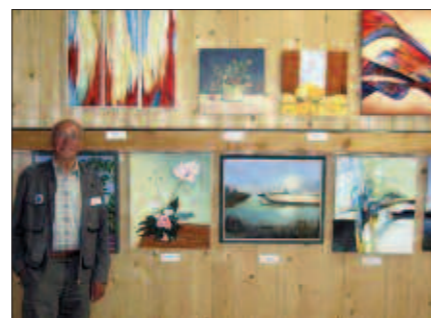


horses. After a number of years he has definitely exchanged the house decorator's brush for the brush of the artist. At the last reunion in 2007 he, together with other Somsen artists, exhibited in the hall of the riding-school in IJzerlo. Until the beginning of December many of his paintings can be admired in the Chinese Restaurant Fu-Hing, Kerkplein 11 in Varsseveld, where they can also be bought.

In December 2008 Johan and Meta had their 60th wedding celebration (see Somsen Horizon 22).

In the next issue of Somsen Horizon there will be an article about Johan and his passion for the art of painting.



Johan and his paintings

Family announcements

Born:

05-10-2003: Claire Anne [6778], d.o. Leonard Peter Plompen [6777] and Esther Tamara Somsen [530]

19-05-2005: Noah Lucas [6774], s.o. Freek Bakker [6771] and Ancel Sigrid Somsen [260]

27-05-2005: Victor Leonard [6779], s.o. Leonard Peter Plompen [6777] and Esther Tamara Somsen [530]

08-02-2007: Jonathan Lucius [6775], s.o. Freek Bakker [6771] and Ancel Sigrid Somsen [260]

16-06-2009: Cedric Pieter [6780], s.o. Leonard Peter Plompen [6777] and Esther Tamara Somsen [530]

03-09-2009: Daniël Caspar [6776] s.o. Freek Bakker [6771] and Ancel Sigrid Somsen [260]

17-07-2010: Pieter [6889] s.o. Mark Bussink [6888] and Anouk Manon (Anouk) Prinsen [3041]

Married:

18-05-2001: Leonard Peter Plompen [6777] and Esther Tamara Somsen [530]

12-09-2006: Freek Bakker [6771] and Ancel Sigrid Somsen [260]

Deceased:

15-04-2009: Doris Esther Fuller [5217], 89, Marinette, WI. USA

14-04-2010: Floyd Harold Haug [2603], 91, Castlewood, SD. USA

16-05-2010: Stanley John (Stan) Somsen [2408], 85, Fontana, CA. USA

20-05-2010: Engelina (Lien) Heusinkveld- Hoopman, [376], 95, Aalten

30-05-2010: Alardus Antonie Wilhelm (Ton) Bollen [4750], 66, Amsterdam

03-06-2010: Roelina Willemina (Lien) Vrieselaar-Somsen [977], 80, Aalten

07-06-2010: Aleida Gezina (Lilian) van Remundt-Somsen [673], 58, Noordwijkerhout

12-06-2010: Edna Marjean Somsen-Holm [908], 85, Draper, UT. USA

01-09-2010: Phyllis M. Somsen-Bleeker [2612], 80, Castlewood, SD. USA

17-09-2010: Hendrika (Riek) Somsen-Hasselo [1825], 80, Eibergen

25-09-2010: Gerhardus (Gerard) Somsen [171], 75, Apeldoorn

The Somsen Newsletter 5 will appear in January 2011

The editorial staff is busy collecting copy for the next issue of the Newsletter and for Somsen Horizon 24. But we still need more stories. If you want to send in a contribution you are more than welcome to it, but when you do not like the idea of writing a story yourself you might just hand in the information about a special event. Then we will turn it into a nice story. You should not forget to send in some nice pictures or a good scan as well.

Send in copy to the editor:

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Somsen tree

Message of our chairman



Johan Somsen [1089]

In this newsletter you will find a short article about the Somsen Camping Weekend in IJzerlo. During this weekend and also in the board-meeting which we always have then we asked ourselves the question whether it was sensible to continue this tradition.

We gathered for the first time at this mini-campsite in IJzerlo, which is situated within a stone's throw from the place of our roots, the Somsenhouse, in 1997. That was on the occasion of our first Worldwide Somsen Reunion. In the following years there was always an enthusiast group of Somsens that came to IJzerlo. Some came with tent or caravan; others came only to join us for the barbecue on Saturday evening. Very often we had interesting excursions and also at the campsite the atmosphere was just great. However, in the course of time interest has declined a little. Some have grown a little too old, for others a certain fatigue may have arisen and furthermore there are so many other priorities in this hectic existence which explains all this quite easily.

Therefore we have seriously considered whether or not to continue this tradition. However, when we listened to the people present at the barbecue, and there were some forty Somsens there, practically everybody was very much disappointed if we would stop the Somsen IJzerlo weekend. I must admit that that Saturday evening was just great.

