

English Summary

This is the 2019 annual report of snuff tobacco and spice mills De Ster and De Lelie at Rotterdam-Kralingen.

In 2019 we continued the activities started in 2018. Several new volunteers joined our team and we continued with the preparations of the new visitor centre. We were nominated for the national Mill prize which gave us a lot of possibilities to promote our activities. Almost 6500 people voted for our project which resulted in the third place.

Sadly this year the last former professional miller Gerard van Harrewijen past away. This is a great loss to the family and also to the mill community. Despite the fact that we have learned a lot from him much knowledge and experience is lost with him.

This year the mills were open almost every Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday afternoon and every second Saturday of the month. On the Wednesdays and Thursdays, mainly spices are ground and all the work that goes with it is done. In addition, maintenance jobs are also being carried out. On Saturday afternoon and especially the second Saturday of the month, the emphasis is on receiving and guiding visitors.

This year there were a number of special activities:

- The National Mills Days were on 11 and 12 May. The mills were open and tours were given by the volunteers. Thanks to the good weather we were able to receive almost 450 visitors. On Saturday morning was also the official start of fundraising for our new visitor centre.
- De Ster and De Lelie took part in the Open Monuments Days on 14 and 15 September. In total we received more than 350 visitors.

This year we have ground spices regularly. These spices are sold in tins in De Ster and also through various other stores. We believe it is important to regularly grind spices. This ensures that the tools in the mill remain in good condition and creates a lively atmosphere in the mills. The smell of the spices that lingers in mills appeals to visitors. Moreover, the operation of the mills is best visible when the mill is in operation.

Also regular maintenance took place, both by the owner and by the volunteers. This is important to keep the mills in good condition. This year on both De Ster and De Lelie the wings were replaced.

Finally we whish to thank everyone that contributed to the mills last year and hope for their support also this year.

