







# The British Club of The Hague

## What you can look forward to in the month of JUNE 2024

<p><b>Friday 7</b></p>	<p>10.15</p> <p>10.45</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The <b>Library</b> will be open until 12.15, <u>with a break during the talk.</u></i></p> <p><b>Ronald Loudon</b> studied in London and Geneva before entering the diplomatic service. During a career spanning nearly fifty years, his work has taken him to Thailand, Germany, Sri Lanka, Egypt, , Oman, Italy, and the UK, as well to the United Nations in New York. In The Hague, he spent some years at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and between 1986 and 1992 acted as Personal Secretary to Queen Beatrix. Setting diplomacy within a historic background has formed a key element to his thinking about the role: <b>what are the factors involved in moving forward from ‘old school’ diplomacy to ‘modern’ diplomacy?</b> How is it that humanity has never been able to exist without some form of diplomacy? The practice of diplomacy since the two World Wars has seen continuous evolution: what are the causes of this transformation? Is there a future for diplomacy in this era of increasing technological influences?</p> <p><b>Improve your Bridge with John.</b></p>	 
<p><b>Friday 14</b></p>	<p>10.15</p> <p>10.30</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The <b>Library</b> will be open until 12.15.</i></p> <p>Join <b>Tina , Kathleen and Judy</b> for another <b>Art &amp; Crafts Morning</b>. Whatever your level of expertise in knitting, crochet, embroidery or watercolours, this is a great opportunity to practise, ask advice, work on your current project, or learn the basics from our resident experts. No tuition fees, and basic materials are provided - take advantage!</p> <p><b>Improve your Bridge with John.</b></p>	 
<p><b>Friday 21</b></p>	<p>10.15</p> <p>12.00</p>	<p><i>The <b>Library</b> will be open until <b>12 noon.</b></i></p> <p>Our annual <b>International Buffet Lunch</b> is a chance for you to try signature dishes from around the world, as Club Members bring contributions from their home country or from their travels. Before the Buffet opens, we shall celebrate the <b>King’s Birthday</b> at 12 noon with a <b>Toast</b>, raising our glass of Prosecco or sparkling pear to King Charles for his official birthday. Lunch cost is €10.00 per person. To take part, please add your name to the registration page on the office table. Payment by 12 June, please.</p>	 

Friday 28	10.15	The <b>Library</b> will be open until 12.15.
	10.45	The choice of <b>Dawn</b> for the June edition of the <b>Readers' Discussion Group</b> is <b>The Sewing Machine</b> , a debut novel by <b>Natalie Fergie</b> . The story spans four generations. Beginning in Clydebank, Glasgow, in 1911, it moves later to Edinburgh, and finishes in 2016. The sewing machine forms the connection between the generations, and as time moves forward several family secrets are revealed. The interwoven stories are beautifully told and loose threads are finally tied.
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