tricks, (just not on command) died, we decided to buy ourselves a dog. This is our Babs, a Berner Sennerdog. Babs really is a doll. That's why I add a picture. We went to a training course with her. She learned a lot of things there, that she doesn't know about at all anymore now. But she still knows the tricks that granddad Kuijpers teaches her. But if these tricks are so very useful to us? Every afternoon

granddad and his friend Gerrit take our Babs for a long walk. Apart from Babs we like this very much.



After living in St. Hubert for 5 years we bought ourselves a house in Mill, very near to uncle Jan's house. And still we liked it like this. That's why we got our daughter Amber September 27<sup>th</sup> 1999. Still we felt satisfied with our life. Amber is two years old now, talks a lot and

she is creating a mind of her own. When she doesn't know someone she observes the person first and then she starts talking. She can make strange combinations of words what makes her talking so amusing. When she doesn't talk, she sings. She is always producing sounds.

Three of us was nice too and March 18<sup>th</sup> 2001 extended our family. Our Jesse was born. He is a very cuddly and sweet boy. He is 8 months now and crawls though our living room. He would like to stand all day and he doesn't want to sit. It's crawling, standing or sleeping. Jesse is very cheerful and he smiles at everyone. His sister, Amber, adores him from the day he was born. Because we are so proud a picture of our children too.



That was enough about us. About our family paper, "The Kuijp", I like to say that I think it is a very good initiative. This way everyone knows about things in our family in Holland as well as overseas. I do hope that everyone will enjoy reading every edition.

Last but not least I wish for everyone a caring and healthy 2002.

Greetings and love from Trudi

The pencil I give to .....

## “Doele Diana” from Mill



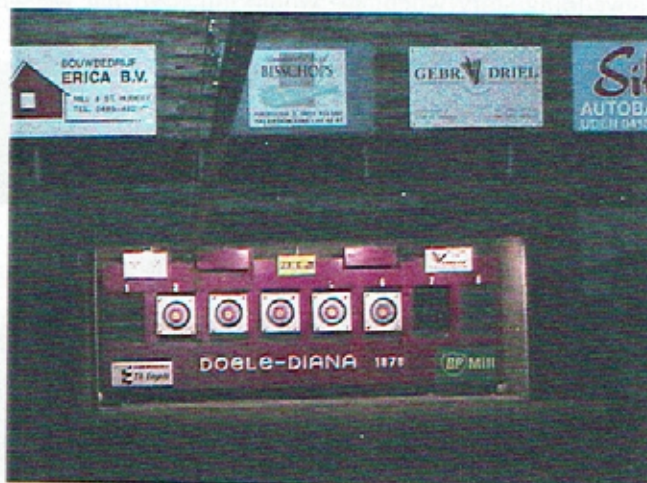
### Doele Diana Mill 2e plaats Nederlandse Kampioenschappen

Zaterdag 26 mei werden de Nederlandse Kampioenschappen langboogschieten gehouden in Schaijk. Doele Diana uit Mill was hiervoor ook afgevaardigd, nadat ze als eerste waren gevestigd met de kringkampioenschappen. Dit is nu wat werelds de eerste pijlen woerdschieten en rond 3 uur was uiteindelijk het Doele Diana door ging naar de halve finale, dit kwam om door in de voorronde als te te eindigen. Na een spannende halve finale, maarin goed werd geschoten ging het team van Doele Diana door naar de finale. De spanning steeg en na een spannende finale tegen L'Arc Club werd duidelijk dat Doele Diana als tweede eindigde. Een fantastisch resultaat van de schutters. Het team bestaat uit Sjoel Buijschoten, Theo Engels, Henk Kuipers, Bert v. Rooij, Janso Verbeek, John vd. Talleas en ontschutter Willem Gerrits. De handzongvereniging Doele Diana traint iedere dinsdagavond bij café-naal De Heidebloem. Kom gerust eens kijken of doe geestlijk mee.

