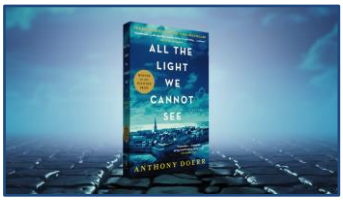
The British Club of The Hague

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

Friday 4	10.45 12.00	**Games Morning** *By popular demand! Open to any Member who would like to take part, you have the option of playing* ***Bingo, Scrabble, Mahjong, Bridge, or several other card games****. There will certainly be some small prizes on offer, and maybe a small 'entry fee' as well!* **A Taste of Autumn** *A* **Club lunch** *at Mondriaan College's Restaurant Classique - three courses for €9.50! Please register by 27 September on the sign-up sheet, or contact SecretaryBCH@gmail.com. Payment to the Club account by 28 September. Drinks to be paid for separately at the Restaurant.*	
Friday 11	10.45 12.00	**A positive approach:** *this is the* **General Discussion Group***'s topic for October. Modern life is so complex that it is amazing that it functions as well as it does. We take so much for granted, often criticising the system without thinking how difficult it must be to keep things organised. Healthcare and transport are examples of such complex systems. What other areas of modern life can we be grateful for? There is, of course, often room for improvement. We may want to give some constructive suggestions, but above all let us try to strike a positive tone and realize how much there is to be grateful for.* **Improve your Bridge** *with John Macfarlane* **Mahjong**	
Thursday 17	 11.00	**DATE TO BE CONFIRMED! DETAILS TO FOLLOW** *Deppy is planning a visit to the* **Haags Historisch Museum** *for the current exhibition* **'The Golden Age in The Hague - Gloss, Glory, and Misery'***. In the Golden Age of the Netherlands, The Hague was the national centre of power and politics. It was also home to the House of Orange, whose members enjoyed a dominant position as Stadtholders. Around the Binnenhof, the world's oldest surviving centre of government, palatial mansions were built to house diplomats and the wealthy elite. Their presence stimulated the production of luxury goods and ambitious architectural projects. But what was the situation with regard to poverty, child mortality, trade in products from the colonies, and slavery? This exhibition looks at society during this period and explores the difference between the image we have of this time, and everyday reality.*	

Friday 18	10.30 12.00	**'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.* **Improve your Bridge** *with John Macfarlane* **Mahjong**	
Friday 25	10.45	*This month the* **Readers' Discussion Group** *will be led by Eileen van der Wilt. Her selection is* **All The Light We Cannot See** *, published in 2014 by the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning author, Anthony Doerr. It is an absorbing novel about a blind French girl and a German boy, whose paths collide in occupied France, as both try to survive the destruction of World War II. Doerr deftly intertwines the lives of the blind Marie-Laure and the young German Werner during a war which has a devastating effect on the lives of everyone it touches.* **Bridge** *(unsupervised)* **Mahjong**	

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Friday, 1 November AUTUMN MARKET
Friday, 13 December CHRISTMAS LUNCH