

Brunssum and GK Community Newsletter



April 2023

Well, we've finally reached April and can we say that spring has actually sprung?! We've definitely seen some brighter days, but also some frosty mornings. Here's to longer, warmer days in the weeks ahead! If you haven't yet sown your sunflowers seeds, you're not too late. You can sow any time around now and still grow a whopper. Kits can be picked up from the CLO office or the Registry if we're not around. The end of April will see the King's Day holiday here in the Netherlands, followed shortly by our own King's Coronation. There will be a party at the Brit Bar on 4 May to mark the occasion. Details can be found in the poster later on in the newsletter—don't forget to sign up though! A huge thank you to everyone who baked for the SSAFA Bake Sale—nearly €1000 was raised for the charity, which is used to fund activities and projects here in Brunssum.

Returning to the subject of better weather, we will be holding some of our Wednesday coffees at cafes around and about the local area. We really hope some of you will be able to join us and, if you have any recommendations, please let us know!

We'd also like to say a big thank you to all our Road Reps. We are working alongside them to create bespoke information for all of our areas and to help settle newcomers to the area. If you don't know who your Road rep is, please let us know and we'll put you in touch.

Happy Easter Everyone!

Your NSE Team





British Community KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Thursday 4th May





BBQ - Pimm's Stand - Ice Cream Van -Craft Activities - Bar

This is a free event, but we do need you to sign up so that we know how many to cater for.

We also need some help to make the event run smoothly.

Sign up using the link on Facebook or go to: www.signupgenius.com/findasignup and search using the email address gso-ejsu-netherlands-community@mod.gov.uk



Celebrating Easter in the Netherlands

Celebrating Easter in the Netherlands may be similar to the way other countries celebrate this holiday. Dutch Easter is very focused on families and includes an extended breakfast or brunch (paasontbijt or paasbrunch) with families and friends. The table usually contains delicacies such as paasbrood, croissants and eggs.

The decoration is a very important part of the Dutch Easter celebration. The dinner table is usually decorated with flowers, such as Daffodils, Tulips and Hyacinths and typically a basket with painted Easter Eggs.

This month we have included a list of events in the area throughout April.

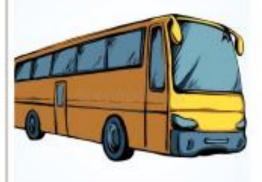
Happy Easter all!

DATE:	EVENT	PLACE	
5 April	Easter bare foot walk	Blotevoetenpark, Brunssum	
O April	Remember Live Band		Back to the 60's
8 April		Brikke Oave, Brunssum	
8 April	Kennedy march	Starts from Sittard market	Registration needed. €5, €17, €27
10 April	Looking for Easter eggs	Schutterspark, Brunssum	Easter Monday
14 April	Nature Sauna evening	Blotevoetenpark,	Outdoor well-
		Brunssum	ness experience
15 April	Age of Love	Schutterspark,	Techno event
		Brunssum	
15 April	Celebrate 80's Party	Brikke Oave, Brunssum	Entrance €7.50
16 April	Amstel Gold race	Valkenburg	Bicycle race
22 April	More than Words	Schutterspark, Brunssum	Country music
22-23 Apr	Bloesem 2-daagse 2023	Blossom walking tour/ area Valkenburg	Registration needed € 5-€ 9
27 April	Oranje Braderie	Brunssum Centre promenade	market
29 April	80's and 90's Party	Proeflokaal Gorissen, Brunssum	

Tri Border Walking Club Bustrip Sinzig Eifel Germany







Join us on our TriBorder Walking Club bus trip to Sinzig/Eifel region Germany

Date: Saturday May 13, 08:30-18:00

Departing from JFC HQ library parking lot at 08:30. Departing Sinzig around 16:30.

The walk begins around 10:30 until about 14:00 (distance11 km).

Afterwards there's free time to wander the city, sit at a cafe in the market square or visit the Sinzig castle.

Sign up by sending us an email with the number of seats you want to reserve.

Seats are 7,50 Euro for members/10 Euro for nonmembers

Your seat is reserved once we have received your payment.

Contact us through email: triborderwalking@hotmail.com

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Nothing half-baked about SSAFA success!

