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Dear members,

Autumn has finally arrived! You can read a poetic impression of this season by Robert Louis Stevenson further down in this Newsletter.

Our **Christmas Event at the Filmhuis** will take place on **Saturday afternoon 22 December**. Please note this date as it has been rescheduled. This year's film will be **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society**, made after the famous novel. The invitation and how to enter your name will be sent to you soon.

On 7 October members of British Society Deventer met for the first time in the new season for the Annual General Meeting, the report of which will be sent to you separately. After the AGM it was time for our traditional pub quiz, which was a little less difficult compared to last year's, as requested by several members. As always it was great fun to try and find an answer together to the excellent questions, often with photos. A big thank you to the team who put this quiz together! There were four teams: the Fantastic Four, the Wooden Spoons, the Pickwick Players and the Highlanders. The Highlanders were the winning team, the Wooden Spoons did not receive the wooden spoons this year for coming last. That honour was awarded to the Pickwick Players.

Our next talk, **Sissinghurst Garden and its History** will be given by **Monique Wolak** on **Sunday 11 November 2018 at 3 pm**. As usual the venue is De Schalm, near shopping centre Borgele.

About the talk

Although mentioned before, here is some extra information on the talk .In the spring of 1930 Vita Sackville-West saw the property of Sissinghurst Castle, fell in love with it, bought it and made it her home and garden. And she did a fabulous job! This Arts & Crafts garden is now one of the most famous gardens in the world. It has a certain spell which moves people and continues to do so, although Vita is long gone. But her garden has been well tended by several Head Gardeners, each of whom put his or her stamp on it. This, and the fact that Sissinghurst became a National Trust garden in 1967, has resulted though, that the garden gradually drifted away from its original plan. Therefore Troy Scott Smith and Monique Wolak set up a seven year plan to “Revitalize Vita”. Monique will talk about Vita’s ideas and the development of the garden under the different head gardeners.

About the speaker.

Monique Wolak studied Garden and Landscape Architecture at Wageningen University & Research. There she combined the study of architecture with heritage research and environmental psychology. This combination stands at the base of all her work which centers around her own garden, landscape and heritage company. Listed gardens, parks and landscapes are the core of her projects. Her love for Britain, its people, landscape and gardens culminated from January 2014 onwards in the loveliest work she could imagine: working with the head gardener of National Trust’s Sissinghurst Castle Garden, one of the world’s most famous gardens. At the beginning of 2018 she has been asked by Professor Dr. Erik A. de Jong to work with him on a worldwide garden history project, which she now combines with her work.



AUTUMN, a poem

In the other gardens,
And all up in the vale,
From the autumn bonfires
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over,
And all the summer flowers,
The red fire blazes,
The grey smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!
Something bright in all!
Flowers in the summer,
Fires in the fall!

Robert Louis Stevenson

COFFEE TOGETHER

On **13 November at 11 am** Coffee Together will be organized again. Venue: De Buren van Schimmelpenninck, Brink 22, Deventer. If you are interested in practising your English please sign up with Marijke Lemmerman. h.lemmermandworp@upcmail.nl
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READING GROUP

Recently our group discussed **The Beginning of Spring**, a short novel by the award winning author **Penelope Fitzgerald**.(1916-2000). According to one critic she has mastered a city, a landscape and a vanished time. It is a Russian doll of a novel, the layers just go on unpeeling. The Beginning of Spring reveals a world that is shifting (The Russian Revolution, the First World War looming) like the ice that begins to thaw at the end of the book.

It is March 1913, and the grand old city of Moscow is stirring herself to meet the beginning of spring. Change is in the air, and nowhere more so than at 22 Lipkastreet, the home of English printer Frank Reid. One day Frank's wife Nellie takes the train back to England, with no explanation, leaving him with their three young children. Into his life comes Lisa Ivanovna, an untroubled country girl. But is she? And why has Frank's accountant Selwyn, gone to such lengths to bring them together? And who is the passionate Volodya, who breaks into the press at night?

An attractive novel, which is especially great in atmosphere but with many layers and a lot of symbolism, we thought.

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