The article above in which “Doele Diana” from Mill was presented the second best at the Dutch open championships, got my intention. Henk Kuipers is a member of this team. I invited myself to visit this team at their training. “Doele Diana” is the oldest (founded 1878) association in our village Mill. I found a cosy room with some people sitting around a table. The windows were a kind of shutters through which the arrows can be shot to the targets outside. The targets are connected to a trolley which can bring the targets in, towards the shutters. One can set the targets at 18 or 25 meters. After everyone had his go the targets are pulled in to read the scores and to take back the arrows. When I arrived the bows were set for training. These bows are very impressive weapons. The law doesn't allow to be in possession of a weapon like this unless one is a member of a club. I had never thought about a sight on a bow but it has one. Furthermore a bow has some stabilizers which prevent the bow from shaking while one shoots the arrow. When Henk joined this club it was connected to “Café vughts” on Beerseweg in Mill. Later it was called “Van Ee in het leeg”. In a fire accident the building completely burned down. After the accident the members build a new training area themselves connected to “De Heidebloem”. Henk is a member now for about 23 years now. It lasted a year until Henk was able to shoot like the other members and this was quite good.

There are indoor competitions in teams consisting of three people. They shoot 10 series of 3 arrows over a

distance of 18 meters. There is an other system in which every competitor shoots only 1 arrow 25 times over a distance of 25 meters.



Then there is the field, and hunt system in which one shoots at targets at different distances, up to 90 meters, and different positions in high's. In these competitions one joins individually. Then there are competitions for the title King or prince. These are held in the club itself. In the year 1980 Henk got the King title and often he got the title prince. At this very moment Henk is the price of “Doele Diane”. We wish Henk a lot of success and enjoyment in this interesting kind of sports.



Not shooting means missing target

Hello everybody.

The editors of "The Kuijp" asked us to write something about our wedding day 19-10-2001. We like to do so very much. We could fill it with our wedding story when we would tell it all but we will try to stick to the highlights.



The feast lasted for about three days because our friends and family from Denmark arrived Thursday. A lot of them didn't know each other until this day. Travelling together in a small minibus changed them into an enthusiastic group of people. Some had a sore throat from singing. Thanks to Rian and Luc's hospitality they all could sleep in their attic. After having a meal together they went upstairs to sleep. It was quite an organization having so many people over besides the organization of the wedding itself. For instance 23 people had to prepare before 8.30 h. This means showers, hairdressers, make up, etc. But everything went very smoothly because everybody was so helpful.



Then Friday morning... Simon slept his last night as a bachelor at Ellen and Edwin's place. He was collected there by the coach that was pulled by two Frisian horses. Then they came riding in the foggy weather along the Rotscheweg. It looked like a fairytale. Unfortunately I couldn't enjoy the view. I was upstairs waiting for the doorbell to ring, for the first time with the feeling of a stone on my stomach.



It was really great to see each other for the first time that day. The city hall and the church, everything was as planned but much more beautiful and much shorter in time. Then, when we left the church the sun was shining. Every feeling of pressure was gone and after having a photo session we returned to our guests in café "Het dorstige Hert", where champagne was served by Simon.



The wedding cake was a success. It was a big heart in de colours of the Dutch and the Danish flag, by Simon and me. The atmosphere was very good during the meal.



There was a lot of singing, a lot of "SKÅLd" (toasts), Speeches, running around the table for kissing bride and groom. Simon and I had to stand on our chairs to kiss each other several times after people were banging the plates with their knife and fork (Danish tradition). The most important highlights were the play of the story of Snowjetje and prince Simon, by all 12 nieces and nephews, the singing of "Land of hope and glory", started by our Danish friends and most important Simon's speech, during which a lot of people had to dry there eyes.



The Danish kept drinking and entertaining our guests during our reception. The atmosphere remained great during the feast in the evening after Simon and I danced the traditional brides waltz. It was a great party and we enjoyed the dancing very much. Later my family presented a song contest and later a performance by "The blues Brothers -in law (Edwin and Luc)". Far to early was it when the band started to play "This is the moment" and everyone expected Simon and me to dance the last dance. It was a beautiful moment to end the day. Most Danish guests were in bed and asleep when de Dutch pointed bags filled with fries were served. Next day it was in the late afternoon when our Danish guests dared driving back home.

