

The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward to in the month of AUGUST 2022

<p>Friday 5</p>	<p>10.30</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.30, with a break during the talk.</i></p> <p>Horatio Bottomley, born in 1860, was one of the most extraordinary characters ever to have graced, or disgraced, British public life. He was irredeemably corrupt - the Robert Maxwell of his day. Bottomley was editor of the popular magazine John Bull, and renowned for his stirring patriotic oratory during the First World War. His time as MP for Hackney South came to an abrupt end in 1922, when he was convicted of fraud and sent to prison for seven years. Jenny's mother shared Horatio's family name and legend has it that they were distant cousins... Jenny will reveal the highs and lows of her notorious ancestor's life.</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	
<p>Friday 12</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>The 18th-century drafters of the American Constitution specified life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as an inalienable right for each individual. In the 20th century, the writer C P Snow rather cynically wrote "that the pursuit of happiness is a most ridiculous phrase; if you pursue happiness, you will never find it". Should we give up the chase, and heed the advice of Erasmus: "it is the chiefest point of happiness that a man is willing to be what he is"?</i> Peter will lead the General Discussion Group to examine The Pursuit of Happiness in all its forms.</p> <p>John will NOT be available for Bridge this week.</p>	
<p>Friday 19</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>It's time for another Games Morning, featuring Bingo in the Bar! For a small charge, it's your chance to win a Club prize. Our caller will be Eileen. There will be other games on offer in the Atrium, or simply enjoy a chat over coffee.</i></p> <p>John will NOT be available for Bridge this week.</p>	
			<p>Details for the following week on page 2!</p>

Friday 26	10.30	The Library will be open until 12.30.	
	10.45	<p>August's book choice for the Readers' Discussion Group is Intimacies, by Katie Kitamura. The story concerns a trial at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. It is told through the eyes, ears, and relationships of an unnamed, multi-lingual young woman who is acting as interpreter for a former president, apparently popular in his country, on trial for war crimes. The book deals with the challenges of interpreting - using the correct tone, subsuming personal reactions. What are outcomes of this experience for the narrator herself? The discussion will be led by Isy.</p>	
	12.00	Improve your Bridge with John	