

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS members,

February 2021

Welcome to our second E-NEWS of this year. We hope that 2021 has got off to a good start for all of you, your families and friends. As many of us juggle a multitude of lockdown challenges, there are reasons for hope. Snowdrops are beginning to bloom which means spring and brighter days are on the horizon!

In this February E-NEWS we are bringing you a variety of online events including an exciting new Zoom lecture by Dutch Art Historian Mariska Beekenkamp, focussed on friendship. At the beginning of the 17th century, Brueghel the Elder and Rubens were close friends and frequent collaborators, who over the course of 25 years executed two dozen works together.

We enjoyed last month's virtual tour to the Peace Palace in The Hague. This new experience, an interactive live guided tour, was attended by some 60 members and very well received.

Our next lecture is by Sandy Burnett on Johan Sebastian Bach and almost fully booked. The book club discussion on *The Discomfort of Evening* has aroused the curiosity of our members. Only a few places are left; final applications now awaited - further details below.

It has been very pleasing to see more and more members joining us in our Zoom events. It looks like we will have to continue with these for a while until "live" events will be feasible again. A mixture of "live" and Zoom events may well follow thereafter which will have the benefit of reaching a larger group of our members.

Thank you all for your support and enjoy your E-NEWS.

ANS ZOOM EVENTS

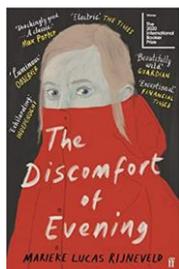
Bach's music through Dutch interpreters by Sandy Burnett – Wednesday 10 February 7.30pm



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 will be 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.

Sandy Burnett is one of the UK's authoritative broadcasters in the field of classical music <https://www.sandyburnett.com/> This special talk will be about 60 minutes with Q&A. Cost £10 per household. An exclusive recording can be made available after the event to those who would like to join but won't be able to attend. **Only a few places left.** Payment instructions will follow after registration at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Virtual ANS Book Club "The Discomfort of Evening" – Thursday 25 February 8.00pm



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

Brueghel & Rubens, a fruitful partnership- Lecture - Wednesday 10 March 7.30pm



In the early 17th century two admired painters teamed up to profit from each other's strengths: Peter Paul Rubens painted the figures while Jan Brueghel the Elder the landscapes, flora and fauna. Although artists would often join forces in Antwerp, Rubens and Brueghel shared something more. Their friendship and the way they encouraged each other's development while leaving room for the other to shine, is the topic of this one hour lecture by Dutch Art Historian Mariska Beekenkamp-Wladimiroff. This special talk will be about 60 minutes with Q&A. <https://www.arthistoricallondon.com/mariskabeekenkampwladimiroff>
Cost £10 per household. Potential members and guests will be welcome 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 continue with our planning, although on a very preliminary basis, for our postponed Centenary reception with the first week in November looking promising, subject to the now obvious.

We are in discussion with our contacts at Sheffield University and UCL about the annual ANS Awards scheme for students in Dutch studies at these universities during 2021. We understand that the universities are keen to continue with this scheme, but the withdrawal by the UK from the Erasmus scheme for European students is already complicating matters at these universities.

Thank you for all your speedy payments of your subscriptions for calendar year 2021; there are now only a small number left to pay. Since the beginning of this year we have welcomed more new members, but please spread the word, either within your families or with your friends. Council is pleased with seeing more and more younger family members being introduced to the Society. In that context, we introduced a while ago a lower annual subscription rate for members below the age of 35. We shall be happy to send an application form; just send an e-mail to the Administrator. Gift memberships are also possible and have been used.

Our office at the Netherlands Embassy is still closed as the Embassy is in lockdown until further notice. We occasionally collect some mail, but please send any correspondence via e-mail. Council and members of the Events Committee continue to work from home, so please bear with us when responding to any queries or whatever.

We are very pleased to announce Mrs Marina Mathon-Clark as a new member to the Events Committee of the Society. We are very much looking forward to working with her. Some of you may have met Marina already when last November she interviewed Mrs Selma van de Perre on her book *My name is Selma* at our Zoom event. For those who missed this wonderful event, a link to this interview is included in this E-NEWS.

