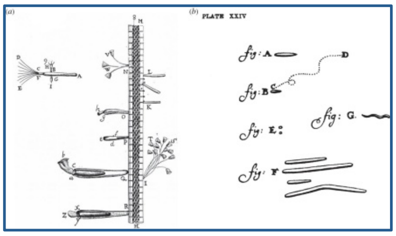
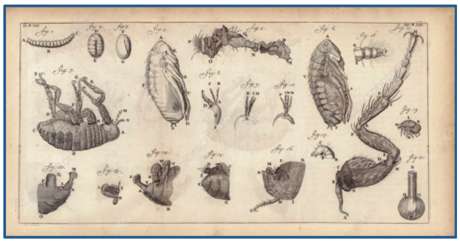
The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward to in the month of JUNE 2019

Friday 7	10.45	*To start the month, we tune in again for* ***Antoni van Leeuwenhoek - the continuing story****… In April, Dr Lesley Robertson gave us a fascinating talk on van Leeuwenhoek, the 16th/17th century linen merchant from Delft who discovered "little animals" in water and other places. We know them as micro-organisms, including bacteria, yeast, algae, etc, and van Leeuwenhoek himself as the Father of Microbiology. In this episode, Lesley will talk more about his work, his life, and some of the mythology that has grown up around him during the centuries since his death - as well as the fun she is having shooting down some of those myths!*	 
	12.00	**Improve your Bridge** *with John Macfarlane*	
		Mahjong	
Friday 14	10.45	*The topic for the* **General Discussion Group** *this month is* **Choice**. *We like to have variety and choice in our lives, but can one have too much of a good thing? There is an unprecedented amount of choice in the society in which we live - in food, clothing, books, leisure activities etc. Do we enjoy having so much choice or can it sometimes feel overwhelming? Are we wasting resources? We must also spare a thought for those throughout the world who do not have the luxury of choice.*	
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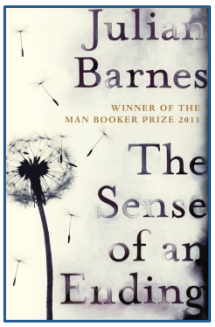
Friday 21		***Mid-Summer, and a triple bill today!***	
	10.30	**'The Seniors'** *is a category of membership discontinued some years ago, but there are still some Club Members who are strictly 'Seniors', and their welfare is co-ordinated by Luise van der Meer. On 3rd Fridays, they have an* **Open Table**, *when non-Seniors can join them at their special table for coffee and conversation.*	
(continued on page 2)	10.45 - 11.30	**<u>OPEN HOUSE DISCUSSION</u>** *Our first Open House Discussion created a wealth of plans for the 90th Anniversary season. This time, we will focus on* **increasing Club income**. *There must be many more ways to raise funds for the Club: what ideas do you have? What can you suggest? Please join in the discussion, and add your thoughts to the mix.*	

Friday 21 continued	11.30 for 12.00	**THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY LUNCH** ***Start with a glass of Prosecco or sparkling pear, before enjoying a three-course Summer buffet, including vegetarian options, with wines. We will raise a glass to our host monarchy before toasting Queen Elizabeth's 93rd birthday and her 67 years as Queen.*** **RAFFLE for the flower arrangements!** ***You are welcome to bring up to two guests.*** To register, please use the sign-up sheet at the Club, or mail *secretarybch@gmail.com*. **Cost: €22.50 for Members; €25.00 per guest**. **Please make a bank transfer to the Club account before Monday, 17 June. Please include your name with the payment!** ***If you cannot get to the Club beforehand to register in person, please transfer the appropriate amount to the Club account by 17 June, giving your name and the name(s) of your guest(s).***	
Friday 28	10.45 12.00	*This month the* **Readers' Discussion Group** *will be led by Peter Loader, who has chosen Julian Barnes'* **The Sense of an Ending**. *This short novel, which won the Man Booker Prize in 2011, is the story of Tony Webster, a retired administrator living quietly in London with his memories, not all happy, of his earlier life at school and university. An unexpected letter from a solicitor's office forces him to reconsider the circumstances surrounding the death of his gifted school friend, Adrian, and to take on a search into its on-going consequences.* **Improve your Bridge** *with John Macfarlane* **Mahjong**	

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