



British Society Deventer

<http://britishsocietydeventer.nl>

SEASON 2016-2017

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Dear members,

Welcome to the second year of British Society Deventer's existence. We look back upon a satisfactory year of our new English club. The change to a different venue, De Schalm and to mostly, Sunday afternoons for our talks has proved to be a good one. Below you will find this year's programme, starting, of course with our Annual General Meeting (which will take up only a short while) to be followed by our Quiz Night **on Wednesday 28 September at 8 pm.** Venue is **de Schalm, Dreef 1, 7414 EA, Deventer.** Bus number 2 will take you right in front of De Schalm and there are good parking facilities.

The Committee is delighted that our old friend **John Pilkington** has not forgotten the many times he spoke to us when we were still GNE and is once more prepared to be speaking especially to us on Sunday **22 January 2017!** We are sure to need extra chairs that afternoon!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING on 28 September 2016

The Secretary's Report and Treasury Reports will be sent to you before the meeting.

QUIZ NIGHT



If you are wondering what our Quiz night will be like, here are some indications. We will be working in groups of 4-5 people who will decide on one answer together. There will be 4 categories of questions, namely: *Around England, Theatre and Musicals, Scotland and Famous Faces.*

This is a wonderful chance to brush up on your knowledge of Britain in a friendly atmosphere as last year's quiz proved! Fred Santing, together with Bob Stegeman and AnneMarie Meijer, our secretary, have prepared all the questions. There will be small prizes for the winners and *wooden spoons* for the group that has still some work to do. Do join us on 28 September!

A WARM WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to *Mrs Karen van Munster-Meakin* from Deventer who recently joined the British Society Deventer. We hope she will enjoy her membership.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Our treasurer would like to remind you of the membership fees about which you will have received a separate letter on 15 August. Your early remittance before 1 September will be appreciated.

Couples €4,00 Single members €30,00

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THE COMMITTEE 2016-2017

Our proposal for the committee will be as follows:

Fred Santing – chair

AnneMarie Meijer – secretary

Cor Koppert – treasurer

Marijke Lemmerman-van de Worp – Events & Lodgings Coordinator

Mariëtte Kooy – member-at-large

The Newsletter will be taken care of by Els Vorenkamp (no committee member).

PROGRAMME 2016-2017

Date	Speaker	Title	VENUE & time
Wednesday 28 September 2016		ALV & quiz night	De Schalm 19.30
Sunday 30 October 2016	Lis Howell	BBC- its past, its future and its relationship with Holland	De Schalm 15.00
Sunday 20 November 2016	Jos Paardekooper	Charles Dickens in America	De Schalm 15.00
Saturday 10 December 2016		Christmas Tea & Film	Filmhuis de Keizer 13.30
Sunday 22 January 2017	John Pilkington	Russia & Europe: What's next?	De Schalm 15.00
Saturday 11 February 2017		Film & tea	Filmhuis de Keizer 13.30
Sunday 12 March	Paul Franssen	The Genius of Shakespeare	De Schalm 15.00
April/May 2017		End of season party	

READING GROUP

Our reading group meets every 6 weeks or so on a Friday afternoon when we discuss in English a mostly recently published English novel with an occasional choice of an American author. Our group would like to welcome new members. If you are interested to join us please contact us for more information. (Els Vorenkamp 0571-270092)

Titles on the programme this autumn are: **Where my Heart used to Beat by Sebastian Faulks** on 23 September. On 18 November we will discuss **Mothering Sunday by Graham Swift**. Reviews from English papers will be provided.

Why not join us for an afternoon to see if you like what we are doing?

Where my Heart used to Beat by Sebastian Faulks.

The 13th novel by this author, who may be considered as one of the most important of this moment, takes us back again to France, World War 2 and the present. At the heart of this novel is Robert Hendricks, a psychiatrist who is in his 60s. He is a lonely bachelor, a hero of WW2 who has seen action in North Africa, Italy and France. Central to his life is the fact that he grew up without his father. When Robert receives an invitation from an elderly French neurologist, who claims to have mementoes of his lost father who he served with in the WW1, he travels to France to meet this intriguing stranger. Robert speaks to this Frenchman of his own war experiences and his great love, an Italian girl he met and lost in the war. At the end of this engaging novel Robert has changed and maybe has come to terms with his eventful life. This book has more than one qualities: philosophical observations, well-researched history, sensuous descriptions and humanity in all its strength and weakness.

TIPS OF THE MONTH

If you love the beautiful British television series such as *Wolf Hall*, *Last Tango to Halifax*, *the Durrells*, *War & Peace* or detectives then you may be interested in **BBC First** (not to be confused with BBC 1). You will find it with **Ziggo and KPN**.

<http://www.bbceurope.com/benelux/zenders/first/>

On Saturday **10 September** the annual **Weldam Castle Fair**, Markelo, organized by the Anglican Church, St. Mary’s Church, will be held again from 11.00 am to 17.00 pm. With Morris dancers, bag pipers, home-made pies, flowers arrangements, a Fancy Hat competition, pomologists (experts on apple varieties), garden designers, some vintage English cars and much more. Admittance: €6,50. Have a look at News & Events on:

<http://www.anglicanchurchtwente.com/>

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<p>COMMITTEE, BSD DEVENTER 2015-2016</p> <p>Fred Santing, chairman (038-4652759) AnneMarie Meijer Secretary (0570-631324) Marijke Lemmerman Events & Lodgings Coordinator (0571-271630) Cor Koppert Treasurer (0570-590707) Mariëtte Kooy, member-at-large (0575-551719)</p>	<p>ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Couples €54,00 Singles €30,00 Bank nr NL25 INGB 0003 158375 tnv British Society Deventer Membership year: 1 July – 30 June In practice, our season of talks and events starts on 1 September</p>
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