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SEASON 2019-2020

NEWSLETTER NO. 1, September 2019

Dear members,

Welcome to a new season with British Society Deventer with talks, films and teas and special events.

We are starting on **Sunday 6 October at 14,30 pm** with our **Annual General Meeting** followed by a short talk by **Mrs Inez van Gisteren:**

Anglophiles: addicts, fools or the right kind?

The venue is De Schalm, Deventer, please note we will be **starting at 14.30 pm** this time.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Preceding the talk on 6 October our AGM will be held during which BSD matters of the previous year and of the coming year will be discussed. Further information, such as the Agenda, The Secretary's Report and the Treasurer's Report will be sent to you in due course.



Anglophiles: addicts, fools or the right kind?

Inez van Gisteren has been passionate about England ever since she visited a friend's family in Kent in 1992. During the year she lived and worked as a carer in England, she had an inside view of the people; their customs, habits, lifestyle etc. Though she loves the country, she doesn't always approve. But love takes you unawares and makes you blind, doesn't it? She spent many holidays in England, cycling round and visiting gardens, stately homes, quaint little villages, towns and other places of interest. She worked as a tour guide for SRC Cultuurvakanties in 2002 and since 2013 she has worked for Garden Tours. In her spare time she used to be a guide at the St. Janskathedraal in 's-Hertogenbosch for many years when she lived in Brabant. She has lived in Deventer since 2012 and is now a guide at the IJssellinie in Olst.

What is it that makes England so special to us? Ever since I was there for the first time England has moved me far more than any other country I ever visited. Yet the country is far from perfect. So what is it that makes us cross the North Sea time and again? Even though they drive on the wrong side of the road, use their forks upside down and don't want to be with us in the EU any more. Still we can't seem to go wrong as long as we are over there and a feeling of general happiness comes over us as soon as we start talking about England. Or do we simply have the wrong (or right?) genes? A talk about happiness and madness, about who is right and who is wrong, with lots of pride and prejudice and perhaps not so much sense and sensibility. Not for the seriously minded!

MEMBERSHIP FEES 2019-2020

Membership fees this year will stay the same, we are happy to inform you.

Please remit €27 for single members and €54 for couples to bank number NL25INGB0003158375 to Penningmeester British Society Deventer. Our treasurer Cor Koppert appreciates your early remittance.

PROGRAMME 2019-2020

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: retracing a Victorian Expedition	15.00 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

READING CLUB

This summer we have been celebrating the 20th anniversary of our reading club with an excellent English Tea at restaurant De Hoestinkhof, Markelo. No discussions of books this time but just friendly chatting. The next book to be discussed in September will be Mrs Palfrey at the Claremont Hotel by Elizabeth Taylor, which was discussed in our Newsletter of June.

This year has seen the publication of several novels dealing with Brexit. Some, like Middle England by Jonathan Coe, (Newsletter June 2019) show a cross section of the British population and their feelings on Brexit. Less serious is a small book, not a novel exactly, which looks at the situation in a humorous and ironic sort of way. It is called **Alice in Brexit land** by **Leavis Carroll (who is Lucien Young)**. With a subtitle that runs: you don't have to be mad to live here but it helps.

Yes, it follows Alice's adventures in Wonderland, who falls down a hole and meets all kinds of strange creatures including the Heartless Queen, the Corbyn pillar (a caterpillar) and many others. No politician is spared. Its 100 pages are brimful of irony. Easy to imagine who impersonates the grinning Cheshire Cat!

And yes, Alice awakes in the end and hopes it has all been a nasty dream... This booklet makes a very nice present for an Anglophile friend but read it yourself first!

TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

Downton Abbey, the film at Filmhuis de Keizer from 12th September.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tu3mP0c51hE>

Exhibition at Museum More, Gorssel

For Real | British Realists in the 1920s and 1930s

On show at Museum MORE from 15 September 2019 – 5 January 2020

Location: Gorssel

For the first time outside of Great Britain. This Autumn, Museum MORE is organizing a major retrospective *For Real*. With 75 works by no fewer than 35 artists, the museum puts the best, most fascinating and unexpected of British painting from the interbellum in the spotlight.

<https://www.museummore.nl/english/>

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