It was fantastic to have our wedding day together with our family and friends from Holland and Denmark. Many of them met the other family for the first time. Most Danish people visited our place in Holland for the first time. So different from our place in Copenhagen. Most Danish people said "cool family".



*Tak...  
Bedankt...*

*Marriette & Simon*

*19-10-2001*

Greetings and love from Simon and Jet



## Bougainville on the Internet

(By Martha Blokland)

(Source: Post Courier Online)



### Bougainville writes History

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2001, thousands of Bougainvilleans flocked to their ruined capital Arawa to witness the signing of the historic Bougainville Peace Agreement, which paves the way to an autonomous government for the war-torn province. The agreement was also signed by Bougainville leaders like Governor John Momis and the president of the Bougainville People's Congress (BPC), Joseph Kabui. Also Francis Ona, the initiator of the Bougainville crisis was invited.

Joseph Kabui and John Momis spoke of "Their day" and "The new covenant for them". There was a huge traditional feast at sundown with fresh food from their gardens, betelnut and pigs to celebrate their solidarity and freedom. Speeches were drummed out by the sounds of bamboo. Dancers carried both John Momis and Joseph Kabui to the main arena of the ceremony to sign. "The Bougainville Peace Agreement is the embodiment of society like we want to create for ourselves", Mr Momis said.

"We stand at the threshold of a new political regime, the basis of a new social, economic order. For this 15 to 20 thousand people gave their lives. We have been victimised by existing power structures that sacrificed human dignity and human participation in the interest of economic rationalism".

Joseph Kabui emphasized the long way that was necessary to create a society in which people can live without fear, in which no need is for weapons because people feel connected how to get from war to peace. All this wouldn't have been possible without interference and help of the UN and the governments of Australia, New Zealand, Vanuatu, Fiji and Solomon Islands. And of course Bougainville and the government of PNG.

The practical aspects must be given the closest attention, to produce tangible, beneficial results — schools, aid posts and health centres working properly, roads maintained, functioning markets for cocoa, copra and other commodities.

Unarmed Defence Force will be involved in civic action to help in restoration and development of Bougainville. Their presence had been a hotly debated issue during the final round of negotiations between the Bougainvilleans and Waigani negotiators. The agreement signed on Thursday had resolved that after Par-

liament passes the constitutional amendments and other laws implementing the agreement and by the time they take legal effect, the remaining Defence Force and Police Mobile Unit personnel will be withdrawn from Bougainville. Ex-combatants weapons will be held in secure containers. It showed that the National Government would exercise Defence responsibilities in Bougainville and the PNGDF will remain a national organization, which recruits throughout PNG.

And furthermore .....

**Elisabeth Momis.** Women's leader and wife of Bougainville Governor John Momis, urged Bougainvilleans to learn from the crisis. "We must change from the current systems of development to a different model, which emphasises developing human and natural resources for improving village life.

**Phased assumption.** The autonomous government of Bougainville will start with powers currently enjoyed by the interim provincial government and assume other powers and functions within five years after establishment. Bougainville will phase by phase assume powers and functions as they develop capacity and meet certain benchmarks except those on the National Government's list. The latter includes defence, foreign relations, immigration, highly migratory and straddling fish stocks, central banking, currency, international civil aviation, international shipping, international trade, posts and telecommunications.

**Locked out.** Bougainville Governor John Momis and his staff have been locked out of their offices because of non-payment of rent. The staff turned up for work to find that they had been locked out. The rent wasn't paid. Bougainville, like other provinces in the country, has yet to receive most of its allocated funding from the national 2001 budget.(24-09-01)

**On track.** Good progress is being made on several fronts at the same time. Reports indicate that leaders, officials and ex-combatants on the ground are playing their part in implementation. They appreciate that early progress is giving effect to the agreed weapons disposal plan will send a powerful signal that all sides are really committed in a practical way to playing a full part in building proper foundations for lasting peace by peaceful means (26-09-01)

