


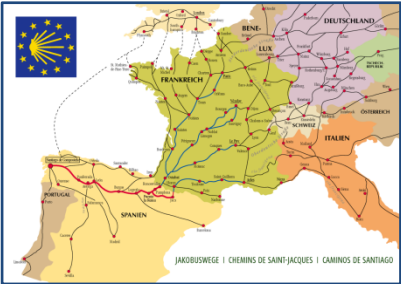







# The British Club of The Hague

## What you can look forward to in the months of DECEMBER 2022 and JANUARY 2023

<p><b>DECEMBER</b> <b>Friday 2</b></p>	<p>10.15  10.45          12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.15, <u>with a break during the talk.</u></i></p> <p><b>Caroline de Jong-Boon</b> is on the Board of the AVN, an organisation that for more than ninety years has been active in <b>protecting nature in and around The Hague</b>. She will take us on a virtual journey through different decades and landscapes, to give us an overview of the region's natural history since before Roman times. The influence of the sea and its shoreline, the effect of new dunes and the first farmers, will lead us to the rise of great Estates, with their forests and hunting grounds, and how some of these areas eventually became public parks. At the start of the 20<sup>th</sup> century urban expansion brought new challenges, including the need for roads and water extraction. Two World Wars also had a significant impact on the local landscape; equally, post-war reconstruction held different but also potentially devastating threats to the natural environment. Finally, Caroline will look at recent developments, such as Madurodam and the International Park, as well as future challenges in the light of Europe's efforts to 'go green'.</p> <p><b>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday 9</b></p>	<p>10.15  10.45       12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.15.</i></p> <p>As 2022 draws to a close, we look back at the year's memorable events and forward to Christmas and New Year, with a special <b>BCH QUIZ</b> compiled by <b>Eileen van der Wilt</b>. Test your memory for world and Club events, your general knowledge, and your awareness of Christmas traditions, with a prize for the winning team!</p> <p><b>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday 16</b></p>	<p>10.15  11.15 - 11.45  12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until <b>11.15</b>.</i></p> <p><b>Welcome drinks and canapés at the Club</b> to celebrate our achievements in 2022, and the imminent holiday season.</p> <p><b>CHRISTMAS LUNCH at ROCMondriaan</b> <i>For the first time in many years, our festive lunch will take place outside the Club. Members may bring up to two guests each. Further information will be circulated as soon as possible.</i></p>	

		<i>The Club will be closed from the end of our Christmas Lunch until 10.00 on Friday, 6 January.</i>	
<b>JANUARY</b> <b>Friday 6</b>	10.15  10.45          12.00	<p><i>The <b>Library</b> will be open until 12.15, <u>with a break during the talk.</u></i></p> <p><i>We start 2023 with a talk by <b>Maarten Raven</b>, the former Head of Egyptology at RMO Leiden. In place of excavations in the desert, Maarten has recently crossed Europe, walking along traditional paths. For well over ten centuries, the tomb of the Apostle St. James the Great in Compostela (Spain) has attracted pilgrims from all over Europe. Even today, thousands of walkers still make use of a maze of traditional footpaths with this common destination. The route is marked by ancient footbridges, hospitals, monasteries and churches, and crosses some of the most beautiful landscapes of the continent. Inevitably, even those who may at first have considered the hike as a mere physical challenge will come under the spell of the history and spiritual atmosphere of the <b>Camino di Santiago</b>. After a brief sketch of the historical and religious framework, Maarten will present a personal account of this traditional pilgrimage.</i></p> <p><b>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</b></p>	  
<b>Friday 13</b>	10.15  10.45    12.00	<p><i>The <b>Library</b> will be open until 12.15.</i></p> <p><i>What leads people to look for a <b>Role Model</b> - someone they want to imitate in their own life? To mention just a few possibilities, there are bloggers and influencers, teachers and parents, heroes and saints. <b>The General Discussion Group</b> will discuss possible reasons for selecting such a person, whether historical or present-day, and find out what kind of figures have played a significant part in the private and professional life of Group members.</i></p> <p><b>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</b></p>	
<b>Friday 20</b>	10.15  10.30	<p><i>The <b>Library</b> will be open until 12.15.</i></p> <p><i>It's time for another <b>Art and Crafts Morning</b>, when you can immerse yourself in either watercolour painting or crafts - including knitting, crochet and embroidery - during a relaxed and good-humoured 90-minute session. <b>Tina van Krogten, Kathleen van Velthoven and Judy Swann</b> will be on hand to guide, encourage, and advise - whatever your knowledge or skills level. Basic materials will be available: please bring any spare materials to share with others.</i></p> <p>(continued on page 3)</p>	 

	12.00	<p>For the first time we shall also have a <b>Family History table</b>, where <b>Anne Lewis and her colleague Carla de Beers</b> can get you started on discovering your family history, or advise you on the next step in an existing search.</p> <p><b>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</b></p>	
Friday 27	10.15	<p>The <b>Library</b> will be open until 12.15.</p>	
	10.45	<p>For the <b>Readers' Discussion Group</b>, <b>Isy Randall</b> will introduce <b>Wish you were Here</b>, by <b>Jodi Picoult</b>. Picoult has published twenty-seven novels, of which some 40 million copies are in print worldwide, translated into 34 languages. <i>Wish you were Here</i>, published in 2021, takes the Covid pandemic as its background. Diana and Finn are ambitious New York professionals who have planned their lives and careers - but the crisis then demands that Finn continues his work at the hospital instead of going on a romantic vacation with Diana. The Galapagos Islands are under quarantine as Diana arrives, so she is stranded. Her stay on the island forces her to examine her relationships, her choices, and herself.</p>	
	12.00	<p><b>Improve your Bridge with John Macfarlane</b></p>	