



Citytour Monday 30th 2017

Steenwijk – StoneCity –

The name is because of all the stones that were found in this area.
Stones were very important. They were used to build roads and houses.
And..... if you had committed a crime, you had to find sometimes 200 stones as a punishment.

During the Ice-age, the stones came with glaciers to Holland.



Ramswoerthe used to be the town hall and is a beautiful building. Nowadays it's a museum and if you want to marry, you can do that here.



Hildo Krop made this sculpture. It reminds us of the WO2.
Message: never forget the war

Gasthuispoort



One of the four Gates to get into Steenwijk. It protected the people of Steenwijk. Spanish soldiers tried to get in the town. They used glowing, hot bullets, that set the town in fire. Also this gate.

A brave man, Aart van Groningen jumped over the gate in the water with a bucket between his teeth and he extinguished the fire.

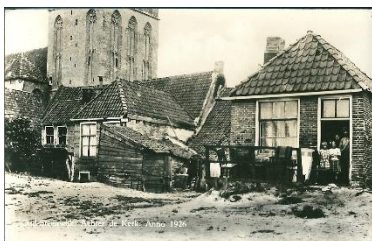


A German artist invented the “stolpersteine”, stumbling stones. They are placed in front of the houses, where the Jewish people used to live and haven been taken out of their house to be brought to camps. The most of them did not return and died in the camps.

To read the stone, you'll have to bend over. You stumble with your head and you heart.



School B , almost 100 years old. For middleclass students. In Steenwijk there were schools for students with rich, high educated parents. They went to school A. School C was for students of poor parents.



Behind the church were small houses, where poor people lived.

A special street, because if you had committed a crime, you could go to this area. The police was not allowed to arrest you. You were save there for some days. But.....the people that lived there, were not allowed to help you with drinks or food. So after a few days you had no choice than leaving this street.



Waaggebouw.

They weighed goods, like butter and even later pigs in this building. Then they brought the butter to the market.

Very nice and old building. It is built in 1642. How many years old? 375.

Left you see the Greek goddess Themis of Justice. Right you see the anchor and St. Clemens the patron of Steenwijk.

Clemens was the 4th pope. He was drowned in sea by the Romans with an anchor round his neck. So he would sink to the bottom of the sea. But suddenly a miracle happened. A part of the sea became dry. Angels had built a little chapel. There they found his body.



Swindermanspoortje.

Mr. Van Swinderen left all his money to the poor people in Steenwijk. Behind this little gate he build small houses for those poor people. Good man!



Johan van den Kornput, born in Breda, military commander. He helped the people of Steenwijk to defend their selves against the Spanish soldiers. 1581.

No man/woman could get out of the town. After a few weeks they were running out of food.

The butcher, with a fat belly complained. “ Hey mister v.d. Kornput. We are hungry, what are we going to do when there is no food anymore?”

“ Well, mister butcher when there is no food anymore, we start eating you “



To protect the town against the attacks of the Spanish army, the people of Steenwijk made the canals and the ramparts.

A farmer helped the Spanish army to get into the town. He knew a shallow spot in the canal. So he was a traitor.