**Object to lawsuit.** Francis Ona has written to the Morauta government asking it to withdraw its objection to the class action in the name of the Bougainville people against mining giant Rio Tinto before the US courts. In his letter, Mr Ona urged the Government not to use "diplomatic leverage" to block or hijack the court proceedings. The case was filed 12 months ago on behalf of all Bougainvilleans, including victims and survivors of the Bougainville conflict who suffered injury, as well as those whose land and live-

lihoods were damaged by operations of the Panguna mine. Bougainville was today one of the most peaceful places in the Pacific, safer than even many street corners of Australian cities and much safer than Port Moresby. Mr Ona appealed to Governor John Momis and BPC president Joseph Kabui and to all Bougainville political leaders and civilians to maintain a united stand for the cause of the lawsuit. He said the lawsuit sought just and fair compensation for every Bougainvillian who had suffered because of the 10 years of war and 25 years environmental and social disruption on the island. (02-12-01)

**Buin resistance.** The weapons disposal programme on Bougainville is in danger unless police and an independent investigation by the resistance movement into the murder of one of their commanders come up with answers soon. The Buin resistance wants information on who was responsible for the murder – (a member of the resistance itself or one brother from the other side BRA). The murder of a resistance commander from Buin in Buka over the weekend prompted members of Buin resistance to travel to Buka, fully armed. If the murder was committed by the resistance, then they would continue to take part in the weapons disposal process, but if the murder was committed by the BRA, then they will pull out of the process altogether. A letter was written to the UN office in Arawa asking them to assist by helping to fund transport for all commanders to come to Buka for a meeting. Mr. Masiria (chairman of the resistance) met with the Buin resistance commanders in Buka on Tuesday, but only after they had agreed to leave their weapons across the Buka passage at Kokopau. He asked them not to do anything against the people of Buka because then he would have to take sides, and also that it would once again split Bougainville. He is yet to hold talks with BRA commander Ismael Toroama to discuss the concerns raised by the Buin resistance. (02-12-01)

#### **The murder on "Papa Hubert" Hofmans.**

In great numbers people came to pay their respect for the man they all knew. St Mary's Cathedral was packed to capacity, as people from all walks of life openly wept for "this great man". His coffin lay at exact the same spot he had been ordained 14 years ago. Those in attendance asked themselves why "a poor priest" who had sacrificed his whole life for the development of the church in the province, had to be killed for just K 45. Bishop of Lea, Henri van Lieshout, was the main celebrant at the funeral service. "we lost a good priest, a good friend and a leader of many young people". Those who knew him described him as "a very hard man" who wanted the best results from any work assigned. Fr. Hofmans had been a builder, a designer and an organizer of more than 800 youths. (28-11-01).

## **Keep in touch with the Dutch.**

(by Jan Kuijpers)

**Henny** and his family are doing well. They don't write much. Martha received only two short letters in which Henny tells that he is working on the lawsuit concerning the claims to Air Link in connection to the deadly accident of their mother Margareth.

**Lambert** didn't write at all. Let's hope that, "No news means good news".

This editions cover shows **Marius** to be good at drawing. Well, now Marius thinks he can be a professional artist. We wrote to him that a professional artist needs an education at the academy of arts. He needs to be able to choose and gather his materials himself and he must be able to sell his works and obtain orders. We advised him to see his artwork as a hobby for the time being.

Hip, hip hooray for the internet. **Marisa** has got an e-mail address [20001142@smail.upng.ac.pg](mailto:20001142@smail.upng.ac.pg). Marisa is doing great. She is mailing enthusiastically. Now a days she's mailing jokes to me too. School is fine. She has got a lot of friends and joins a club for self-defence for sports and for safety. On November 17<sup>th</sup> Marisa, together with Josephine travelled to Buka, to be with the family during Christmas holidays.

**Josephine** writes enthusiastically as always. She sent me some beautiful traditional bracelets for me, Gerda and Mieke. She's doing great. At her new school she is quite at home and is getting the highest scores for her schoolwork and sports. Josephine does not like Port Moresby that much because of the dry climate and the criminality. There was talk of a visit to Ann Chapman in Australia. For some reason this didn't occur. Josephine has decided to join Marisa on her visit to Bougainville during Christmas holidays.

