



British Society Deventer

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SEASON 2018-2019

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Dear members,

This is the last Newsletter of season 2018-2019. The Committee is looking back on a successful year. A year in which 4 English talks were given, two film showings, including our Christmas Event and an End-of-season Event of which you can see a photograph below.

Although it is never easy to find good English speakers who are willing to travel to Deventer and speak to the British Society Deventer, the committee has been successful in composing an attractive programme for next year 2019-2020. This includes a very special guest speaker: **John Pilkington**. John will travel to Deventer to tell about his latest trip through Eritrea and Ethiopia. New in the programme is a **music performance** by three very talented musicians from Wales. So, there will be enough to look forward to at British Society Deventer!

Here is next season's programme starting on Sunday, 6 October 2019

Date	Speaker	Titel	Venue & Time
6 October 2019	AGM followed by a talk by Inez van Gisteren	Anglophiles: addicts, fools or the right kind?	14.30 De Schalm
10 November 2019	John Pilkington	To Eritrea & Ethiopia	1500 De Schalm
21 December 2019		Christmas Film & Tea	13.30 Filmhuis de Keizer
19 January 2020	Muriel de Beer	Dream on! – Kunst en Cultuur in het Victoriaanse Tijdperk. The talk will be given in Dutch.	15.00 De Schalm
22 February 2020	Film & Tea		13.30 Filmhuis de Keizer
22 March 2020	Roy Wales	The British Choral Tradition & Tales of a Travelling Musician	15.00 De Schalm
18 April 2020	End-of Season Concert & Tea	A Country Carousel, music from Wales & other parts of Britain	14.00 Kleine Noorddijk, Twello

END-OF-SEASON EVENT

On 8 June as many as 31 members and their guests visited the gardens of De Roode Hoeve at Nijbroek. After coffee and cake in the tastefully furnished farm house we went on a guided tour or individually walked through the lovely gardens. Although temperatures were rather autumnal and the wind was quite strong, this was very pleasant. The gardens are beautifully laid-out and of course well-kept. Many also visited the bric-a-brac shop with its small antiques and dinner services. After this we proceeded to Twello where we were served an excellent lunch at Swinckels Restaurant, Twello.

In all it was a very pleasant outing and an excellent opportunity to socialize.



READING CLUB

This summer we'll be celebrating the 20th anniversary of our reading club with an English Tea. Formerly we were members of the Genootschap Nederland-Engeland, now we are naturally a sub-club of British Society Deventer. Over the years we have discussed in the region of 140, mostly attractive, English and American novels. What a delight to know there are still so many books waiting for us to be read!

This summer we have **Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont by Elizabeth Taylor** (not the actress) on the programme. This novel was first published in 1971 but has the atmosphere of the 1950s.

On a rainy afternoon Mrs Palfrey arrives at the Claremont Hotel where she will spend her remaining days. Her fellow residents are a mixed bunch, living off crumbs of affection and an obsessive interest in hotel meals. Together, upper lips stiffened, they fight off their twin enemies, boredom and the Grim Reaper. And then, one day, Mrs Palfrey encounters the handsome young writer Ludo, and an unlikely friendship is formed...

The Daily Telegraph wrote of this novel: "Taylor is a fearsome writer, ruthless in her examination of solitude and a sparkling chronicler of ordinary lives."

Recently a number of so-called *Brexit novels* have been published featuring British citizens of the country heading for Brexit.

One of these novels is **Middle England by Jonathan Coe**. Now you may think you have seen and heard more than enough about the turmoil the UK is in but this novel is also a good read! It follows the lives of people from different backgrounds in the years leading up to the Referendum and beyond. As it was written before 2018, recent developments concerning Theresa May are not in the story, which may be just as well. Through the various characters in the book Jonathan Coe expresses his opinion of some of the politicians involved. Some politicians may not be pleased by seeing their names but is it not proof of a politician's importance to be mentioned (favourably or not) in a novel of this standard?

Enjoy your summer with these two attractive books.

TIP FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

This year's **Castle Fair at Weldam Castle** will be organized on **14 September from 11 -17 pm**. Proceeds will go the Anglican Church Twente.

Quilts, bookbinding, bakery products, jewellery, wooden toys and bric-à-brac will be on offer with some new demonstrations as well. In the famous tea room you will find English delicacies such as scones, carrot cakes, chocolate cakes. Outside jams and chutneys, English pies, fudge and ice creams are on offer.

As always music will be an important part of the fair with performances by bagpipers and Morris dancers. A stroll through the beautiful gardens of Weldam Castle should not be forgotten.

Castle Weldam is situated on the N824 between Goor and Diepenheim. There are ample parking facilities.

Entry fee €7 per person, children free. With your ticket you also take part in the Raffle.

On **Sundays from 7 July to 11 August from 13.30 to 16.30** English Teas will be organized. St Mary's Church will also be open to the public. Visitors can visit this church nearby with a guided tour.

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