



**B'NAI B'RITH  
YAD B'YAD LODGE  
NEWSLETTER  
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**August Summary**

Treasure Trail	Sunday 4
Ramble	Wednesday 7
Bridge	Thursday 8
Main Meeting	Tuesday 13
Ramble	Sunday 18
Short Walk	Monday 26
Rummikub	Thursday 29

**Book Club at 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday 25 September**  
**Becoming**  
by Michelle Obama  


**Bridge – Thursday at 8:00 pm**

**8 August**  **12 September**  
**10 October** **14 November**

**Rummikub - Thursday at 8:00 pm**

**29 August**  **26 September**  
**31 October** **28 November**

**Short Walks**

 **Monday 26 August**

**Dates for your Diary**

**Main Meetings at 8:15 pm**

**Tuesday 13 August**  
**Friends Against Scams**  
Mark Mullally



**Tuesday 10 September**  
**Uprooted - Vanished Jewish  
Civilisation in the Arab World**  
Lyn Julius

**Wednesday 23 October**  
**BA in its Centenary Year**  
Jim Davies

**Arts & Literature at 8:00 pm**

**Tuesday 17 September**

**Music at 8:00 pm**

**Tuesday 24 September**  
**Richard's Comic Songs**   
Presented by Richard Stanton

 **Tuesday 26 November**  
**Tiptoe Through the Sixties**  
Presented by Howard Goldstein

**Outings**

To be advised

**Rambles – Midweek**

 **Wednesday 7 August**  
**Thursday 5 September**  
**Wednesday 16 October**

**Rambles – Sunday**

**18 August**  **15 September**  
**6 October** **17 November**

 **Sunday 4 August**  
**Treasure Trail**

**Sunday 15 September**  
Film : **Why the Jews ?**  
£18

**Wednesday 18 September**  
**BBUK Chicago Bridge Lunch**   
£19.50

**Tuesday 5 November**  
**LBIA Breakfast Meeting**  
Details to follow



# The Flipside

## Yad B'Yad



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# 2019

### *YAD B'YAD TRIUMPHS AGAIN!*



Once again the 2019 Interlodge Quiz on July 7<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Maxine Cohen who worked so hard organising the event, was delighted that almost £900 was raised for BBUK's core charities. The proceeds from the evening will be shared between the Qiryat Gat 'Feed a Hungry Family' project in Israel and the 'Medical Aid' programme in Kiev.

Thank you to all the lodges who supported the quiz and to Quiz Masters, Suzanne and Michael for setting some good questions. However as always, the answers never come to mind when you want them to!

Well done Yad B'Yad for regaining the Interlodge Cup.

Eve Swabe  
Photo Geoff Wolfson







Our afternoon destination was Cogges Manor Farm, near Witney, where we headed first for the Café (originally the cowhouse) as tummies were rumbling. Then with hunger satisfied, we split into two groups for separate tours of the Manor to ease the congestion.

Cogges Manor Farm tells a story of rural life in the Cotswolds. Its tale has been woven by the families who have lived and worked this ancient landscape through the last 1,000 years. The earliest known owner was Wadard who was depicted in the Bayeux Tapestry. We explored the nooks and crannies of the 13<sup>th</sup> century manor house with its many areas updated over the centuries, the delightful walled garden and farmyard alive with animals.

But Cogges main claim to fame is as a film location, most famous being as Downton Abbey's Yew Tree Farm. Since the first filming in 2013, many scenes have been shot there. The manor house kitchen forms the interior of Yew Tree farm and most of the farm buildings have appeared. In the storyline, the farm is tenanted out by the Grantham family.



No Yad B'Yad outing would be complete without a cream tea, so it was then back to the café, reserved solely for our party, to enjoy this treat before our journey home.

Thank you Sue for arranging such an interesting day out again.

*Vivienne Gould*



WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY : SHORT WALK

## *RAMBLING THROUGH RUISLIP WOODS*

Having no sense of direction, but just the initials GPS, I am always surprised to be asked to lead a walk. However with the very much appreciated help of Jonquil, nine of us met up at Northwood Station on a humid Wednesday morning and ventured forth into Ruislip Woods.

As one path looks much the same to me as all the others, I was extremely pleased to find our route was tracked out with yellow arrows. On our way, we saw an abundance of beautiful butterflies and the views yonder were very picturesque. We continued following the Hillingdon Trail, through fields and over stiles until we reached St. Mary's Church with the Anzac cemetery next to it. Here are the graves of Australian servicemen who died in the Military hospital at Harefield Park and were buried with full military honours.

