

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS members,

January 2021

We hope you all had the best possible restful Christmas in the prevailing circumstances and we wish you all a peaceful, safe and healthy New Year.

It's fair to say it has been a very challenging year for so many of us. We are delighted that despite these challenges, we have managed to achieve many of our aims, albeit a little differently than planned. We introduced new ways of communication; a monthly online E-NEWS and online events. It has been wonderful to see many familiar and new faces attending the various online events.

Having virtual events has afforded us a new and unusual opportunity to have members attending activities all over the UK and even abroad. Interestingly enough there were quite a few members participating who had rather rarely joined the normal live events we had been organising for some years, a welcome and unexpected side-effect of the pandemic.

In December we provided you with an extensive 16-page Newsletter. Because of circumstances prevailing at the time it had to be in electronic format, but we hope you found time to enjoy reading it. You are now receiving the first E-NEWS of 2021, the 7th already and it won't be the last, considering the course the pandemic is taking. We will continue our efforts to provide you with interesting and entertaining Zoom events, information about the ANS and online distraction but as soon as circumstances permit we will also resume normal live events. Thank you all for sticking with us, your understanding for attending our virtual events and for your ongoing support and positivity. We don't know what to expect in 2021 but without doubt it will be exciting. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as are able to join our new programme.

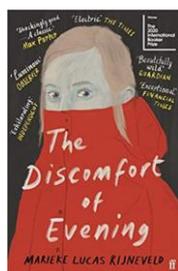
ANS ZOOM EVENTS

The Peace Palace The Hague - Interactive live guided tour – Friday 29 January 2.30pm



The Peace Palace in The Hague (Netherlands) houses the Permanent Court of Arbitration, the United Nations International Court of Justice and The Hague Academy of International Law. These institutions are supported by the Library of the Peace Palace. The Carnegie Foundation is the owner and manager. Join us for an online live guided tour inside the Palace and learn about the history, the architecture and the functioning of the institutions all from the comfort of your home. <https://www.vredespaleis.nl/?lang=en> The tour will last 60 minutes with Q&A. Cost £10 per household. Potential members and guests will be welcome, but subject to availability of places. Payment instructions will follow after registration at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Virtual ANS Book Club “The Discomfort of Evening” – February date and time tbc



Are you also curious to understand why this book won the International Booker Prize? Maybe we can find out together. Please join us for our online book discussion. Dutch author Marieke Lucas Rijneveld (1991) has won the prize for the best novel in translation with her debut novel *The Discomfort of Evening* (*De avond is ongemak*). It is the first time a Dutch author has won this prestigious British prize. The Guardian “A remarkable debut novel about a Dutch girl and the strict Christian family is unflinching and disturbing”. Register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Bach's music through Dutch interpreters by Sandy Burnett – Wednesday 10 February 7.30pm



In the last sixty years Dutch musicians and ensembles have been at the forefront of the early music revolution in the world of classical music. This illustrated talk is given by Sandy Burnett who has a special interest in the world of Johann Sebastian Bach. He presents a selection of Bach works as interpreted by eminent Dutch artists including Ton Koopman, Anner Bijlsma, Peter Kooij, Franz Brüggen and the Netherlands Bach Society in outstanding recordings from the 1960s through to the present day.

Sandy Burnett is one of the UK's most versatile music commentators, enjoying a career that combines broadcasting, performing and lecturing. After working as music director for the RSC, National Theatre and in London's West End, Sandy spent a decade as one of the core team of presenters on BBC Radio 3.

<https://www.sandyburnett.com/>

This special talk will be about 60 minutes with Q&A. Cost £10 per household. Potential members and guests will be welcome, but subject to availability of places. Those members who would like to join this event, but won't be able for time reasons, can also attend as they will get access to an exclusive recording after the event. Payment instructions will follow after registration at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

You will receive your Zoom invitation and easy joining instructions a few days prior to the event. If it is your first time using Zoom you will be asked to download the Zoom App.

Society News

We were pleased to have so many members participating in our recent (Zoom) AGM when they could hear from Council the principal challenges the Society had to face during this very unusual year 2020 and the actions taken. Our Hon. Treasurer took us through the main points of our financial year 2019/20, mentioning that our membership continues to increase, certain budgeted incomes had not been received, but at the same time some ongoing administration costs were reduced. The expenses and receipts for the last-minute postponements of the Centenary reception and Unilever Lecture had been properly recorded in our accounts as Debtors and Creditors. As mentioned in the Chairman's message in the Winter newsletter, Council has already started with some soundings regarding these postponed events. These focus on the availability of our special guests and preferred venue for the reception. As a very preliminary indication we are now focussing on the first week in November. A long way to go, more information to follow, as for the Unilever Lecture.

Council had firmly planned to have the Winter newsletter printed in the usual hard-copy format. However, as already hinted in our November E-News, the new restrictions related to Covid-19 made this impossible with lockdowns in various places. We hope that you have enjoyed reading this very special extended 16-page electronic newsletter at your leisure. It contained a variety of articles, interviews, and other material of hopefully potential interest.

