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Dates for your diary



ABCA events in **BOLD** type

8 Feb-5 May	MUHKA : Lars von Trier's Melancholia : The Diamond
5 April-15 Sept	Plantin Moretus Museum : exhibition "The Grotesques"
12th May	ABCA : guided walk "Stripmuren"
23 rd May	Sportpaleis : Elton John – "Farewell Yellow Brick Road" concert
26 th May	Lambertmontmartre art market - noon till 5
29th May	ABCA open evening at the Highlander
31 May–2 nd June	BATS Variety Show

Advance Notice:

7-8 June	Fashion Masters 2019 : expo
22nd June	ABCA : guided tour Boekenberg Park museum
23 rd June	Flea Market on Dageraadplaats
26th June	ABCA : Change of date – AGM & open evening
21st July	ABCA : annual BBQ - Linkeroever
15 th August	Rubens market on the Grote Markt
25th August	ABCA : mussels lunch at the Highlander

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BATS British American Theatrical Society: contact Jill Franks

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From our Chairman

Dear Members,

My favourite season has to be Spring as it is gradually blooming into Summer. The month of flowers with lots of sunshine to give us energy. All things seem possible in May.

To all of you not well or in hospital – get well soon.

Mary Ann Marinus
Chairman

Thought for the month

To the world you may be one person but
to one person you may be the world.

Taylor Hansen

Membership Matters

New Members

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R.I.P.



Philip Knight passed away in April after a short illness. To his family we extend our sincere condolences.

Your Association needs you!

There will be a vacancy on the committee as from the AGM. If you, or anyone you know (with their permission), would be interested in joining us, please let us know (names and addresses on the back of the newsletter). We usually only meet about four times a year to discuss coming events and consider any other matters which arise, so it is not very time-consuming.

ABCA event – Stripmuren (Cartoon Walls), 12th May



Belgium is the land of comic strips. You can experience this in Antwerp. Discover the city in a different way by hunting for comic strip walls. During your search you'll explore various neighbourhoods and before you know it you'll be standing in front of one of the ten towering Antwerp murals. Antwerp's comic strip walls project, **Muurvast**, gives boring, poorly-maintained or heavily tagged walls a colourful face-lift. The monumental murals are a pleasant surprise for visitors and Antwerp residents.

The walk will last around 2hr 30mins and is not considered too tiring for those not so good on their feet; also there will be a pitstop at some point.

Date: Sunday, May 12th at 2pm

Price: €18 pp - Payment, to be made to ABCA account N° BE11 2200 3243 8048.

Meeting point: 't Eilandje

Annual donations to Charities

We welcome your suggestions for suitable charities in the Antwerp region. Drop a line to anyone on the Committee.

Change of date for the AGM



As the Highlander was closed for holidays at the end of April, the AGM this year will be held on Wednesday June 26th instead. If you are likely to be on holiday yourself at this time, please send in your votes early. The ballot papers are included in this newsletter. Many thanks.

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The advertisement features a photograph of a young girl and a young boy looking at a laptop together. The girl is on the left, smiling, and the boy is on the right, pointing at the screen. They are outdoors in front of a brick building. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

ABCA Event – Boekenberg

Advance Notice : Guided tour Boekenberg Park Museum, June 22nd



The artificial grotto complex of Boekenberg park is the largest of its kind in Western Europe. The complex was built on the initiative of Jan Willem Smets at the beginning of the 19th century with rocks were transported from Wallonia. Originally the grotto was built for the enjoyment of guests of the owner of the castle. Later two of the halls were used as ice cellars. In 1961 the Speleological Society of Deurne was given use of the complex and it then proceeded to create the Natural History museum which opened on 1 September 1963. Today the grottos are run by the Work Group of the Natural History Museum Boekenberg.

The grotto is also recognized as a “bat friendly environment” as the complex has provided a refuge for different species of bats who come for the winter.

In the museum you can also see the “gnome” skull of the last gnome who lived in Boekenberg park. This skull was found in the grotto and was given a place of honour in the museum. It is believed to be around 210 years old.

Date: Saturday, June 22

More details to follow in the June newsletter.

Annual General Meeting of the

ANTWERP BRITISH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION VZW

This year's AGM will take place on June 26, 2019 at the Highlander on the Stadswaag. The AGM starts at 8.30 pm, but the evening will begin at our usual Open Evening time of 7.30 pm.

Remember: unless your membership for the current year is fully paid, you cannot vote at the AGM, stand for Committee or nominate anyone else to stand; and following the AGM, your membership will cease. For your information, Committee members are elected for a term of two years, after which they have to be re-elected. The following Committee members are willing to stand for election having served a two-year term:

Margaret du Maine

Jill Barnard

Mabel Baker

The following has served one year of a two-year term on the Committee and therefore can remain on the Committee without having to be re-elected: **Mary Ann Marinus**

During the year the committee co-opted Suzanne Van Eersel and she therefore also stands for election by the AGM.