By this time, our short walk was well over the four miles stated, so we took the bus back to Northwood where most of us indulged in a delightful lunch in a local café.

*Gwenda Sacks*

**MONDAY 15TH JULY : MAIN MEETING**

## ***"LIFE, ART AND HEINZ SPAGHETTI"***

After gaining a double-first in law from Cambridge, Paul Mendelson joined a law firm. One day, a Middle Eastern lady came in to ask for help in claiming back her son after a divorce case. He successfully won this case but decided he wanted to enter the advertising world.



He joined an advertising company and made the Heinz Spaghetti commercial, which was a pivotal move in his career. This encouraged him to take up writing and as his daughter had presented him with a notebook, he jotted down his ideas. He went on to produce various other successful commercials before writing the very successful May to December series, which ran for 39 episodes and gained a BAFTA nomination for the best comedy.

Paul then discovered he had testicular cancer and wrote a drama, starring Martin Clunes, called Losing It. This prompted men to examine themselves for testicular cancer, and seek help where needed.

Paul has successfully written very many plays for T.V and radio and is the author of many books , both for adults and children.

He told us about one of his latest books, which was based on his true experience of revisiting Seville for his 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, where he originally spent his honeymoon. This book is called 'A Meeting in Seville'.

He also told us how recently he was in Baker Street, when he met the boy, who was now a grown man, who was the victim of his first law case. The 'boy' told him he was now a film director.

After reading various extracts from his books, Myra Wand gave the vote of thanks.



*Gwenda Sacks*



**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY : WEEKEND RAMBLE**

## ***AN ESSEX EXPEDITION***



Thirteen eager ramblers met on Sunday morning at Loughton Central Line station, for an 8-mile ramble led by Eve & Tony Swabe. The temperature was a full 20°C lower than the heat wave three days earlier, and we were disappointed to find it raining lightly. However the weather soon reverted to the dry forecast as we toiled up the steep road out of Loughton, spotting only one mezuzah.

Most of the route was on wide firm paths through Epping Forest, with frequent ups and downs, some of them not so gentle. We were often overtaken by cyclists, very few of whom possessed a warning bell. A picnic lunch in the woods was eaten sitting on logs, with groundsheets to keep our trousers dry.

The light rain returned as we started the fruit course, but we were able to discard our rain jackets after another 15 minutes progress. The Forest Gate Inn in Epping provided beer and pots of tea. After another three miles in open countryside, with great views of a sunny M25, we reach our destination Theydon Bois. Cakes and more tea were consumed at leisure in the upmarket Belgique patisserie.



Just before the tube station, we passed the Brick Lane Bagel Co, where the manager urged us to help ourselves from sacks containing hundreds of bagels which they had not managed to sell during the day. So we all went home with a free bag of bagels!

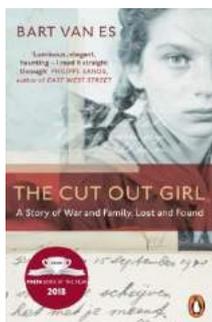
Thanks to Eve & Tony for a delightful, if somewhat damp ramble.

David Gould



WEDNESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY – BOOK CLUB

## *THE CUT OUT GIRL* by BART VAN ES



Nine year old Lien de Jong wasn't taken from her Jewish parents in the Hague - she was given away in the hope that she might be saved. Hidden and raised by a foster family in the provinces during the Nazi occupation, she survived the war only to find that her real parents had not.

Because of my Dutch connections and a similar story of a relative who was in hiding during the war, I could relate to the story, although the circumstances were obviously different. I really enjoyed the book and it was an easy read.

I always knew that the Dutch didn't have a particularly good record during the Nazi period, collaborating and betraying those in hiding and those who were brave enough to hide Jews. What I hadn't realised was the extent of this and the fact that the Nazis gave a reward to those who would betray people in hiding.

I thought the book dealt well with the way the author met Lien and overcame his fears because of the family rift and the fact she might not have wanted to talk to him. He tells her story so sensitively, you can hear Lien speaking and recollecting her experiences, both good and bad. The author also had some serendipitous encounters with various people who helped him in his research and finding out where Lien lived.

I have recommended the book to a number of friends who are lining up to borrow it!

Thank you, Barbara for making it one of your suggestions.

Eve Swabe