From **John and Elisabeth** we didn't receive a sign. They must have been too busy with the talks for autonomy for Bougainville and their "Multi purpose Centre" project in Buin. Fortunately there is our good friend **Charles Asiara**, John's nephew. He reported us about the talks, the agreement and the signing of the agreement. The other information Martha got from the world wide web. Martha and me, we have sent the last edition of "The Kuijp" (our travelling report) to most of our friends in PNG and Australia.

From PNG every family member gets greetings, the best wishes for the new year and congratulations are for the new born babies and the fresh married couples.

## Graduate



Mieke de Mol  
and  
Rene Dobbelsteen

Yes, my studying is coming to an end! I have started my last year at the university. I do like studying but from now on only in combination with work. I am in my 4th year of organizational communication.

From the 27th of August I am working on my graduation project. I am also doing two courses at the university. The subject of my project is 'introduction of managers' for a big foundation with thirteen retirement homes and two nursing homes. The project is part of the internal communication – which is a part of my study – and also a part of personnel management. So I have been reading a lot lately about the subject personnel management. I think the two special fields connect very well. Personnel management is a very interesting subject.

About the progress of my project: I have finished my orientation in the organization and my theoretical study is almost done also. After this I will start with focus-groups and inquiries, that will be really fun to do!

And guess who is graduating too?? René of course! If everything will go well, he will get his certificate in February.

René is in the 4th year of his Architecture study at the College of Advanced Technology. He is drawing a big building project. The project is a shopping centre with apartments on top and a car parking underneath. René has chosen to specialize in the information technology of architecture. He is doing the project together with two other students. The other students are specialized in construction of architecture.

Hopefully the next "Kuijp" will include the information that we graduated!

Imagine this happening;

Being trained on the boss's lap with sweet words, dog cookies and friendly strokes, and some time later finding your name in all newspapers.



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# 'Ukkie' in finale van Wimbledon

(The Belgian feminine finalist's nickname is "Ukkie".)

Since a long time,

We care the antique table of grandmother Van Dongen – v/d Loop. We think it is a very beautiful table and we don't want to just throw it away. But what is the situation... we still haven't won this million Euro's and also we didn't manage to get this estate in which this table would fit perfectly. Consequence...it is loosing its grace in our barn and we hope someone would be as glad, as we planned to be with it, rehabilitating it into its former grace. Maybe there is a family member that has a good place for it.

**It is a round antique table with 4 legs with a curl just on every foot. It is made from cherry wood. (two little rush-bottomed chairs go with it)**

Off course it is free to take at our address and we add a nice cup of coffee, a cookie and a free guided tour through our beautiful new (nearly estate) house in IJsselstein. On this occasion we will present our two marvellous children Tijmen and Marlieke to you. Greetings and see you

Family Kuijpers, IJsselstein. Tel. 030 - 2961065

## The Big "Den Tarpot Plan".

We are in the last phase.

The first phase was mum and dad's house. When they returned from Australia, early October 2000, they could move into their little new house. Before they left early August they moved everything out of their old house. So we could start pulling down everything necessary.

Phase two was the house of Rian and Luc. That part was entirely finished April 2001. The painting and everything. So they could move in.

Partly because John had to help out in part 1 and 2, he is the plumber in the family, we could only start working on our house (part 3) in December 2000. Unfortunately we didn't find an old bag with savings, just an old almanac from 1909 on the bottom of the hall closet. This is a book in which includes an agenda for all carnivals in the neighbourhood, or what's to do in which month like sowing, haying or slaughtering the pig and all catholic holydays. There even were some jokes from that time.

We had a lot of help from John's father, Cor van Geenen. The man has is almost 70 years of age but very vital. He has been helping us for a hole year now. You can't imagine how much work he does. We are very lucky with him.

We also pulled down the whole inside of the house. We changed the oak rafter for an iron one. We had to dig out the floor for half a meter because the dark sand had to be replaced by white. After that we poured a new concrete floor and we built the inside walls again. Then we made the first floor with concrete blocks on which the upstairs walls were build. The third floor was made from wooden plates. The chimney was built on the ground and later put on the roof with a big crane. In October the reed Thatcher came to make 7 windows and replace 2 small windows in the reed and close the hole around the new chimney. The contractor finished his work now. From here we are going to do everything ourselves. We are almost finished with the wiring and the glass windows are delivered. When these are set, John is going treat the wood for protection against woodworm. Then the plasterer can come.

