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### Another appeal after court decision

Another episode in the ongoing saga of **Bankastraart 93** drew to a close on 12 December 2003 when the Court of Justice in The Hague found that the Archipel/Willemspark Residents' Association's appeal against the Council's dismissal of the ban on another restaurant on the Bankastraart was ungrounded. In the Court's opinion this case concerns a 'shopping area' and not 'other mixed area' as the Residents' Association believes is stipulated in official Environmental Regulations and which the Municipal Executive had also earlier concluded. The Court also decided without any further explanation that the added pressure on the parking facilities from the clients of the restaurant would not adversely affect the living or working environment. With the support of those living in the immediate vicinity, the Residents' Association will now again appeal against the decision of the Council of State. The organization Grondmij has been commissioned to carry out a parking survey in support of the argument that there will indeed be additional pressure put on parking facilities in our community. Hopefully the Council of State will take a decision in 2004.

### THE MONCHYPLEIN ALMOST COMPLETE

Almost 20 residents of the Burgemeester De Monchylein residential complex responded to the request from the Residents' Association Archipel/Willemspark to attend a meeting at the Community

### NEIGHBOURHOOD HISTORY MADE VISIBLE FOR EVERYONE

On Saturday, 17 January 2004, Councillor Stolte unveiled the first '**Bericht uit de vorige eeuw**' (Message from the previous century) plaque in our community: most appropriately on the façade of our Community Centre, Celebesstraat 4. Now we can all see why the premises is named 't Klokhuis.

There was a special gathering at the centre to mark the occasion attended by many local residents and a number of members of the clock-making family, Sen. Our local historian, Bob Feenstra, gave a short talk with accompanying slides about the history of our neighbourhood before the official unveiling ceremony.

It was an extraordinary moment for the Sen family to see this special commemoration of their years of clock making carried out on the premises. Son-in-law, Mr Abbing, spoke briefly about 'Pa' Sens who bought the property in 1935 and initially produced – because he was a coppersmith – sports cups and prizes, but very soon moved on to making clocks. He had 14 children who were all expected to lend a helping hand, along with the 30 employees who worked on the premises making clocks entirely by hand.

#### Neighbourhood Messages

The Foundation 'Bericht uit de vorige eeuw' (Budve) came up with the idea for a project to get residents more involved with their local history. Chairman Luc Meuwese is sold on the idea, 'Anyone who knows a place/or property where something special happened or is associated with someone special which is worthy of a mention can submit a request for one of these commemorative plaques. The Foundation will review the request, investigate the details and obtain permission to place a plaque on the relevant building. Of course not everyone is equally enthusiastic: if a murder took place on the premises

where you happen to live for example, you wouldn't really want this to be publicized on the front of your home!"

The internet address ([www.budve.nl](http://www.budve.nl)) appears on each plaque where also displays text and sometimes photos about the particular 'message'. Luc Meuwese hopes that after reading about this project in the community newspaper and now also on the community website, many residents will submit their suggestions for a Bvude plaque. You can also contact the Residents' Association.

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## **Working group Public Space is up and running**

With lots of enthusiasm from its new members, the working group Public Space has now been launched. In their endeavour to influence what happens on our streets, the members propose to build new relationships with council functionaries who are responsible for our neighbourhood. They hope that together, solutions will be found to deal with issues seen as a 'nuisance' by many in the neighbourhood. For example: overflowing rubbish and paper containers, abandoned bicycles, the fowling of pavements, graffiti, damaged lampposts, etc. They also want to actively work towards making the environment on our streets more pleasant in a more general way too with horticultural improvements, new 'street furniture' and suchlike. Responsibilities and division of tasks have yet to be finalized so if there are any more interested, especially expat community colleagues who would like to bring a little bit of their particular (national) colour to the neighbourhood, you will be most welcome. The first official meeting took place on Wednesday, 18 February in 't Klokhuis at Celebesstraat 4. If you want to join the workgroup, let them know! Telephone Annemargriet Vaartjes on 070 350 7251 or email Dorien de Buck at [dorien@archipelbuurt.nl](mailto:dorien@archipelbuurt.nl)

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## **Exhibitions in 't Klokhuis**

The group exhibition of work by the students from the painting class run by Georg Hadelar in 't Klokhuis began on 18 January 2004: such diversity is always interesting!

From 7 March it will be the turn of Betty Berrington. She was taught by Cossaar from a very early age, and worked for some time in London where she took drawing lessons at St. Martin's School of Art. Once back in the Netherlands, she continued her lessons with teachers such as Huib Hierck, Besselkok and Ralph Prins. She also studied three-dimensional modelling with Agnes Berck and Bram Roth.

Her work has appeared in various group exhibitions held at various locations in the Netherlands, including Galerie Stahlecker (The Hague), Radio West (Rijswijk), de Leeuwenhorst (Noordwijkerhout), Museum Rijswijk and 'Arti en Amicitiae (Rotterdam). Her more recent work can be viewed on her personal website: [www.Berrington.nl](http://www.Berrington.nl).  
(E. König)

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## **Empty plot on Alexanderplein**

Thanks to Maarten Raupp, the

*A short interview with 'our' community police officer Marianne Hoogerbrugge which appeared in the Haagsche Courant on 20 January 2004 under the heading:*

### **'Authority isn't determined by a moustache'**

Name: Marianne Hoogerbrugge  
Age: 30  
Profession: community police officer in The Hague's Archipelbuurt

'A moustache doesn't determine whether someone has authority or not', says community police officer Marianne Hoogerbrugge. Which would be rather strange because then no woman police officer would be able to exercise

authority unless she grew a moustache. project leader for the  
'However correct dress and good grooming is important'.  
According to officer Hoogerbrugge, Alexanderplein has been rapidly  
authority is to do with carrying out one's transformed into a playing field.  
duties correctly and with integrity. 'Apart The grass has been newly sown  
from keeping order, my duties also and now awaits the spring rain  
include enforcing the law honestly'. She and the goal posts. Mr Ronald  
does this by being fair, clear and Leenheer, Tel. 070-364 37 95 or  
consistent. A professional and 06-517 840 49, has kindly agreed  
open-minded attitude and reciprocal to become contact person for the  
respect is paramount for Hoogerbrugge. Residents' Association and will be  
Including a friendly greeting for responsible for the management  
passersby. and maintenance of the playing  
field.  
Authority is something that is being  
continually tested: it sometimes appears  
that people have a very different view  
about what authority actually means.  
'Even in my professional capacity as a  
police officer, I am confronted with  
aggressive behaviour and bad language  
when I point out simple misdemeanours  
like not stopping for pedestrians on a  
zebra-crossing'.  
Marianne Hoogerbrugge then asks  
herself, 'Whatever happened to respect  
for authority?'

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