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Waddesdon Manor

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Dear members,

After the impressive film *The Children Act* in het Filmhuis on 16 February, we would like to inform you now on the next talk on 17 March at De Schalm, shopping centre Borgele on Sunday afternoon at 3 pm.

WADDESDON MANOR BY SIMON WALES ON 17 MARCH

A year in the Life of Waddesdon Manor.

Waddesdon was created by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild in the 1880s to display his outstanding collection of art treasures, and to entertain fashionable society. Fast-forward to 2019, and Waddesdon welcomes nearly half a million visitors annually to a year-round programme of events and temporary exhibitions. Now one of the most-visited National Trust sites and managed by the Rothschild Foundation charity, there are hundreds of staff and volunteers who are responsible for looking after visitors throughout the season, plus managing the constant planning, maintenance, conservation, investment and challenges that are involved.



The speaker, **Simon Wales** is the General Manager of Waddesdon manor. With a background in music and the performing arts, Simon previously held the position of General Manager of Town Hall Birmingham, a 1000-seat concert hall. He was the founding Centre Director of LSO St Luke's, the London Symphony Orchestra's music education centre. He sings in the London Symphony Chorus in the tenor section.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyYuxTfdtKo>

LOOKING BACK

On 16 February we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at Filmhuis De Keizer when **The Children Act**, after the novel by Ian McEwan, was shown. The moral dilemmas of a High Court Judge (Emma Thompson) was just one aspect of this captivating story. The English delicacies were very tasty and were baked by members of the committee. If you wish to have a go at baking the so-called “*flapjacks*” yourself: the recipe can be found on the website of *Landleven*.

A WARM WELCOME

We'd like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Anne van der Spek from Deventer and Mrs Rita Gaillard from Colmschate who recently joined our Society. We hope they will enjoy their membership and Anne also that of our reading group.

READING CLUB

This month we'll be discussing **Crusoe's Daughter** by **Jane Gardam**, who is also famous in our country for her **Old Filth Trilogy**.

In 1904, when she was six, Polly Flint went to live with her two holy aunts at the yellow house by the marsh – so close to the sea that it seemed to toss like a ship, so isolated that she might have been marooned on an island, like Robinson Crusoe. And there she stayed for 81 years, while the country raged around her, while lamplight and Victorian order became chaos and nuclear dread. **Crusoe's Daughter**, ambitious, moving and wholly original, is her story.

According to *the Times* this is a smashing novel. We are looking forward to discussing it.

BREXIT, the continuing story ?

These famous lines even seem to apply in Brexit times.

*This royal throne of kings, this sceptred isle,
This earth of majesty, this seat of mars,
This other Eden, demi-paradise,
This fortress built by Nature for herself,
Against infection and the hand of war,
This happy breed of men, this little world,
This precious stone set in the silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall
Or as a moat defensive to a house,
Against the envy of less happier lands, -
This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England.*

William Shakespeare, from John of Gaunt's speech in *Richard II*.

COFFEE TOGETHER

If you'd like to practice your speaking skills in a small group, our next Coffee Together will take place on Tuesday 12 April. De Buren van Schimmelpenninck, Brink 22 is our venue as usual. This time Marijke Lemmerman will guide the conversation. Members only, free of charge, except your coffee. Please sign up with Marijke Lemmerman

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TIPS OF THE MONTH

Tea with the Dames is the title of a documentary film starting on 23 February at Filmhuis de Keizer.

What happens when four legends of British stage and screen get together? Dame Maggie Smith, Dame Judi Dench, Dame Eileen Atkins and Dame Joan Plowright are among the most celebrated actresses of our time. They are also long time friends who invite you to join them for a weekend in the country as they catch up with each other and share their thoughts on everything. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeGalFcq0JU>

From 28 February the film **Peterloo** will be on view at Filmhuis de Keizer.

Peterloo tells the story of one of the most defining moments of the British democracy, the notorious Peterloo Massacre of 1819. Outraged by the ever growing poverty in the country, more than 60.000 men, women and children gather in St. Petersfield in Manchester to demand political reform from their government. What should have been a peaceful protest, ended in one of the blackest episodes in British history. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dj5h1kKjVYc>

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