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Dates for your diary



ABCA events in BOLD type

18 June	ABCA : guided visit to Fort Liefkenshoek Kallo
17-19 June	BATS Variety Show : Little Theatre Paardemarkt
End June	Royal Academy Fashion Show – Hangar 39, Waagnatie
23-25 June	Beer Passion Weekend, Groenplaats
June-September	Antwerp Beach – along the Schelde

Advance Notice:

June-August	Antwerp Summer Festival - Kammenstraat
30 June-3 July	Rock Werchter
July-August	Summer in Antwerp, programme Tourism Info Antwerp
7-10 July	Tall Ships Race
21st July	ABCA BBQ
August	Jazz Middelheim
27th August	ABCA Mussels lunch

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From our Chairman

Dear Members,

Our outing this month is a visit to Fort Liefkenshoek, an occasion to enjoy a different atmosphere.

As there will be no newsletter in July note the date of the Summer party and BBQ, but more importantly, let us know you're coming.

For those of you away on holiday over the next few months - have a wonderful time.

Best wishes,

Mary Ann Marinus
Chairman

Thought for the month

Happiness is not how much you have, but how much you enjoy it.

Membership matters



The Blue Book

In July, as most of you know, there will be no Newsletter (your editors will be enjoying a summer rest) BUT: the updated edition of the Blue Book is next on the agenda for completion.

Please let Margaret know if any of your details in the present Blue Book are incorrect or need amending in some way; you should receive the new Blue Book towards the end of July, so we need to hear from you by the middle of July at the latest.

See the last page of this Newsletter for contact details.

An advertisement for AIS Antwerp International School. On the left, three young men are walking outdoors, smiling. The first is wearing a red t-shirt and a backpack. The second is wearing a grey hoodie. The third is wearing a dark jacket. On the right, there is a white background with the AIS logo (a red feather-like shape above the letters 'AIS') and the text 'The Antwerp International School'. Below the logo, there is a paragraph of text: 'AIS has been a leader in international education since 1967. With over 35 nationalities represented within our student population, academics and learning beyond the classroom are our top priorities. Experience AIS today.' At the bottom right, there is a QR code and the website address 'www.ais-antwerp.be'. A dark red banner at the bottom left of the advertisement contains the text 'Inspiring Successful Futures' in white.

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Fort Liefkenshoek



Fort Liefkenshoek has changed hands a number of times in its eventful history. The original fort was built near the former hamlet of Liefkenshoek in Oost-Vlaamse Beveren and was a military establishment on the left bank of the Scheldt. The fort was built in 1579 opposite **Fort Lillo** (situated on the right bank of the river), probably on the orders of the Antwerp Magistrate's office. In July 1584 it fell into the hands of the Spanish army but was back in hands of the Antwerp authorities by April 1585. After the fall of Antwerp the following August, rebels of the North Netherlands held the fort. The peace Treaty of Munster then officially recognised it as the property of the Republic of the United Provinces of the Netherlands and the Republic subsequently controlled the river Scheldt up to the city of Antwerp. This fiscal barrier set up from Lillo and the Liefkenshoek was to prove harmful to Antwerp trade.

During the French occupation, between 1794 and 1814, the fort was expanded to include a gunpowder magazine and a semicircular bomb-free barracks. Afterwards the fort was used as a hospital and quarantine service until 1952. From 1964 to 1973 it was turned into a holiday centre for members of the Belgian military and their families. Today it is the property of Beveren and has been a classified monument since 1985.

ABCA is organising an outing to Fort Liefkenshoek on Sunday, June 18th
We meet at 14.15 at the entrance – the tour takes approx. 2 hours – Cost is a moderate €10 per person. Receipt of payment confirms your booking. And remember to phone Mary Ann (0486 646941 – pm only) to check for car pooling possibility if needed. Bank account number: BE11 2200 3243 8048.

To Fort Liefkenshoek by car from Central Antwerp:

E34 from N184 and N 113, R2 Oudedijk Beveren, Exit 11 Waaslandhaven – Noord

From R2: Oudedijk, Roundabout – 2nd exit then 1,5 kms, turn left to Ketenislaan/Sint Annalaan drive for 170 m, Visitors' centre Liefkenshoek, 4 Ketenislaan, 9130 Kallo

Advance Notice



4pm - Friday, July 21st

Yes it's that time of the year again when the men put on a chef's hat to cook up a storm at the annual ABCA BBQ. As usual the barbie will take place on July 21 at the traditional and very pleasant Sea Scouts' venue on the Linkeroever. It's easy to get to by trams from the Groenplaats and buses (all stop at Frederik van Edenplein) then a short walk (**upriver – left** with your back to the river) along the Beatrijslaan. The Sea-scouts are located just on from the VVW. There's ample car parking space.

