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This picture has been made in July 2019. It is exceptional that the five Dirkzwager-granddaughters can come together for dinner with their grandparents. They have such a busy agenda
The three eldest granddaughters play and train hockey 5 times per week. They enjoy it and they have good marks in school.

Mare



Mikki

Jelvy

Hanna

Tessa

Dear Stuart,

5 September 2019

Thank you for the congratulations on my birthday

According Samuel Taylor Coleridge (1772-1834): 'The happiness of life is made up of minute fractions: the little, soon-forgotten charities of a kiss or smile, a kind look or heartfelt compliment.' And I add hereto receiving 'birthday greetings'.

How old are you? Jonathan Swift (1667-1743) was asked.

He replied: "As old as my tongue and a little older than my teeth."

A remarkable finding at a time when general dental care was not yet available to prevent dental deterioration.

You may recall, when we returned from abroad, we settled in the village Rhoon, a suburb of Rotterdam. We have lived there for 19 years. You cannot live for such a long period in one place and not making friends.

A couple invited us, to attend their 50 years wedding celebration on my birthday on the 18th of August (my birthday) with 100+ other guests in their garden in Rhoon. We accepted the invitation as Floris was in Sri Lanka and Reinoud preferred to stay at home with his two children of 4 and 2 years old.

Only four persons living in Amsterdam were invited. The three of us drove by car to Rhoon. You recognize two people in the photo and the third is the wife of a retired surgeon, who had to fulfil another obligation that day.



All guests were photographed to present the photo album to the host and the hostess.

The host was a contemporary from our student days. We got to know each other, despite the fact that we

have registered at universities in different cities: Leiden versus Utrecht. That turned out to be no obstacle to becoming friends. It had been enjoyable dejeuner.
I hope all is well with the family. We enjoy our Amsterdam life!
Love to Ursula and you from Vera & Adrian.

Keizersgracht 702, 1017EV Amsterdam

Adriana

This is to wish you a
"A very Happy Birthday"
for this coming Sunday
and may you enjoy many
more in the years to
come.....
With all the very best from
Ursula and me
Stuart-

August 12th
2019

on Tuesday of next week, Ursula +
I set off for Spain. This year
the ferry leaves from Plymouth
(a change from Portsmouth) so
we have a 5 hour drive from
here. No matter, everything else
remains the same - we spend
two weeks in the Sierra de Aiceva
(1 hour north west of Sevilla) - our
usual destination, where we have
rented a cottage, and then on
south to arustary hotel in the
outskirts of Marbella - for 5 days.
Then the remaining 10 days we
drive back to Sanfander stopping on
route in several places of interest!