

## **REMBRANDT CLUB ST. MARYS**

A younger of the mainly social clubs was officially formed on March 1st, 1978. Although most of the foundation members were already involved with another Dutch society, it was felt that there was room for another Dutch club. But in this case, a club where the only spoken and written language was to be Dutch.

Despite some pessimism from outsiders, it became a success. The rented building on 87 Dunheved Circuit, St. Mary's, is pleasantly (gezellig) furnished, by volunteers of course. The weekly programme is as follows: open from 7.30 p.m. till 1 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and of course on special occasions. Wednesday is klaverjas evening, more for enjoyment than to win, Friday is social night. It goes without saying that there are plenty of Dutch snacks and Dutch 'talk'.

On New Year's Eve 1977, 40 people wanted to have something specifically Dutch in St. Mary's. Words were put into action, a donation of \$100 was asked from each couple that wanted to become a member and within 2 months, space was rented, furnished and the goal achieved. Well done!!

In its short life there have not been many highlights, but the members of this club are forthcoming with their help in assisting the committee of the Holland Festival. Although the membership is limited to 100 couples, everyone is welcome to come to one of the events which are announced in the monthly magazine.