The party starts at 4pm and ends at 9pm.

Any volunteers to help out with cutting up vegetables/mixing salads/seating arrangements are most welcome. Fingers crossed that the good weather we've enjoyed for the past few BBQs holds out this year.

There's a well-stocked bar at very democratic prices. As usual, we will be having a tombola at the end of the afternoon, the proceeds of which go towards our benevolent work – so if you have anything suitable you could donate as a prize please let us know; and do come prepared to buy tickets!

Those of you who have been members for a long time know that the barbecue is free for ABCA members, but we ask for a € 5 booking fee which will be refunded when you arrive. Non-ABCA members should pay € 14pp (€ 5.00 for children aged 12 and under). To reserve, make a bank transfer (**€ 5 or € 14 per person**) to ABCA account number: 220-0324380-48, stating "BBQ" and the number of people you are reserving for, or contact our Treasurer, Margaret du Maine, on tel/fax: 03/651 32 24, by Wednesday 17th July (or send an e-mail to mdumaine@scarlet.be).

Sunday, August 27th

Save the Date: The last Sunday of August can only mean one thing: our **annual mussels lunch**, a time for members to meet up again after the lengthy holiday period and compare notes.

As usual there will be an alternative for those who don't care for mussels. More details to follow with August's newsletter.



Minutes of the AGM

held on Wednesday 26th April 2017 at the Highlander

Register of Members Attending:

A register of members attending was taken and placed in the Association's records. Apologies were received from several of the members.

Minutes of the 2016 AGM

A motion to accept was proposed by Bill Burgum and seconded by Bob Chambers.

Chairman's report :

Venue : the Chairman started her report by thanking George and Elaine for their hospitality over the past year. They make us feel most welcome. We're wishing George a speedy recovery from surgery.

Newsletter: The Chairman wished to place on record thanks to Madeleine for the interesting and entertaining stories in the newsletter, Margaret for her invaluable help and assistance with the joint editing of the newsletter, Ton for proof reading and all for kindly agreeing to continue with these tasks.

Committee : the Chairman thanked the Committee members for their contributions and guidance throughout the past year. The Committee members up for re-election are Margaret and Jill. Penny has had to resign from the Committee due to illness and moving back to UK permanently. You may have seen in the newsletter that we've advertised for someone to step forward and join us on the Committee. Mabel de Bruycker-Baker kindly volunteered and was voted on unanimously. Welcome Mabel !

Events diary :

The Chairman's overview of the past year's outings :

"We started last May with a visit to the MAS "Antwerp à la Carte", in June we enjoyed going on a guided tour on the Spanish influences in Antwerp, then our Summer party & BBQ in July. The annual Mussels lunch at the end of August was well attended. In September we enjoyed the ride on the Tram de Lux. However the Antwerp Challenge Quiz in October was cancelled at the last minute due to lack of support. In November we had dinner at the new Italian restaurant on the Grote Markt followed in December by our traditional Christmas lunch and later in the month our Christmas drinks and mince pies at the open evening.

In January we went back to d'Aa Toert for a champagne brunch – a full house as every year! Then there were new year drinks at the end of the month. In February there was the Valentine High Tea at the Duke of Antwerp and in March coffee and a very interesting tour "behind the scenes at the Roma theatre". This brings me to the Easter lunch earlier this month, attended by 61 members.

We're starting the new season with the Spring concert by the Antwerp Police Band on 14th May and a guided visit to Fort Liefkenshoek in Kallø on 18th June – more on this in the June newsletter – those of you who need transport I'm sure we can organise carpooling.

Membership

In the last 12 months ABCA acquired 8 new members. Sadly 3 of our members passed away. Equally, some members choose not to renew their membership due to moving away or time constraints. The current membership stands at 151 paid up members.

Benevolent report

The following charities will receive a donation this year : Kamiano (Antwerp soup kitchen), Moeders voor Moeders and the BCF (British Charitable Fund). A vote on the amount to be donated was taken and we will transfer the sum of €750 to each in the next weeks.

The recipients of last year's donations sent a thank you which is appreciated.

