

Annual report 2015

(English summary)

Snuff tobacco and spices mills

"De Ster" and "De Lelie"

and

Stichting De Kralingse Snuif en Specerijen Compagnie

De Ster en De Lelie



Het ambacht van snuifreder

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English Summary

It is our pleasure to offer you again a combined annual report of the mills 'De Ster' and 'De Lelie' and for the 'Stichting de Kralingse Snuif en Specerijen Compagnie De Ster en De Lelie'

The highlight of this year was the inclusion of the trade of 'snuifreder' on the national inventory of intangible cultural heritage in the Netherlands. 'Snuifreder' can be read as snuff manufacturer. On Saturday 9th of may - National Windmill Day - the signing of the certificate took place and the shield was handed over to miller and 'snuifreder' Jaap Bes by the chairman of VIE Mr. Willem Bijleveld.

To our regret mentor miller Mr Van Harrewijen and his wife moved to a nursing home being in their eighties both. They have lived since the early 80s in the mill house next to 'De Ster', Mr Van Harrewijen then succeeded his father as miller / caretaker of the mills and the Karottenfabriek. Together with his wife he has done this work with great dedication. We are pleased that he still comes to the mills regularly despite his age and shares his knowledge.

Utilizing the by Hail & Cotton International Group provided tobacco we produced this year again a limited range of snuff, most of it based on historical recipes. This year, a start was made with two "new" historical snuff types being 'Tabac de Paris à la Robillard' and 'Fijne Rotterdammer' also called 'Doppelmops'. The 'Fijne Rotterdammer' is made using the traditional "carrot method". It is expected that these snuffs are available spring 2016.

Several with wind power grinded spices are sold to the visitors of the mills. The range of products now consists of meat herbs, spices, white pepper, curry, nutmeg and cloves.

Besides a website (www.snuifmolens.nl) and a twitter account (<https://twitter.com/snuifmolens>) we also have a facebook page now, <https://www.facebook.com/snuifmolens> with regular news updates.

At last we also wish to thank all people, companies and organizations that has supported the mill last year.