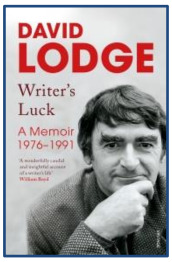
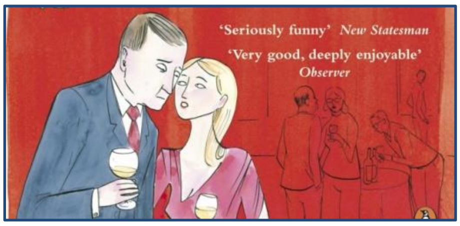
The British Club of The Hague

What you can look forward to in the month of JULY 2019

Friday 5	 12.00	*July is traditionally a holiday month, so instead of inviting a speaker, this is a Club holiday! A time to relax, catch up with what's been going on, enjoy a different perspective. Come to the Club this week with an open mind, and see what happens…* **Improve your Bridge** *with John Macfarlane* **Mahjong**	
Friday 12	10.45 12.00	*In contrast, Hazel has chosen a topic for the* **General Discussion Group** *which is sure to generate a lot of debate -* **BIG BROTHER***…* *BB has evolved since he was first conceived by George Orwell in the book 'Big Brother', written in 1949. He is still watching us, but has now found the perfect home in the digital world. Information technology reveals what organisations we belong to, what products we buy, what books we read, what websites we visit. CCTV records what we do, where we go, who we go with. There can be no going back - but can things get worse?* **Improve your Bridge** *with John Macfarlane* **Mahjong**	
Friday 19	10.30 12.00	**'The Seniors'** *is a category of membership discontinued some years ago, but there are still some Club Members who are strictly 'Seniors', and their welfare is co-ordinated by Luise van der Meer. On 3rd Fridays, they have an* **Open Table**, *when non-Seniors can join them at their special table for coffee and conversation.* **Improve your Bridge** *with John Macfarlane* **Mahjong**	
Thursday 25	11.30	*Maggie is organising this visit to the* **Rijswijk Museum Textile Biennale** *- an unmissable treat, as any Member who has been to earlier editions of the Biennale will know. This year, new and vintage go hand-in-hand as 22 artists explore the past and the present: in their use of applied techniques and materials, and in their choice of subjects. The majority of the artists create work that comments on contemporary issues, using large gestures or in intimate ways. This international exhibition will present a kaleidoscopic cross-section of fibre arts.*	

Thursday 25 (continued)		Details: Museum Rijswijk, Herenstraat 67, 2282 BR Rijswijk Cost: €12.50; or €4.00 with MuseumCard Afterwards: optional lunch at nearby De Wit's (at own expense) Deadline for signing up: Friday, 19 July - or please contact Maggie on *activitiesBCH@gmail.com*, stating whether you will stay for lunch, and giving your mobile number.	
Friday 26	10.45 12.00	*This month the* **Readers' Discussion Group** *will be led by Sylvia in a review of* **Deaf Sentence** *by David Lodge. "Deafness is comic, as blindness is tragic." Deafness may not be a death sentence, but it does mean an end to Professor Desmond Bates' life in academia, leaving him condemned to a life lacking purpose. On the other hand, his second wife Fred (Winifred) acquires a "rejuvenating career and a new look, while he grows older and deafer and subject to occasional erectile dysfunction". Besides his domestic problems, Desmond has to deal with his senile father, and the disconcerting requests of Alex, a student who is writing her doctorate on suicide notes. Although the themes of death and life's fragility permeate the book, it is full of humour, and according to the Irish Times, "enjoyable and thought provoking".* **Improve your Bridge** *with John Macfarlane* **Mahjong**	 

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