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Lucky winners of the 4th international crib tour in "Dinxperwick" are determined

150 nativity scenes aroused great interest among guests from Germany and the Netherlands

Eden Jansen from Dinxperlo (Netherlands) was now happy about the 1st prize at the 4th International Nativity Tour in the border village "Dinxperwick" (artificial word from Suderwick (D) / Dinxperlo (NL)). The deputy mayor of Bocholt, Kerstin Erkens, and the mayor of Aalten, Anton Stapelkamp, now drew the lucky winners of numerous prizes. These were donated by local stores, restaurants and businesses in Suderwick and Dinxperlo, among others.

Jansen received a nativity scene donated by the Teriete family and Volksbank Bocholt eG with a complete set of figures worth around 95 euros. Other prizes included vouchers for a breakfast, merchandise vouchers for local stores and many other non-cash prizes.

150 nativity scenes at 50 locations

The drawing took place outside the home of Rosi Tunte, the main organizer of the Nativity tours. This year, she reported, visitors also came from more distant cities, such as Nijmegen, Goch or Düsseldorf. Therefore, in the next edition of the Nativity Tour in "Dinxperwick", information about gastronomy, toilets and parking will also be included in the flyer.

More than 150 nativity scenes were exhibited at over 50 locations. It was important to the organizers to present many different cribs in all possible sizes, shapes and colors. A flyer with location and number for each nativity scene guided guests through Dinxperwick.

Raffle invited to play

Wooden rabbits were hidden in five nativity scenes and had to be found. A section of the Nativity Tour flyer could be filled out with the correct solution and handed in. From more than 280 flyers handed in, the two mayors drew around 70 winners. In her speech, Kerstin Erkens thanked not only Rosi Tunte, but also the numerous helpers, the donors of the prizes, as well as the companies, private individuals and stores that made their premises available for the exhibition of the nativity scenes.

She reacted with incomprehension to the destruction of the nativity scene on the Suderwick market square on New Year's Eve. "Nevertheless, we hope for a continuation of the international nativity scene tour in Dinxperwick," she said at the end of her speech.

Growing cross-border cooperation

Mayor Anton Stapelkamp was pleased that the Nativity Tour could take place again this year. "It's a great and beautiful theme," he said, "which is doubly important at Corona." He himself ran the Nativity Tour this year. "Even though I did not see all the nativity scenes because of the large number" said Stapelkamp. In his greeting, he emphasized how well both border sides cooperate not only on the Nativity Tour, but also on other issues, such as the Bocholt -Aalten bus line, the bike path connection, the fire department and much more. True to Aalten's strategy "Always better", he is positive about future cross-border cooperation - especially with Bocholt.





Die stellvertretende Bürgermeisterin Kerstin Erkens und der Bürgermeister der niederländischen Nachbargemeinde Aalten, Anton Stapelkamp, ziehen mit Organisatorin, Rosi Tuente (r.), die Gewinnerinnen und Gewinner der 4. Internationalen Krippentour in Dinxperwick am 20. Januar 2022.

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