








The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward to in the month of OCTOBER 2021

<p>Friday 1</p>	<p>10.45</p>	<p>Our speaker is George Makowski, who will reveal the extraordinary and occasionally startling life of his father, a Polish diplomat who was active in the Dutch resistance during World War II. Posted to Amsterdam in 1939 as Vice-Consul in the Polish Consulate, Witold Saryusz Makowski was unable to return home when War was declared. He acted as liaison officer between Polish forces in France and diplomats in The Hague, and remained in The Netherlands when Germany invaded in 1940, and his colleagues left for England. Following two daring attempts to join his colleagues in London, he was arrested by the Gestapo in 1942 and spent time in the 'Oranje Hotel' prison in Scheveningen. Towards the end of the war, he and his new wife went into hiding, before moving to Brussels and later Scotland. Witold then worked with the British Army of the Rhine, later developing a portfolio of unusual careers back in The Hague. This is a thrilling tale of dangerous times and immense courage.</p>	 
<p>Friday 8</p>	<p>10.45</p>	<p>The General Discussion Group this month will consider The Digital Revolution. The present older generation has been faced with what must surely be a major transformation in society: the new digital age. There are few aspects of life that have not been affected in some way or other. Administration, communications, education, work, leisure: these are just a few examples. We can all think of many other areas of our life which have also undergone radical change. Older people have had to learn new skills, or otherwise been obliged to appeal for help to someone from the younger generation. How have we coped? What did we find the best strategies? Are we still being confronted with new challenges? At the same time we must certainly not overlook all the benefits we enjoy in this new digital world. Let's name some of them...</p>	 
<p>Friday 15</p>	<p>10.45 12.15</p>	<p>Our very own BCH "Antiques Roadshow" is back on the road after nearly two years. Everyone is welcome to bring some small piece - maybe some silver, some special crystal, or a strange (possibly old) artefact that you picked up on your travels. Our Club experts Jenny van Hengel and John Macfarlane will be happy to examine your treasured items and venture to date them and suggest a price at auction. You may be disappointed, but in many cases you may be pleasantly surprised to hear the verdict!</p> <p>Autumn Treat Lunch at ROC Mondriaan (Deadline for registration: 24 September)</p>	

Friday 22	10.45	<p>The book choice for October is A Free-for-All. No, not the title of a novel, but a theme to encourage you to bring in a book that you have particularly enjoyed. Perhaps a much-read classic, a volume of poetry, an absorbing thriller? Taking its cue from Sara Cox's TV programme Between the Covers, the books themselves will spark the discussion, as you introduce one of your favourites to other participants in the Readers' Group.</p>	
Friday 29	10.45	<p>Welcome to another Music Morning - this time a morning of Bohemian music, which will include works by Krommer, Dvořák and Reicha. The performance will showcase different instrumental combinations: string quartet; clarinet and string trio; clarinet and string quartet. In Dvořák's 180th anniversary year, Sue Macfarlane and her colleagues will include excerpts from a piece he wrote for his children. The performers will be familiar from previous occasions, and John Macfarlane will give background information to the individual movements.</p>	

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SAVE THESE DATES!

Friday, 12 November

10.30 - 13.00

CARDS and CAKES SALE

plus BARGAIN BAY -

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Friday, 17 December

BCH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Watch out for details...