

The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward to in the month of SEPTEMBER 2020

<p>Friday 4</p>	<p>10.30</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.00 noon.</i></p> <p>Dawn Marcfarlane will return to the fascinating story of Andrew Carnegie (1835 – 1919). Back in December 2019, Dawn gave a talk on the ‘rags to riches’ Scots-born US immigrant, who became a steel baron, a ruthless capitalist, the ‘richest man in the world’, a peacemaker and philanthropist. In part I, she covered his childhood, emigration, and his personal life. She also spoke about his career, how he made his money, and concluded with some controversies that marked his career.</p> <p>There is much more to learn about this man, and in part II Dawn will tell us about his philosophy, his writings, his peace activism and finally, his philanthropy - for which his name is well-known in many parts of the (mainly English-speaking) world. Dawn will finish by discussing the character of this remarkable man, and how she feels about her childhood hero, having now read so much about him.</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	 
<p>Friday 11</p>	<p>10.30</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.00 noon.</i></p> <p>How conscious are we of the environmental aspects of our activities as we go about our daily lives? Hazel Wachters will lead this month’s General Discussion Group on The Environment. Are there some things which we know to be basically detrimental but which we do anyway, because they are just part of general society? On the other hand, are there things we make a conscious effort to do or not to do, as our contribution to the wellbeing of the planet? To give just a few areas we may want to consider: pollution, transport, agriculture, waste of resources. Everyone is welcome to participate.</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	 

<p>Friday 18</p>	<p>10.30</p> <p>10.30</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.00 noon.</i></p> <p>Judy Swann and Kathleen van Velthoven will host another Crafts Morning. Bring with you whatever you are working on at present, or begin a new project with help or instruction from Judy and Kathleen. No experience necessary, and some materials can be provided to get you started.</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	
<p>Friday 25</p>	<p>10.30</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.00 noon.</i></p> <p>Our book selection for September is Where the Crawdads Sing, the debut novel of American author and zoologist Delia Owens. Published in 2018, it topped <i>The New York Times Fiction Best Sellers of 2019</i> for twenty-five consecutive weeks. The story centres around a young girl, Kya Clark, who grows up in the swamps of North Carolina, where we follow how she adapts to, and learns from, her natural surroundings. With a combination of high tension and compelling characters, however, Owens leads us not only into a coming-of-age story but also to a gorgeous portrayal of the natural world, as well as a murder mystery – one that will keep you guessing until the last paragraph. The Readers' Discussion Group this month will be led by Marlene Burns.</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	 