

The British Club of The Hague

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

<p>Friday 2</p>	<p>10.30 10.30 - 13.00 12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.30.</i></p> <p><i>It's time for another Bargain Bay, with all proceeds going to Club funds. Tables in the Atrium will display a huge choice, including china and glass, indoor plants, puzzles, books, DVD's. You can bring your contributions on the day, to add more to the wonderful selection. Linda Frietman and Kathleen van Velthoven will be ready to guide you on prices - 'no reasonable offer refused'!</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane <i>(in the Bar area)</i></p> <p>Mahjong <i>(probably in the Bar area)</i></p>	
<p>Friday 9</p>	<p>10.30 10.45 12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.30.</i></p> <p>Hazel Wachters will lead this month's General Discussion Group on The Animal World. <i>We have a variety of relationships with our fellow creatures. Some animals live an unnatural but fairly pleasant life as our close friends, as pets. Others provide entertainment in sport, zoos, and circuses. Beasts of burden once played a major part in the economy. And some animals may be regarded as our 'enemies' - presenting various dangers and threats. What most of these aspects have in common is that it is man who determines or regulates the nature of the relationship. This implies a certain responsibility. What is the present state of our relationship with the animal world? Everyone is welcome to participate in the discussion.</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	
<p>Friday 16</p>	<p>10.30 10.30 12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.30.</i></p> <p>Judy Swann and Kathleen van Velthoven will host another Crafts Morning. <i>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.</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	

<p>Friday 23</p>	<p>10.30</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.30.</i></p> <p><i>If English is your mother tongue, you probably seldom stop to reflect that it is a very difficult language to learn. During lockdown in June, the Kasteleyns introduced us to a poem highlighting the idiosyncrasies that make it so hard: The Chaos, by Gerard Nolst Trenité (1870-1946), who taught English for nearly twenty years in Haarlem. The Chaos first appeared in one of his English textbooks; he also published several collections of (frequently cynical) poetry, translated the Classics, wrote articles and criticism under the pseudonym Charivarius, and even wrote words and music for theatre productions in Haarlem. Roger Thurman will introduce the poem during this month's Readers' Discussion Group, and encourage everyone to try reading some verses aloud. Based on this poem, Roger will lead a discussion about the English language: its sources and influences, from the Norman conquest to colonialisation, from the growth of international trade to the spread of English via 20th-century music and film. Everyone is welcome to take part.</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	  
<p>Friday 30</p>	<p>10.30</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.30.</i></p> <p><i>We welcome Sue Macfarlane and Friends for a Music Morning on the theme From Bohemia's Woods and Fields. Through four works by Krommer and Dvořák, they will explore the role Bohemia has played in the development of chamber music in that region. John Macfarlane will introduce and explain the history of two string quartets, and two pieces for strings and clarinet - in which he will also take part. Sue and John will be joined by Chrisje van Gogh and Ferdinand Peterse (violins) and Jan Grijpink (viola), all experienced chamber players.</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</p> <p>Mahjong</p>	  