Of course we realise very well that few opportunities for live contacts among the Somsens remain when this tradition will be cancelled. And when it is over and out it will be very difficult for future generations to start something like this again.

This argument together with the fact that everybody present had enjoyed it so much has led to the decision that we will organise the Somsen Camping Weekend at least one more time next year. Then we will consider it again. We will make a programme then. That means that there will be an excursion on Saturday and, of course, in the evening there will be the traditional barbecue again.

It is your duty, though, to join us. Of course we do not expect every supporter of our family foundation to present himself or herself immediately but a little more interest will no doubt contribute to inspire us to go on with it.

In Somsen Horizon 24, in May 2011, we will go back to this subject and then we will also reveal the programme and other details.

In this fourth edition of the Somsen Newsletter you will also find a section "Family Announcements". In our family magazine Somsen Horizon this section has existed from the very start but only once a year is not enough. From now on you will also find this information in the newsletters.

I hope you will enjoy reading this newsletter and please do not hesitate to send in your stories and events that could be interesting for our family magazine. Only because of your cooperation it is possible for us to continue this job with pleasure.

Johan Somsen [1089] chairman

Update Somsen Genealogy

The latest CD-Rom of our genealogical files is well over three years old (August 2007) and therefore it is high time to present an update.

Our webmaster has put the most recent genealogical information (October 2010) starting with our common forefather Roelof Boeinck [3763] on our website www.somsen.org. For the first time we have added passport photos of our family members. Unfortunately we do not have a picture of everybody and therefore we would like to ask you to send us a photo of you and your family members (somsgenealogie@kpnplanet.nl). In the next update these pictures will be published. As you know only the supporters of the Somsen Foundation have access to the genealogical files on our website. The password "Roelof", the name of our common forefather, gives access to this part of the site.

Of course you can also order the CD-ROM. In this case you have to transfer \$15 (mailing costs included) to Mrs Marieke Edwards, 920 East Bay Dr. NE#3D301 Olympia, WA 98506-1222. Please do not forget your name and address and CD-ROM genealogy.

The Somsen Weekend in IJzerlo

by Harry Somsen [146]

The 13th Somsen Weekend in IJzerlo from 13 to 15 August 2010 was a great success again even if the number of participants is declining a little. At the end of the week a small number of Somsens went to the campsite "t Hoftijzer" with tent or caravan to spend the Somsen Weekend there together.

Friday night there was a board-meeting at the home of Helmut Somsen in Hamminkeln, Germany. There we looked back on the recent edition of Somsen Horizon, we considered the number of participants in the weekend and whether or not to continue this tradition and we planned the next Somsen Newsletter. We were satisfied with the full colour edition of Somsen Horizon 23.

As more and more Somsens supply copy, preferably with pictures, it will become easier for the editorial staff to publish Somsen Horizon and the Somsen Newsletters. So if you have a story that could be interesting for our family, please send it to us.



Brunsveld, our caterer, cared for a perfect barbecue in the evening for about 40 Somsens

The weather was perfect and this contributed to a very pleasant weekend. Many of us paid visits to Somsens in the area and on Saturday afternoon we left for the Somsen-tree near the Japikshouse where Mr Veerbeek and Mr Smit welcomed us and showed us the tree. Theo Somsen, together with a friend, had even come all the way from Vaassen by bike to be present at the ceremony and the barbecue in the evening.

The tree was inspected and admired and we sprinkled the tree with Dutch gin. Again we found that the tree had been taken care of very well. After presenting the flowers and a bottle of Dutch gin the people present toasted to the tree, to our distant ancestors and their offspring.

In the evening we had a splendid barbecue at the outdoor café of the farmhouse at the campsite. And of course Brunsveld, our caterer, had taken good care of it again. The atmosphere was perfect and till late at night we were a happy company. It is such a nice tradition in our family and we would regret it that has to be cancelled because of declining interest.

The participants, the diehards, can look back with pleasure on this weekend and they hope to come again next year.

Exhibition of Johan Somsen

by Harry Somsen [P 146]

Last August Johan Dirk Somsen [1085] from Aalten exhibited his paintings in the smallest church in The Netherlands, "De Rietstap" in Dinxperlo.

Johan, who was born in De Heurne near Dinxperlo in 1926, followed in his father's footsteps, just like his brothers did, and became a painter. Until the 70s he carried on this trade. Then he took service with Lundia in Varsseveld as manager of the painting workshop. When he retired Johan, together with his wife Meta [1206] and their son Gilbert [1207] settled in Aalten where they had ample space for their riding-



Presentation of flowers and bottle



Somsens at the outdoor café of the campsite 't Hoftijzer