We want to build the house in the old style as much as possible. For instance the mezzanine room will come back again and the old granite sink with the small tiles in it. And of course on the gable we will be put the year 1854 again.

We have been working now for 2,5 years and we had some misfortune, so it took some more time. Like the wall from Rian and Luc's house that fell over and a



sick workman, Jan Derks who unfortunately died in August and then our dad was in this accident. But we had very nice things too, like the wedding of Jet and Simon.

Let's say "A good work takes time". We still live in our temporary house in the stable. And it's going fine although our three sons are getting bigger (Remi 11, Camiel 10 and Pepijn 8) and it would be good for them if they would have their own room.

This was the last of the Tarpot news.

We wish you all a happy new year and hope to meet you some time.



## Beauty Culture



(by Joop en Martha Blokland)

It was going to be a nice, relaxing weekend. With a voucher in our pocket for a relax-weekend to the hinterland of Belgium. After all stress with regards to the estate of Mieke and Ellen, this should be the ultimate delight. The Kuijpersfamily decided that we needed time to relax and - to be honest - they were so right.

On Friday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, we left in the morning to enjoy a weekend - 2 nights and 1 day of relaxation in Loenhout (Belgium). Destination: "the Beauty Culture Club".

Somewhere along the canal we knew a nice little restaurant, where we had our lunch. Here they make delicious old-fashioned soup and the coffee is very good at a friendly price. We also were lucky with the weather, so we arrived at approx. 4:00 p.m. in Loenhout in a very good mood. We had plenty of time to prepare for the delightful Saturday.

The beauty-farm was found quickly. We were surprised by the silence in and around the Culture Club. No cars or other activities. The Dutch owner told us that it was their day off and that she had given most of the personnel some days off for the coming weekend too (???)

Peter, the therapist, drove ahead (approx. 3 km) to a farm where we would stay 2 nights. Everything for a good night sleep and extensive breakfast was available. A few cows were the only, rather curious, neighbours. We could choose out of 7 bikes to use.

The next morning at 9 o'clock we reported for our beautycure. It turned out that we were the only guests. In a way that was not too bad, because we had the undivided attention and we never had to queue. After starting with a shower we had the "body-packing". All covered with a kind of green clay we were wrapped in plastic, an electric blanket, then one sheet of foil and at last a woolen blanket. We were blindfolded, the electric blanket was set to an agreeable temperature and some soft music at the background should do for 50 minutes. At least, should, because it took a couple

of minutes of shouting before the decibels of the music were really brought to the level of "background". After 50 minutes we were unwrapped and cleaned and we felt surprised about the wholesome effect of this treatment.

After that we indulged in the tiny hands of a young, but professional masseuse. Joop got a medical pedicure-treatment and in the meantime Martha had placed earcandles (according to old Indian custom). In a room, a mysterious atmosphere was created, some soft music completed the scene. After that she was even more relaxed, or better she even felt more lazy. Between the treatments we went on the terraces to warm ourselves in the sun and enjoy all kinds of spiced and very healthy teas.

We still had the choice for sauna, swimmingpool, sun-studio, relax exercise or skintreatment.

We must say that such an intensive relaxprogram is rather exhausting and sometimes we preferred nothing but some rest. However, you can't say "I come back tomorrow to do the other part of the program." So we decided to do some more exercises, to have a skin-treatment and jump into the swimmingpool.



We must admit that we didn't regret that at 5 o'clock p.m. the program was finished. We went back to the farm where we first made us a nice cup of coffee. And after a whole day of tea, a stronger drink tastes very good.

On our way home we had dinner from the famous Belgian kitchen.

Family Kuypers, thank you all very much ..... we really felt spoiled.

## Children's Page

### Hooray Marlieke has been born!

She came on Halloween, October 31<sup>st</sup> at about 19.30 hr. Her weight was about 4000 grams and her length was more than 50 cm. The clothes we took to the hospital were too small. Her big brother Tijmen is very pleased with her, as you can see. Just like her parents offcourse. Marlieke sleeps, cries, eats and produces dirty nappies like a full professional. Family Kuijpers from IJsselstein now consists off 4 members. In zodiac language, Aries (daddy) on his own has to take care of 3 Scorpio's (mother and children). He will have his hands full with them. Come for a visit some time in IJsselstein. Marlieke likes to meet family Kuijpers.



