## **SPRING LUNCH 2019**

This year the UK group organised the Spring Lunch on May 10 at Rosemary's house in Overijse following a 'tradition' of nine years. Nearly 100 members of our association together with their friends attended this successful event.

Upon our arrival Philip Collins (Rosie's husband) kindly showed us the way to the parking. Under the bright sunshine and blue sky, the undeniable beauty of flowers and trees invited us to the marvellous garden around the house.

We were all warmly welcomed at the entrance. The English country style house was beautifully decorated inside. In the living room a variety of nice articles were offered for sale: handmade necklaces by Anne Glinos, accessories and bags from China by Mary Kate Brown, socks for everyone from Manuela Faustino, bottles of homemade apple juice and cakes, plants and tickets for various 'lucky number' prizes.

Additionally, we had the opportunity to buy books from a big collection at very affordable prices. A relaxing head and shoulders massage was also offered by Sophia de Marcken.

The highlight of the event was evidently the lunch. We were overwhelmed by the colourful buffet with homemade food in the kitchen: quiches, ham, salmon, salads, together with wine, coffee, tea, apple juice, and delicious desserts (chocolate and apple cake and strawberry pavlova). We had the option to enjoy lunch inside the house in the cosy dining room or outside in the garden tents.

All proceeds from this event will finance our various humanitarian projects.

Our **heartfelt thanks** and congratulations to all members of the UK group who were at our service all day long, helping out with various tasks: selling tickets, serving lunch, and making us all feel welcome as well as to Rosie for her kind hospitality!

A remarkably beautiful event!

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