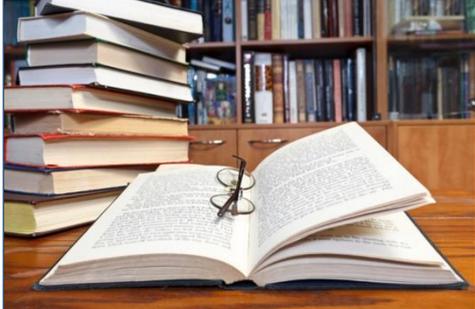


The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward to ONLINE in the months of APRIL & MAY 2021

<p>APRIL Friday 2</p>		<p>Good Friday : the Club is closed</p>	
<p>Friday 9</p>	<p>11.00</p>	<p>Hazel Wachters leads this month's General Discussion Goup on Patriotism. <i>The word 'patriotism' has long had a positive ring about it. Once there was an expression 'My country right or wrong', although these days this does not sound quite so positive. Many people in our Club have lived much of their life in a country which is not their native land. Other Members have had to get used to the increasingly international atmosphere of their own surroundings. What is the situation in our present multicultural society? Is there still a place for some form of patriotism? Think of the Olympic Games, for example, the World Cup in football and the Eurovision Song Contest. Can these and similar activities satisfy what is perhaps a basic need to feel part of a greater whole?</i></p>	 
<p>Friday 16</p>	<p>11.00</p>	<p>Dawn Macfarlane returns to her roots, with a talk on the more mysterious aspects of Scotland: Water Beasties in Scottish Folklore – Kelpies and Selkies.</p> <p><i>Dawn will take us with her on a dive into the deep waters of the Scottish supernatural world. She will concentrate on two water creatures, Kelpies and Selkies, who can shapeshift into other forms including the human form. In her introduction, she will describe their appearance, behaviour and their geographical range. Then she will read us some stories from Scottish folklore featuring Kelpies and Selkies.</i></p>	 
<p>Friday 23</p>	<p>11.30 - 12.30</p>	<p>The Club Library will be open by appointment for 15 minutes of individual browsing among the shelves. Please mail or call Elisabeth for an appointment.</p> <p><i>Books may also be ordered in advance for delivery later on 23 April. Please consult the Library catalogues on the Club website, and send your wishlist to BCHLibrary@gmail.com by 22 April. Books currently out on loan may be returned while the Library is open.</i></p>	

<p>Saturday 24</p> <p><i>Please note date, time, and sign-up details!!</i></p>	<p>20.00 - 21.30</p>	<p>A special performance for Club Members of highlights from Shakespeare's Othello by Rick van Vliet and other veterans of Leiden English-Speaking Theatre. Rick writes: "For this online performance we have taken nine scenes from the play, very much focusing on the interplay between the two main protagonists. By what means does Iago manage to ensnare Othello, so that the Moor's downfall gradually becomes inevitable? From fresh glory on the battlefield and newly-found marital bliss to raging jealousy, murder and suicide; how does this come about, and why? Our performance is around 45 minutes long, after which we will invite you to a Q & A session for a further half hour or so, to give you the opportunity to discuss what you have seen, and ask, for example, about the choices we made for this performance."</p> <p>Please email ricvliet@gmail.com with a confirmation of attendance, by 20 April at the latest. Rick will then send you the Zoom invitation two days prior to the performance date.</p>	  
<p>Friday 30</p>	<p>11.00</p>	<p>Georgina James and Dawn Macfarlane have teamed up to create the BCH Corona Challenge Quiz 2021 (viruses and vaccinations will not appear). They offer some taunting, titillating trivia, quirky quality questions, and nourishing nuggets of knowledge. With their multiple-choice format you all have the chance to get the answers right!</p>	
<p>MAY Friday 7</p>	<p>11.00</p>	<p>This week, John Macfarlane will offer us insights into 'Mr 5% and René', two figures born towards the end of the 19th century who made their name and reputation during the first half of the 20th century.</p> <p>Who were these colourful characters? John will offer a short biography of Calouste Gulbenkian and René Lalique. He will examine their positions in the world of oil and art; also the interactions between them, and finally, their legacies. Anything from serpents to Sarah Bernhardt, an unknown sibling, Armenian massacres, WWII and an escape from Vichy might be included!</p>	 
<p>Friday 14</p>	<p>11.00</p>	<p>Hazel Wachters returns with another General Discussion Group. The topic for May will be advertised later.</p>	

<p>Friday 21</p>	<p>11.00</p>	<p><i>In glorious Technicolour, Georgina James will present The Story of Cinema in The Netherlands.</i></p> <p><i>Since its invention at the end of the nineteenth century, the moving image has been an important part of the way we understand and interpret the world. Georgina will be tracing how the geography, history and culture of The Netherlands has been reflected in, and influenced by, the experience of "going to the pictures" from 1895 until the present day.</i></p>	
<p>Friday 28</p>	<p>11.00</p>	<p>Food and Drink: <i>sometimes essential, sometimes a guilty pleasure. Chop-chop! Do you know your Bisque from your Biscuit? Isy Randall will test your knowledge in this light-hearted quiz - or should that be 'quizine'?</i></p>	

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