Attached is a nomination form. Each member of ABCA eligible to vote (that is to say, a fully paid-up member whose membership payment for the present year has been made before 31st March 2019) is able to nominate up to six persons for election to the Committee, in addition to those already serving or standing (see above).

You must have received the agreement of each person that you nominate to accept nomination, and these people must also be full or honorary members of ABCA.

Should the number of nominations exceed the number of places available on the Committee, then a ballot will be necessary. In order for this ballot to take place, the form or forms below must be returned to the Chairman by 20th June.

Nomination form

I, a Full Member of ABCA and thus able to nominate up to six Full Members of ABCA for the 2019/2020 Committee, nominate the following, all of whom have confirmed to me their willingness to stand for election.

<i>Nominee (in block letters)</i>	<i>Nominated by (in block letters)</i>
1	(signature below)
2	
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Donations

We propose the following charities for this year : Kamiano, British Charitable Fund, Moeders voor Moeders.

E-mail Mary Ann Marinus before 20th June.

Pieter Bruegel – 450th Anniversary



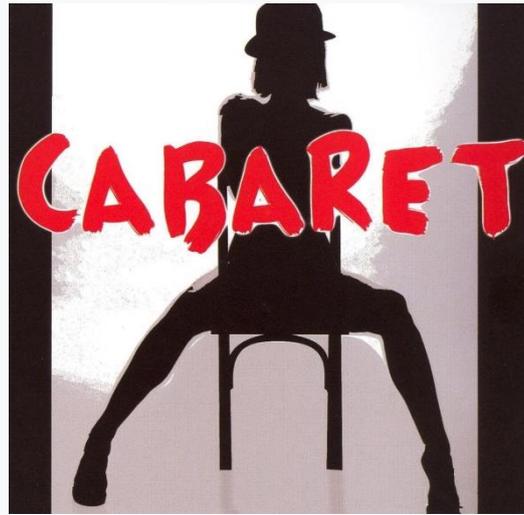
(Feast of Fools by Pieter Bruegel)

Pieter Bruegel (1525?-1569) is widely regarded as the 16th century's greatest Netherlandish painter. He is known for his landscapes and peasant scenes (so-called genre painting). Already in the 16th century, Habsburg collectors recognised the exceptional quality and originality of Bruegel's imagery. Bruegel's stunning compositions are often show a moral and always teem with characters, inviting the viewer to reflect on the multi-layered complexity of the image's contents. Paintings such as 'Proverbs', 'Children's Games', Dulle Griet (Mad Meg), 'The Wedding Dance' and 'The Land of Cockaigne' are very recognisable and admired worldwide. To be closer to the centre of money and power and thus potential clients, Bruegel moved to Brussels in 1563 to established himself in the Marolles at that time a wealthy neighbourhood close to his wealthy patrons. Brussels and the surrounding Pajottenland served as great inspiration for Bruegel: two-thirds of his total of forty paintings were painted there! The Royal Museum of Fine Arts of Belgium possesses the largest collection of the artist's paintings outside of Vienna, and the Royal Library holds no fewer than 90 prints.

In 2019 all these treasures can be viewed with various organisations offering guided Bruegel walks that take in all the locations related to him and the fascinating period during which he lived. Come and (re)discover Bruegel's world and his work in the historic heart of Brussels!

There are also large-scale exhibitions on the artist at Bokrijk open-air museum and at the Castle of Gaasbeek.

Cabaret



Goodbye to Berlin is a 1939 novel by Christopher Isherwood set in Weimar Germany. The novel, a semiautobiographical account of Isherwood's time in 1930s Berlin, describes pre-Nazi Germany and the people he met. It is episodic, dealing with a large cast over a period of several years from late 1930 to early 1933. Moving to Germany to work on his novel, Isherwood soon becomes involved with a diverse array of German citizens: the caring landlady, Frl. Schroeder; the "divinely decadent" Sally Bowles, a young Englishwoman who sings in the local cabaret and her coterie of admirers; Natalia Landauer, the rich, teenage Jewish heiress of a prosperous family business and Peter and Otto, a gay couple struggling to accept their relationship and sexuality in light of the rise of the Nazis.

The book, first published in 1939, highlights the groups of people who would be most at risk from Nazi intimidation. It was described by contemporary writer George Orwell as "brilliant sketches of a society in decay". These sketches were later turned into the hugely successful film musical, *Cabaret*, starring Liza Minnelli as Sally Bowles, Michael York as the Isherwood character, Brian Roberts, and the unforgettable Joel Grey as the Emcee.

The Fakkelteater is staging **CABARET** from May 25 through June 6 at the Rode Zaal, Hoogstraat 12. The same group that brought *My Fair Lady* to the Fakkelteater last year is mounting the production.

Cabaret takes place in Berlin in 1932/33 in the louche Kit-Kat club run by the sleazy-but-fun Master of Ceremonies who does his best to make the club patrons forget the crisis outside on the streets as the Nazis rise to power.

The music is legendary.

Willkomen, Bienvenue, Welcome to the Kit-Kat Club.....