See you some time,  
Marijn, Krista, Tijmen and Marlieke.

### family extension in Gassel.

Just before Christmas last year we told Maartje and Jochem that they were going to have another little brother or sister. Maartje responded "Then I can play Maria too some time". In her class a girl played, together with her baby brother, Maria and Jesus in a Christmas play. From this day the baby was reality in our family. Some time later Maartje asked her mother, "Mama, who put the baby into your belly"? Margo; "Eeeehh,.... What do your think"? Maartje, "Did Papa do that"? Margo; "Yes, Maartje, he did". Fortunately she was satisfied with this answer.

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Some time later, when it was beginning to feel more exciting whether it would be a boy or a girl, (Maartje wants a sister and Jochem wants a brother) Maartje decided to ask her mother. "Mama, the baby in your belly, is it a boy or a girl"? Margo; "We don't know yet, it's a surprise to us too". Maartje's quick reply, "Then you didn't pay attention well, when papa did put it inside your belly".

On July 24<sup>th</sup> Eline was born at last. When Marco called from the hospital to tell them that the baby sister was born, it stayed quiet on the phone for a long time. Jochem in the background asked, "Is the baby out of the belly. Then we have a brother", he cried. And he started to party. It took a lot of persuading for Maartje to make him believe that the baby was not a brother but a sister. Then Jochem cried, "If so, then we need another brother, because then we'll have three girls and three boys". Although he repeated his wish for another brother several times, he was very proud of his little sister when Margo arrived at home with Eline, after she recovered from her caesarean section, after a day or four.

We all are very proud of our newest family member.



Greetings from Margo, Marco, Maartje, Jochem and Eline Baltussen.

### Child's talk

Jochem sits eating from his chocolate coins that he got from Santa Claus when uncle Simon and aunt Hariëtte enter the room. Simon shows Jochem a coin and says "Look, I have got some too". Jochem tries one with his teeth and sais, "But these aren't real, these are fake".

Hello everyone.

October 20<sup>th</sup> 2001 we had creepers party because of our birthdays. Camiel's birthday is September 16<sup>th</sup> and Remi's birthday is June 12<sup>th</sup>. So we wanted to write you a small report.

We were assembled at a café in Mill by a blind driver with his creepy bus. The story was that there was a finger cut off the hand of a bride. Everyone thought by the gateman, he was the dead bride's husband. This creepy story was told during the bus drive. At the end of the story the bus stopped and we had to get out. We had to find this finger. So we started searching while we carried a lamp and a white cross. We had to follow the trail of white ribbons that were hanging in the trees. Camiel's group didn't find the finger but Remi's group did. It was hanging on a cord around the neck of the Dracula guide. At least that's what Remi's group told. Camiel's group was guided by Ann-Marie van Geenen and Edwin van Kraaij, who was touched on his hair right at the beginning. Camiel was caught by the legs. Huub was in that group too. Remi's group wasn't afraid at all. They were guided by John van Geenen. Sander, Remi's friend was caught and fell down. Both groups were watered. At the end we drank something at our place and than everyone was taken back home again.

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Greetings from Remi en Camiel.



My name is



Trek lijntjes van 1 naar 2 en dan naar 3 enz. En je ziet wat voor een dier ik ben.

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Draw a line from 1 to 2 and then to 3 etc. Then you see what I am.

The Jokes laugh – laugh – laugh.

Q: What's E.T.'s Christian name?

A: Jodela!

Q: It's red and it has two white stripes

A: A tomato with braces.

Q: What is the top of self-confident?

A: blowing a wind while having diarrhoea.

Q: What is black, white and red?

A: A shy zebra!

Q: What is invisible and smells like a carrot?

A: The wind of a rabbit!

Q: What animal consists of mainly WOOL?

A: WOOLF!

Q: It is green and it's skis down the mountain?

A: A skiwi.