

To Save a Life – Talk by Loek Caspers on 11 August 2017



Loek has been a member of our Club for many years, and her book “To Save a Life” has a permanent place in our Library. She held us spellbound for nearly an hour and a half with stories of her work in the Dutch Resistance during the Second World War: accompanying children to safe houses, delivering items needed by people fleeing the occupying forces, being at a certain place at a certain time as a means of communication, travelling on false documents, cycling everywhere in all weathers on a bike with solid tyres, there seemed to be no end to her experiences. One story had a very heart-warming ending: she accompanied a very small boy by train to a safe address, and the distressed child cried a lot during the journey. This in itself was dangerous, as the child in calling for his Mummy could easily have alerted officers to what Loek was doing. She pretended to be his aunt, as his “mother was ill” and this explained his tears. Many years later quite by chance, she met this child, now an elderly man, again. This time he was better able to express his thanks and gratitude to her! A wonderful talk by an extraordinary lady.