






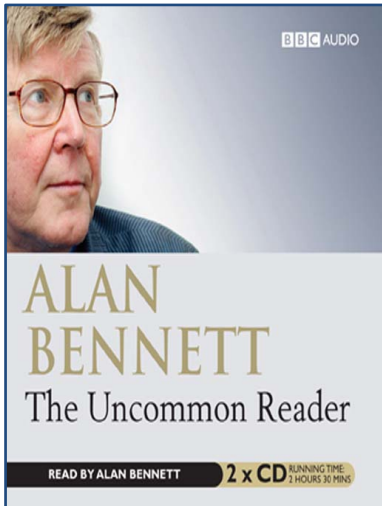


The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward to in the month of MARCH 2023

<p>Friday 3</p>	<p>10.15</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.15, <u>with a break during the talk.</u></i></p> <p><i>Horatio Bottomley (1860-1933) was one of the most extraordinary characters ever to have (dis)graced British public life - the Robert Maxwell of his day. Following Part 1 of My Notorious Ancestor, given last August, Jenny will take up the story in 1914 at the beginning of WWI, during which Horatio became renowned for his stirring patriotic oratory. In Part 2, Jenny will reveal how he continued to get away with his increasingly ambitious money-raising scams, but the authorities were onto him; in 1922 he was finally convicted of fraud and sent to prison for seven years. Jenny's mother was a Bottomley: could Horatio have been her notorious ancestor?</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	 
<p>Friday 10</p>	<p>10.15</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.15.</i></p> <p><i>In a recent survey for Sky Television, 42% of people in Britain admitted they could not recall the last time they had laughed out loud, with 32% of those surveyed saying that they had not even giggled during the previous month. Do we agree with these findings? If so, why is this? Are people unhappy? Stressed? In the March edition of the General Discussion Group, Marlene will introduce the topic of Laughter. The Managing Director of Sky commented: 'considering the ups and downs of the past few years, it's no wonder we're in need of more than a little light relief. The research shows we all need more laughter in our lives'. We know that laughter brings significant health benefits: it helps relax the body; boosts the immune system; releases 'feel good' endorphins; and may even help us live longer. How can we bring more laughter into our lives? What makes you laugh?</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	 
<p>Friday 17</p>	<p>10.15</p> <p>10.30</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.15.</i></p> <p><i>Come along to our ever-popular Art & Crafts Morning. Bring your own craft project to work on, learn a new craft skill, or join the Art table for a collective watercolour experience! Everyone is welcome, from novice to advanced. Benefit from the</i></p>	

<p>Friday 17 connued</p>	<p>12.00</p>	<p>expert guidance of Tina for Watercolour painting, or Kathleen and Judy for crafts including knitting, embroidery and crochet. For both Art and Crafts, there will be some basic materials available to encourage beginners.</p> <p>In addition, you can consult Anne and her colleague Carla, who will be looking to help with your Family History. Guidance on starting your own family tree, for example, or tackling 'brick walls' that often appear during research. Is a DNA test worth the cost? Can it help, and which company is best?</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	 
<p>Friday 24</p>	<p>10.15 10.45 12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.15.</i></p> <p>For the Readers' Discussion Group, Kathleen will introduce a novella by one of England's most celebrated authors: The Uncommon Reader by Alan Bennett. When her corgis stray into a mobile library parked near Buckingham Palace, the Queen feels duty-bound to borrow a book. Discovering the joy of reading beyond the range of her own library, she finds that her view of the world has changed significantly. Aided and abetted by Norman, a young man from the royal kitchens, the Queen comes to question the prescribed order and loses patience with the routines of her role as monarch. This initially alarms the palace staff, and soon leads to surprising and audacious consequences for the country at large.</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	
<p>Friday 31</p>	<p>10.15 10.45 12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will be open until 12.15.</i></p> <p>In-house expertise will also be on hand this week when John and Jenny invite you to the Club's version of Antiques Roadshow. Do you have an interesting item at home - a family heirloom of uncertain origin, or an old and treasured piece found here or abroad, for instance? Everyone is welcome to bring an item to the Roadshow for evaluation and to discover more about its provenance. If possible, please send pictures (e.g. hallmarks, codes, maker's marks) to John in advance: jmacfarlane@ziggo.nl</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	