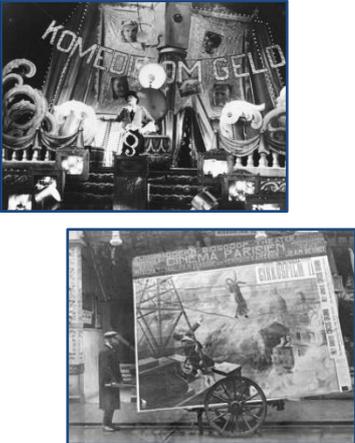
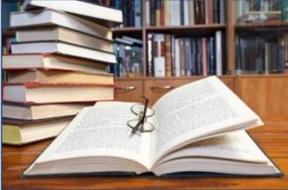


The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward in the month of JULY 2021

<p>Friday 2</p>	<p>11.00</p>	<p>Having given the first part of her talk via a Zoom meeting a few weeks ago, Georgina James will continue her fascinating history of The Story of Cinema in The Netherlands with Part 2: 1918 - 1940. 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.</p>	
<p>Friday 9</p>	<p>10.45</p>	<p>Hazel Wachters leads this month's General Discussion Goup on the English saying: Patience is a virtue. At one time if we wanted an uncommon book or gramophone record, we often had to order through a local shop and then wait patiently for days or even weeks before we could pick up the item at the shop. Nowadays if you order a book online before midnight, you usually have delivery at home the very next day. We can listen to any piece of music at any time online. There are numerous other examples of instantaneous results from the click of a button. Has this changed the general mentality? Is there still a place for the virtue of patience? Well, we hear the term 'slow food', for example, and meditation has become increasingly popular. Should we all slow down when we can - young and old? (But it's nice if that book can be delivered tomorrow.)</p>	 <p data-bbox="1082 1032 1509 1308"> "The two most powerful warriors are patience and time." — Leo Tolstoy </p>
<p>Friday 16</p>	<p>10.45</p>	<p>Now that we're back together, we can enjoy the return of Games Morning at the Club. In addition to Mahjong and Bridge, we will have various board games and card games for you, plus a more competitive offering: Bingo! Eileen van der Wilt will run a Bingo session in the Bar area (€1.00 per game to participate, for Club funds), with prizes.</p> <p>If you don't feel like trying your luck with some friendly competition, you can browse in the Library or simply sit down to chat over coffee and cake.</p>	

<p>Friday 23</p>	<p>10.45</p>	<p>The Readers' Discussion Group is up and running, with July's choice Normal People, by Sally Rooney. The novel, awarded three prizes in 2018/2019, follows the complex friendship and relationship between two teenagers who attend the same secondary school, and subsequently university. It is set during the Irish economic downturn post-2008, from 2011 through 2015. Connell is a popular and intelligent student who begins a relationship with the unpopular, intimidating yet equally intelligent Marianne, whose mother employs Connell's mother as a cleaner. Marianne blossoms at university, while Connell struggles for the first time in his life to fit in properly with his peers. The pair weave in and out of each other's life across their university years, developing an intense bond that brings to light their individual traumas and insecurities. The recent television dramatisation was nominated for many awards and gained a Best Actor BAFTA award for Paul Mescal. The review will be led this month by Peter Loader.</p>	  
<p>Friday 30</p>		<p>July this year gives us five Fridays, and we shall use the opportunity to celebrate the first month of re-opening with plenty of coffee, cake, and a special raffle prize! Isy Randall will create one of her renowned flower arrangements, ready for one lucky Member to win at the end of the morning. Tickets will be on sale until 12 noon, all to help Club funds, which have suffered significantly during lockdown.</p>	