The Magic Tree



The **Hawthorn** is a tree associated with **Beltane**, the ancient festival celebrating spring. In Celtic mythology it is one of the most sacred trees and symbolizes life and protection. It is also known as the **Fairy Tree**, as fairies live under the Hawthorn as its guardians, and so it was treated with great respect and care. However, politely collecting Hawthorn sprigs and flowers was allowed, especially by brides, who wore Hawthorn blossom in their hair or bouquets to symbolize their union. The Hawthorn is known for its longevity and can live over 400 years.

In March the Hawthorn tree's leaf-buds open and pale green leaves appear. These leaves are joined by masses of delicate white flower buds, which open in May to reveal blossoms with five white petals surrounding stamens with bright pink heads. Each flower produces a fruit, called a "Haw" which appear in July and ripen in October. Haws resemble small bright red apples which are loved by birds.

My buds, they cluster small and green;
The sunshine gaineth heat:
Soon shall the hawthorn tree be clothed
As with a snowy sheet.

O magic sight, the hedge is white,
My scent is very sweet;
And lo, where I am come indeed,
The Spring and Summer meet

SuDokus

May puzzles

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April solutions

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May Quiz

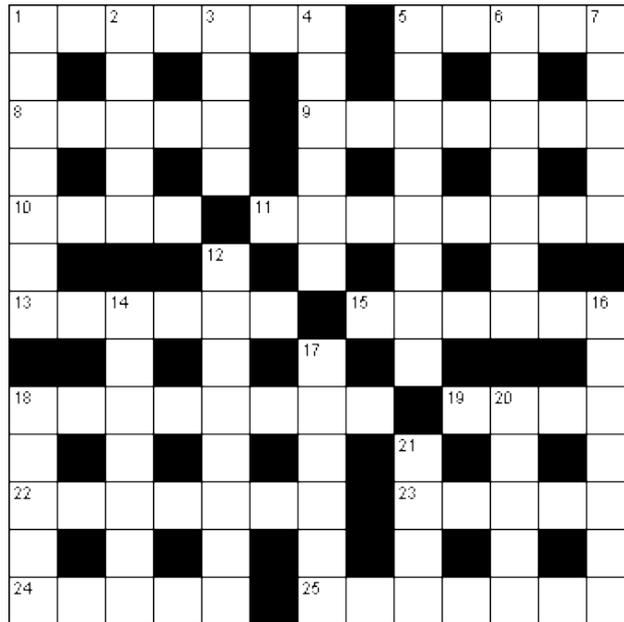


1. Where in the world would you expect to find a car with the vehicle registration code 'V'?
2. In which children's book did a spider called Charlotte and a pig called Wilbur appear?
3. Which Mexican artist produced works entitled 'The Broken Column' and 'Diego and I'?
4. How many sides has a heptadecagon?
5. What was the name of the character played by John Travolta in the film 'Pulp Fiction'?
6. Which was the first James Bond film to feature Roger Moore in the title role?
7. 'Suncrisp', 'Golden Russet' and 'Braeburn' are all varieties of which fruit?
8. In which country would you find the coastal resort of Lara Beach?
9. In which century was the first 'Grand National' horse race?
10. The letters of the word 'allergy' can be rearranged to form three other seven-letter words. Can you find all three of them?
11. Who played the title character in the BBC series 'Jonathan Creek'?
12. Who succeeded Henry II as King of England?
13. John Gosden and Mark Johnston are prominent names in which sport?
14. The logo for which popular app consists of a white telephone in a white speech bubble on a green background?
15. What was Baroness Thatcher's middle name?

April Answers

- 1) Jean Chretien; 2) Canada; 3) Venice; 4) April 10, 1998; 5) Hypocentre;
6) 60 days; 7) Polygraph; 8) Mossad; 9) Muhammad Rafiq Tarar; 10) Caravan of Death;
11) Venus; 12) Thomas Alva Edison; 13) Ebola virus; 14) Presidential Medal of Freedom; 15) Akio Morita.

May Crossword



Across

1. Fate (7); 5. Animal with two feet (5); 8. Musical instrument (5); 9. Aerial (7);
 10. Professional cook (4); 11. Delight (8); 13. Mass leaving (6); 15. Transparent gem (6);
 18. Entertainer (8); 19. Cab (4); 22. Planet nearest to the sun (7); 23. Similar (5);
 24. Fishing basket (5); 25. Ruminant (7)

Down

1. Fiasco (7); 2. Meaning (5); 3. Metallic element (4); 4. Annually (6); 5. Treachery (8);
 6. Flightless bird (7); 7. Curtain (5); 12. On time (8); 14. See (7); 16. Spear with three
 prongs (7); 17. Attorney (6); 18. Ape (5); 20. Nimble (5); 21. Young whale (4)

April solution



Useful Information

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ABCA recognizes the diversity of belief in contemporary British society and accordingly directs members wanting to contact other faith groups to the “Gids Levensbeschouwingen Antwerpen”/Multifaith Antwerp guide, published by the Stad Antwerpen.
Information on www.antwerpen.be - tel 03 338 3115.

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