From the Chairman : "I'd like to thank all our welfare visitors for keeping in touch with our older members and those in hospital. The Committee is indeed fortunate to be able to count on a number of home and hospital visitors who give so freely of their time. Visiting the sick, lonely and elderly is an essential task within our organisation. I'm sure it comes as no surprise that in the last 12 months weekly visits were undertaken by our band of volunteers. Once again I cannot stress enough that should you hear of anyone in hospital or in need of a visit to let us know. Committee members' details are on the back page of the newsletter. "

I would also like to thank the chauffeurs who provide transport especially to and from the Christmas and Easter lunches.

Christmas hampers were taken to members too ill to attend the Christmas lunch."

Financial report : Treasurer.

Scrutineers : Miss de Roover kindly agreed to take this on for the next financial year. With thanks.

Any Other Business :

1. Steve Cook asked if we could have ABCA badges made – this was voted acceptable and we'll look into possibilities.

The AGM closed at 9.15 pm.

Yokoso Festival – Hasselt



As part of the **Yokoso Festival**, celebrating 25 years of the Japanese Garden in Hasselt, the city's Mode Museum is hosting the exhibition **Across Japan** dedicated to Japanese fashion and its influence in the West. An important turning point came in Paris with the first collections of Yohji Yamamoto and Rei Kawakubo in the early Eighties. With their ragged, loose-fitting, ripped black garments they shook up the clothing industry and introduced a radically new concept of fashion. From then on, the West turned its eyes to everything Japanese and resumed an age-old intercultural dialogue. Designers and fashion houses represented at the exhibition are i.a. Balenciaga, Hanae Mori, Kenzo Takada, Issey Miyake, Yamamoto, Maison Margiela, Ann Demeulemeester and Iris van Herpen.

The Yokoso Festival also showcases art, food, traditions etc. over this spring and the coming summer and early autumn. One of the most famous traditions is the **Tanabata** ("Evening of the Seventh"), also known as the **Star Festival**. It celebrates the meeting of the deities Orihime and Hikoboshi. According to legend, the **Milky Way** separates these lovers, who are allowed to meet only once a year on the seventh day of the seventh lunar month of the **lunisolar calendar**. In present-day Japan people generally celebrate this day by writing wishes, sometimes in the form of poetry, on small pieces of paper, and hanging them on **bamboo**, often with other decorations. The bamboo and decorations are usually set afloat on a river or burned after the festival, around midnight.



Sunday July 9, 2017

Japanese Garden, Gouverneur Verwilghensingel 23, 3500 Hasselt

www.japansetuin.be

The Bruges Hinterland



(Loppem Castle)

A new website has been set up with information on the various attractions of the **Bruges Hinterland**. Besides its ideal location, the Hinterland offers a wide array of possibilities: picturesque polder villages, charming cities, medieval castles and abbeys, nature reserves and delicious local produce. Feel like escaping overpopulated cities? Explore green oases on your bike, on foot or on a scooter. Stop in an authentic public houses to taste a local beer and a typical regional dish. Below are a few examples of what's on offer.

Damme is a medieval town that offers an impressive heritage amid a magnificent natural landscape. The Damme canal connects the town to Bruges, ideal for a cycling trip of only 8 km while the city walls, nature reserves and the Ryckvelde domain are ideal walking sites. Admire the historic churches and buildings of the town centre or visit the literary museum The Uilenspiegel dedicated to one of Northern Europe's most famous folklore characters.

The landscaped park **Bulskampveld** is the largest connecting forest area in the province and covers 90km². The walking network offers routes totalling more than 150 km making it the most important rambling area in the region. The castle domain Bulskampveld is located at the centre of the area with a visitors' office where you can obtain all information on the various walking paths.

The hinterland of Bruges is also one of the most extensively wooded areas in Flanders where you can discover numerous forests and castles. One such is **Loppem Castle**. This 19th century castle, situated in the middle of a stunning English landscaped garden and containing an authentic maze, has played a prominent role in Belgian history. In October 1918, during the final liberation offensive of the First World War, King Albert I moved his headquarters to Loppem. A month later, the so called 'Government of Loppem' – the very first three-party alliance in Belgium – was formed here. Both the architecture and the original design of the castle are exceptionally well preserved and the art collection is very impressive. Particularly noteworthy are the wall paintings with captions by the poet Guido Gezelle. More information on the website:

<http://www.brugseommeland.be/en>

Midsummer's Eve



Where are you going, summer breeze?
Off beyond the fields and trees.

What do you see when you blow that way?
Children jumping from bales of hay.

What do you hear as you travel the land?
People dancing to an outdoor band.

What do you smell as you rush about?
The perfume of blossoms rushing out.