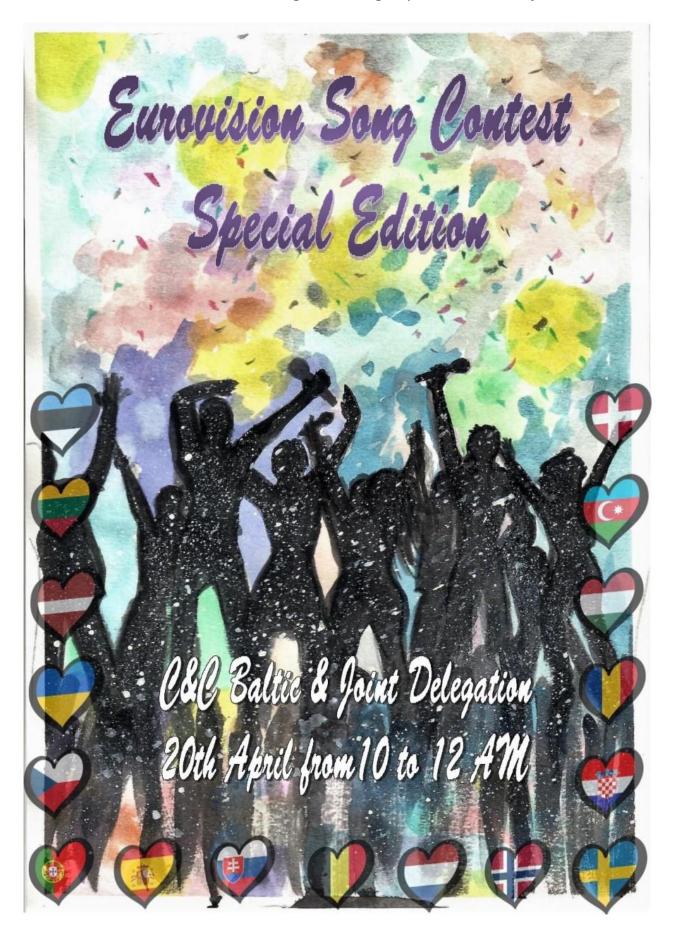


A message from Lorraine Guthrie:

Your Brunssum SSAFA committee would like to say a huge thank you for all the cake baking donations for the SSAFA cake sale. We had an amazing response both with delicious donations and people coming to enjoy the baked goods and support SSAFA, with an occasional creme egg thrown in the mix which of course was also well received. We raised over \in 900 which is truly amazing!! Thank you all very much.

What is the Brunssum International Club and why would I join?

The Brunssum International Club (BIC) is open to all NATO ID holders and spouses. It meets monthly for Coffee and Culture mornings, hosted by different delegations and runs various events throughout the year. Membership is 12 Euros for the year. For more information, including how to sign up, head to www.jfcbic.com





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Payment will be accepted on delivery.

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ORDER DATES	DELIVERY			
2023				
2 nd January 2023	9 th January 2023			
6th February 2023	13th February 2023			
6th March 2023	13th March 2023			
3 rd April 2023	10 th April 2023			
1" May 2023	8 th May 2023			
5h June 2023	12th June 2023			
3rd July 2023	10th July 2023			

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Police - 112 Fire - 112

Ambulance - 112

Nightcare Heerlen - 045 577 8844 / +3145 577 8844

Healix - +44208 4817800 / 0208 4817800

Duty Officer - +3165 1520 896 / 065 1520 896

Joint Casualty and Compassionate Centre

01452 519951 / +441452 519951

Military Police - +31 45526 2616 / 045526 2616

Main Gate - +31 45526 4041 / 045526 4041



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Support Contacts

In addition to contacting your CLOs, JFC Welfare Champions and the NSE, there are organisations and people who can help in many ways.

Please take note of the below welfare points of contact for future use:

For details on multiple available supporting organisations, and to contact the EJSU welfare team, please visit: www.ejsu.net/welfare

Padre:

Maj. Nia Williams: Email: Nia.Williams264@mod.gov.uk

European Welfare Officer (EWO)

Ann Mckenzie

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CEPGrp@mod.gov.uk

Army Families Federation: ejsu@aff.org.uk

Brunssum Hive: brunssumhive@armymail.mod.uk