May we also use this channel and opportunity to remind those members not paying their annual subscription via standing order to arrange for payment via interbank transfer as we do not expect to have access to our office at the Embassy for some time and cannot collect mail, including cheques. Thank you to those members who have recently already changed their payment route to a standing order. Details of subscription rates for 2021 and for payment can be found on page 8 of our recent Winter newsletter. In case you would like to receive these again, please send us a short e-mail.

For now our warmest wishes to you all for the New Year; may it bring some better times from Spring onwards...?

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Social Bridge online



The Lockdown is likely to last till at least to the end of March, during which time we are expected to stay at home. If there are any ANS members around who play bridge and would like to play occasional bridge with other ANS members - either in pairs, or single and paired by us - let us know. A combination of BBO and Zoom works well, so people can see each other and chat as well as play. BBO can be downloaded for free and we can arrange the Zoom meeting. Other people might prefer Trickster.
Please express your interest at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Books

New English translation *Autumntide of the Middle Ages* (Herfsttij der Middeleeuwen) by Johan Huizinga. A study of forms of life and thought of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries in France and the Low Countries. Commenting on this, Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, trained as a historian: "I must say, when the (illustrations) are included in such a way, in high resolution, then it almost really comes back to life. And I believe it also provides to us as contemporary readers, even if you are not a historian, the opportunity to better understand the context".

<https://www.library.universiteitleiden.nl/news/2020/05/autumntide-of-the-middle-ages>

New Dutch Writing: new Dutch novels available in English

New Dutch Writing is a new high-profile promotional campaign by the Dutch Foundation for Literature to promote Dutch writing in translation in the UK and Ireland and to nurture the next generation of translators. <https://www.newdutchwriting.co.uk/>

<https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/latest-news/news/2021/01/06/new-dutch-writing-4-brand-new-dutch-novels-available-in-english>

Art, Culture & Tips

The Christmas Broadcast 2020 by Her Majesty the Queen

<https://www.royal.uk/christmas-broadcast-2020>

Kersttoespraak 2020 door Koning Willem-Alexander

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xccFteu5fnY>

The Metropolitan Opera, nightly free opera streams.

<https://www.metopera.org/user-information/nightly-met-opera-streams/>

Glyndebourne, watch online operas for free

https://www.glyndebourne.com/on-screen/?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=LaCenerentolareminder-2Jan2021&utm_content=version_A&sourceNumber=29126

Mauritshuis The Hague, the first Gigapixel Museum in the world

<https://www.mauritshuis.nl/en/explore/the-collection/virtueel-mauritshuis/>

Rijksmuseum Amsterdam. Why is the Night Watch so famous? Which secrets do the x-ray scans reveal on Vermeer's paintings? Watch, read and listen to the revealing stories of the Rijksmuseum.

<https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/stories>

Mata Hari: Femme Fatales by Prof Joanna Bourke, Gresham College 11 February 6.00pm

Mata Hari (Margaretha Geertruida (Griet) Zelle) was a Dutch erotic dancer from Leeuwarden who, in 1917, was executed by the French army for treason. She has been portrayed as the ultimate femme fatale, extracting information from hapless men through exploiting her sensual charms.

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/mata-hari>

The British Academy, free lectures

<https://www.thebritishacademy.ac.uk/events/>

DutchNews brings daily news from the Netherlands in English, <https://www.dutchnews.nl/>

The Dutch World Wide Election Debate Live, 27 January 6.00pm

Watch the election debate for Dutch Nationals living abroad. Eight Dutch political parties (CDA, CU, D66, Groen Links, PvdA, PvdD, VVD and 50Plus) will participate and it will be streamed live on youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f1MDndzak88&feature=youtu.be>

Dutch Citizens in the UK. What you need to know as an EU citizen living in the UK.

<https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/ed317823-9fc4-11ea-9d2d-01aa75ed71a1>

<https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

<https://www.facebook.com/dutchembassyUK/videos/380846582990260/>

<https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/brexit>

<https://www.brexitloket.nl/>

Stemmen vanuit het buitenland. Election members of the *Tweede Kamer* on 17 March 2021.

Deadline for registration is 3 February. www.stemmenvanuihetbuitenland.nl

Lecture by Andrew Taylor on Dutch Landscape paintings

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Lecture by Tanja Mödersheim on Dutch Heritage Tulips

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Interview with Selma van de Perre on her book *My name is Selma*

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ANS Centenary book

An excellent present for your family members and friends waiting for you: a copy of our much appreciated Centenary book. Cost per copy £20 incl. postage UK; large orders may attract a discount. Please contact administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

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Please follow us on [AngloNetherlandsSociety](https://www.instagram.com/AngloNetherlandsSociety)

If you have ideas or suggestions for ANS E-NEWS or for one of our ZOOM-Events, please let us know at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk.