

Amsterdam, 12 December 2014

Dear Ursula & Stuart,
Thank you for your Christmas Card with a Happy Christmas wish. Your card depicts an elk and snowflakes by an $1\frac{1}{2}$ year old artist. Extraordinary. I predict a great artistic future for her. Lovely!

Before I continue my writing let me apologize for not paying attention to Ursula's 70th birthday. I want to make up for this negligence by enclosing a small present. Stuart did send Vera a birthday card, which she greatly appreciated. She will answer you separately on the celebration of her 70th birthday.

At year end it makes sense to evaluate ~~passed~~ year. Those who wished us in December 2013 a Happy New Year their wishes have come true. During the month January we had a very pleasant holidays in Curacao/Karibbean. The motive to go to Curacao was Vera's psoriasis. Sunbathing and swimming in the sea could cure the illness. The good news is that it didn't recur.

Another memorable event was the visit of the Cooks to Amsterdam. We thoroughly enjoyed your visit. Have you already fixed the date for your

Next visit? Changing now the topic.

Floris and his Else Marie have three adorable daughters, our granddaughters. They had decided not to marry but instead they signed a Cohabitation agreement.

On November 9 Natalja (29) has given birth to a babydaughter, our 4th granddaughter. Mikki is her name. Reinoud (41 years) is the father of Mikki. They bought a house at Noordwijk - Binnem.

Like his brother Floris, Reinoud and Natalja have decided not to marry. I begin to think that our upbringing of our sons have had some shortcomings. Another explanation could be that

* the girls in these days* feel themselves less dependent from their partners. They are a happy couple, so we do not complain. It is their lives.

My mother Albertine, 97 years. She is too old visiting her is a chore. On 25th December we will visit her. She is happy when we be with her. Her conversation with us is limited. Many things she cannot remember. I am the chosen one of the three sons to take care of her administration.

Her house has been sold and ownership of the house will be passed on to the buyer on 16th January 2015. That is a relief.

I have not commented on the political situation on the Continent versus the one of Great Britain. 2015 will be an interesting year.

By the way the neighbours at the other side have also submitted a claim to pay for damages to their building due to restoring our foundation: 4 years afterwards! Never a dull moment
Love from us both Vera & Adriën.

Maybe I fancy a skating trip of
about 20 km with my granddaughters,
of course weather permitting.

The two eldest granddaughters
have accepted the invitation to
accompany Vera and me to a
ballet performance i.e. Cinderella
on 29 Dec. 2014.

Love from us both.

Vera & Adrian.

December 2014

Season Greetings.

We do not expect a white
Christmas.

Amsterdam has a number
of ice rinks. The three grand-
daughters (9, 8, 6) love skating!
Hopefully will there be a
very cold stint that lakes and
canals will be frozen this winter.