

DE OUDE BOGTEN

Newsletter March 2026

Dear gardeners,

It's already March. We've been able to enjoy some lovely spring days with high temperatures. That certainly leaves us wanting more! But tempting as it may be, it's still quite early in the season, so be careful not to start sowing and planting too enthusiastically. Preparing the soil for a new season, checking your fencing, seeing if anything needs to be done to your structures, and clearing out old clutter are all great tasks for now if you haven't done them yet.



April 4: Opening of the canteen season

The canteen committee, consisting of Marion Poldervaart and Pamela Hall, has completed preparations for the canteen season! There is a regular team of volunteers who staff the canteen during opening hours. There is a coffee/tea hour almost every day of the week. During these times, small snacks are also available for purchase, such as toasted sandwiches, cookies, or sausage rolls. As proposed at last year's members' meeting, there is also a coffee/tea hour on Wednesday evening. As a **trial**, the canteen will be **open until 1:00 PM on every first Sunday of the month**, giving us the opportunity to offer lunch options as well.

Opening hours:

Monday: 10:00–11:00

Wednesday: **19:00–20:00**

Thursday: 10:00–11:00

Friday: 10:00–11:00

Saturday: 10:00–11:00

Sunday: 10:00–11:00 (*every first Sunday of the month until 13:00*)

How can you pay?

You can buy tokens at the bar and pay by card. Cash is not accepted. Ordering and payment are done at the bar.

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April 4, 3:00PM – Lecture on the Colorado potato beetle and the bumblebee

We invite everyone to an interesting lecture (in Dutch language) about the Colorado potato beetle and the bumblebee. More information can be found below.



**Zwart-geel gestreept:
één outfit, twee verhalen**
Een vijand en een vriend

Lize Braat

Meer weten over **coloradokevers**? En wat kun je doen om zoemende **hommels** een handje te helpen?

Als natuurliefhebber en plant-insect analist aan de Wageningen Universiteit neem ik je mee in de fascinerende wereld van deze twee insecten tijdens de lezing. Met veel beelden, verrassende weetjes en praktische tips voor je eigen moestuin.

Voor iedereen die nieuwsgierig is naar natuur!

Wanneer: zaterdag 4 april
Tijd: inloop vanaf 14:30, start om 15:00 uur
Locatie: Kantine

Registration is not required.

We ask for a **contribution of €1 per person (cash)** to help cover Liza's travel expenses.

April 4: Water supply turned on

The pump will be switched on again on April 4, and water will be available at the taps. Due to extremely high energy costs, which also affect our association, and to use water more efficiently, we work with time blocks. Water is available between:
07:00–10:00 and 17:00–21:00



Please also collect rainwater yourself so you always have a reserve.

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April 5: First garden inspection of the year

With the new season approaching, we will start garden inspections again. This year, we will walk around the complex **every first Sunday of the month**. During this first round, we will pay attention to several important points:

- Proper distance of planting from garden boundaries
- Condition and safety of structures (such as sheds, greenhouses, etc.)
- Presence of Japanese knotweed (this must be dealt with immediately, but do not handle it yourself!)
- Whether gardening activities have already started
- The general condition of the garden
- Whether the garden looks neat and well-maintained

Are you facing any issues or could you use some advice? Feel free to contact one of **our garden coaches**:

Erwin and Ludmilla Lagarde	garden 199–240–241
Nanet Post	garden 81b
Louis van Leeuwen	garden 5–6
José Smits	garden 118–120
Joyce van den Berg	garden 38–39

Save the date: May 9 – Annual General Meeting (AGM)

On Saturday, May 9, we will hold our first AGM of the year. It consists of two parts:

1. The regular meeting from 1:30 PM to max. 2:45 PM
2. Followed (3:00 PM) by an additional meeting where we will present new statutes and Internal Regulations (HR)

The current statutes no longer comply with current regulations and must therefore be revised. A legal advisory firm has drafted the new statutes. The current internal regulations also no longer meet all requirements and must align with the revised statutes.

We will send the agenda and related documents, including the draft statutes and draft HR, no later than April 11.



The second AGM of this year will take place on November 21 from 2:00 PM to max. 3:30 PM

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Garden supplies for sale

A number of gardening items are available for purchase. **On Sundays between 10:00 AM and 11:00 AM**, you can visit the clubhouse for this. If that really isn't possible, speak to one of the board members and we will see what can be arranged.



Payment is by card only.

What do we sell?

- Tonkin canes (2.70 m) €1.20 each
- Dried cow manure €6.00 per 30-liter bag
 - From Heihoeve natural products in Gemonde
 - 100% organic, no additives
 - A true soil improver
 - Loose and airy structure
 - 30-liter bags: suitable for 6–10 m²

Soon also available: lava meal, potting soil, seed and cutting soil. Prices not yet known.

