**In memoriam Kees Westerhuis**On August 12 of this year we sadly parted with Kees Westerhuis, husband of Martha Westerhuis-Bakker, chairman of DFZ. Kees supported Martha wholeheartedly in her work for the Durlstone School. He was the initiator and inspirator of the water project, the redesign of the sports field and many other visible and invisible things. On July 5th Kees made a short appearance on the golf course in Zeewolde at the Golf tournament that he organized on behalf of the Durlstone School. From now on a golf tournament called the “Kees Westerhuis golf tournament” will be organised every year in his memory.

**We miss Kees!**Martha has returned home to Macheke and has resumed her work for the school.

**Visit of the treasurer Marinus Verweij to the Durlstone School.**Treasurer Marinus Verweij, in the absence of Martha whilst traveling through the country, paid a working visit to the Durlstone school and to the Methven School. He observed that the preparations for the renovation of the class rooms at the Durlstone School were in full swing (New “Wilde Ganzen”project). All materials were there: paint, window sills, locks, wood etc. The parents have pledged to take care of the necessary stone. The contractor and the painters are busy at the moment this newsletter Durlstone News appears.

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Marinus proposes to paint the dark walls of the Methven school white in order to make better use of the daylight.

**Consequences of the crisis in Zimbabwe for the Durlstone School**There is a crisis in Zimbabwe that has consequences for the Durlstone and the Methven Schools. The government shuts down electricity during the day. As a corollary, the computers in the computerlab cannot be used.
The lights in the library are not on and because the windows are high up in the wall there is very little daylight for the pupils to work by. The prices of food, educational tools, fuel and other materials continue to increase and the salaries of the teachers are going down. Parents can hardly pay the tuition fees.

Fortunately, the water system of the school works on solar energy, so there is enough water. The system supplies the water for the school garden and that takes care of enough ingredients to make the porridge meals.

In order to be less dependent on the power supply by the government we are looking into the possibility to install solar panels on the roof of the computer lab and the library. Hopefully the DFZ will manage to raise enough funds for this and we hope we can rely on you in these hard times.

**Project Wilde Ganzen**The waterproject (WG-6) has been completed successfully. At the beginning of July 2019 a new request was made and has been approved by Wilde Ganzen. At the same time the necessary signatures for a new project WG-7 ‘Major Repairs of the class rooms’ have been collected.

Maintenance is in full swing. Five painters will be painting nineteen class rooms on the in- and outside during six weeks. The computer lab, the library, the houses of the teachers, the privies and the kitchens will all receive a touchup.

The revenues from the golf tournament, from other actions and donations will be used for this WG-7 Project.