What do you taste as you soar up high?
Fresh corn on the cob and apple pie.

What do you feel as you climb to great heights?
The heat of the day and the warmth of the nights.

What do you wish for as you leave?
Let all folks enjoy this midsummer's eve.



SuDokus

June puzzles

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May solutions

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June Quiz

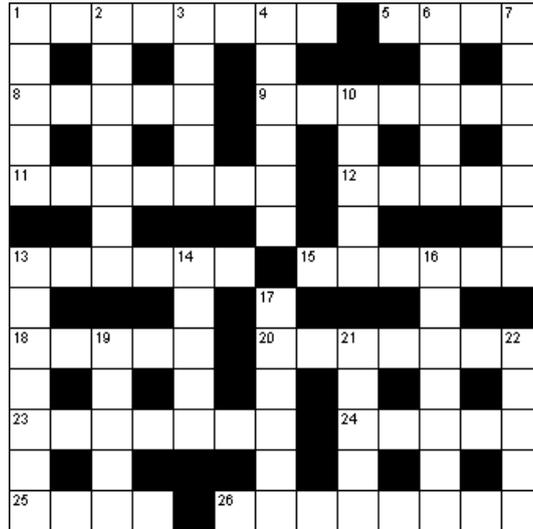


1. What gemstone is fossilized tree sap?
2. What's the square root of 729?
3. Derived from Greek for 'servant-woman' what term refers to a non-medical companion at birth, and increasingly death too?
4. An aquifer is a type of what?
5. In HTML computer language an 'unordered list' equates to what in conventional writing/printing?
6. What is the human ailment?
7. Name the first man-made Earth satellite, launched 1957, meaning 'fellow-traveller' in Russian?
8. The old Anglicised French word 'soupçon' ('soupsonn') means a very (What?)
9. What word prefixes the following to make four different terms: Gallery; Range; Star; Jacket?
10. What is Star Anise?
11. Having an eagle emblem, name the oldest motorbike company still making bikes into the 21st century?
12. The Ballon d'Or is an annual award for the world's best (What?)
13. In physics/electronics, Ohm's Law is: "The current through a conductor between two points is directly proportional to the (What?) across the two points."
14. CJKV - a language system using hanzi/kanji - is an abbreviation of which four nations? (four answers required)
15. Which four months of the year are named after their numerical order in the old Roman calendar? (four answers required)

May answers

1. January; 2. Ian Gillan; 3. Katy Perry; 4. Pelvis 5. Cecil Rhodes; 6. Ludwig Minkus;
7. David Lloyd George; 8. Pear; 9. Oxfordshire; 10. Othello; 11. Manhattan; 12. Mars;
13. Spencer Percival; 14. Michael Bolton; 15. Nine

June Crossword



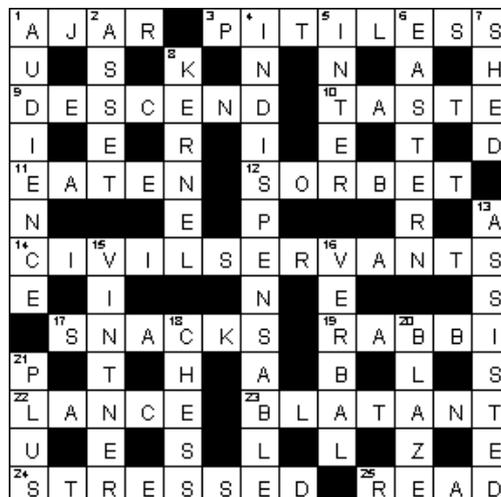
Across

- 1 Loud and grating (8)
- 5 Half of a quart (4)
- 8 English county (5)
- 9 Race-meeting for boats (7)
- 11 Thin glossy silk-stuff (7)
- 12 Elder brother of Moses (5)
- 13 Cotton fabric (6)
- 15 Dam-building animal (6)
- 18 Elk (5)
- 20 Young children (7)
- 23 At my house (4,3)
- 24 Of the moon (5)
- 25 Mislaid (4)
- 26 Intellectual (8)

Down

- 1 Perspiration (5)
- 2 Tranquil (7)
- 3 Southern states of USA (5)
- 4 Scandinavian country (6)
- 6 Bury (5)
- 7 Sports coach (7)
- 10 Forest clearing (5)
- 13 Funny (7)
- 14 Dairy product (5)
- 16 Wine seller (7)
- 17 Two-piece bathing costume (6)
- 19 Portents (5)
- 21 Pilfer (5)
- 22 Prison officer (slang) (5)

May 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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