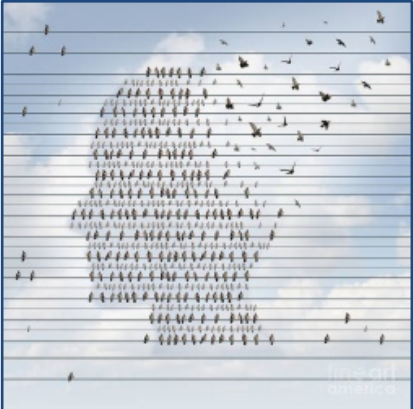








The British Club of The Hague

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

<p>Friday 6</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>At our AGM in April, we voted to support Alzheimer-Nederland as our Charity for 2023, with the aim of making a significant donation as a result of our fund-raising activities during the year. Many of us are personally familiar with the effect of Alzheimer's on a sufferer and their wider family. As we look forward to our annual major fund-raiser in November, Geeske van Mierlo will visit the Club to tell us in greater detail about the organisation's work, particularly in our local region. Geeske is a Board Member in the Advocacy section of Alzheimer Haaglanden.</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	
<p>Friday 13</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>This year, 15 November marks European Equal Pay Day. From this day until the last day of the year, 31 December, women in the European Union will work 'for free'. This working 'for free' is not by choice, but a result of the gender pay gap. The latest EU statistics (2021) show that women earned 12.7% less than their male colleagues. Over the year this amounts to the equivalent of six weeks' work - without pay. Why is this? Given the advances made by the Suffragettes towards gender equality in the early 1900s, and the efforts of Women's Lib in the 1970s, is the 'glass ceiling' still intact? Join Marlene in the General Discussion circle to review the issues around gender and financial reward.</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	 
<p>Friday 20</p>	<p>10.15</p> <p>10.45 - 12.00</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The Library will have adjusted opening times today. Please see your Wednesday mail on 18 October.</i></p> <p>1928 to 2023: it's the Club's 95th anniversary, and everyone is invited to join a morning of informal celebrations - naturally including a special Birthday Cake with coffee, and concluding with Prosecco and snacks at lunchtime. Inbetween, a mix of reminiscences, laughter and some surprises...</p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	 

<p>Friday 27</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 the Readers' Discussion Group, the book choice for October, to be introduced by Suzanne, is A Tree Grows in Brooklyn, by Betty Smith. Originally published in 1943 as a semi-autobiographical novel, this has become a classic of American literature. With a rich tapestry of characters from several generations, it follows the Nolan family and in particular the 11-year-old Francie Nolan, whose struggles to make a better life for herself and those around her form the basis of the story. The novel offers a gentle and often poignant picture of what it was like to grow up in a desperately poor area of New York City, and how 'the American dream' encouraged people to succeed through education and hard work.</i></p> <p>Improve your Bridge with John</p>	 
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