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Books

Ben Coates is the best-selling author of the books 'Why the Dutch are Different: A Journey into the Hidden Heart of the Netherlands' and 'The Rhine: Following Europe's Greatest River from Amsterdam to the Alps'. He was born in England in 1982 and has worked at various times as a political adviser in London, speechwriter, lobbyist and aid worker in Africa. He currently lives in the Netherlands.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ben-Coates/e/B011LGV8VQ/ref=sr_ntt_srch_lnk_1?qid=1540298134&sr=8-1

Rutger Bregman (1988) is a Dutch historian and author. He has published five books on history, philosophy, and economics. His books *Humankind* (2020) and *Utopia for Realists* (2017) were both New York Times Bestsellers and have been translated in more than 40 languages. Bregman has twice been nominated for the prestigious European Press Prize for his work at the Correspondent. Bregman lives in the Netherlands. The Guardian “The Dutch wunderkind of new ideas”.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Humankind-Hopeful-History-Rutger-Bregman/dp/1408898934>

Art, Culture & Tips

Masterpieces from Buckingham Palace; The Queen’s Gallery

Sixty-five paintings that usually hang in the Picture Gallery at Buckingham Palace and are widely acknowledged to be among the highlights of the Royal Collection will be brought together in a gallery exhibition for the first time. Join exhibition curators Desmond Shawe-Taylor and Isabella Manning on a tour of some of the highlights.

<https://www.rct.uk/collection/themes/exhibitions/masterpieces-from-buckingham-palace/the-queens-gallery-buckingham>

Rubens and London by Professor Simon Thurley

Peter Paul Rubens, a Flemish Catholic, and international diplomatic envoy, may seem an unlikely choice to paint the ceiling of the most important royal interior in Protestant England. But, in 1635, King Charles I asked him to adorn the Banqueting House at Whitehall Palace with a vast mural cycle glorifying the Stuart dynasty. This astonishing masterpiece, painted in Antwerp and shipped to London, is the focus of this lecture which discusses the importance and impact of Rubens on English culture and society. <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/rubens-and-london>

Explore Blenheim Palace virtually, online events and tours from home

<https://virtual.blenheimpalace.com/>

Wallace Collection, 45 years in 88 minutes by David Edge

Former Head of Conservation gives a gallery tour and talk about his experiences over 45 years.

<https://www.wallacecollection.org/wallace-from-home/#inside-the-museum>

The Bank of England, explore the museum and free online talks

[Museum | Bank of England](#)

Wigmore Hall, live-streamed concerts for free

<https://wigmore-hall.org.uk/watch-listen/live-stream>

The Royal Concertgebouw Amsterdam, watch free live streams

<https://www.concertgebouw.nl/en/watch-free-live-streams>

The Metropolitan Opera, nightly free opera streams

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

Simon Schama - The world in 2021 (podcast)

What lessons does the past hold for our future? Join Britain’s pre-eminent public historian to explore his thoughts on the world to come.

<https://howtoacademy.com/podcasts/simon-schama-the-world-in-2021/>

The Changing Geography of Ill Health by Professor Chris Whitty

Ill health has always been concentrated in particular places; tackling these pockets of ill health is an essential role for public health. These may be driven by environmental factors, demography, deprivation and healthcare provision. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XmVjXzJcTE4>

Scientists from Dutch universities give free lectures online

<https://www.universiteitvannederland.nl/lectures>

Virtual backgrounds for Zoom. A perfect way to bring a bit of extra interest to your Zoom calls. From Winston Churchill's study to Vita Sackville West's Writing Room. Click on the free image you want to download and save it as a jpeg.

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/virtual-backgrounds-for-zoom>

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>

Recordings

Lecture by Andrew Taylor on Dutch Landscape paintings

https://zoom.us/rec/share/zJJ0CZKv5F50TYnDtkWGBYAaBdvUX6a82ydPrKAJyEvQZ_rG0zn7Z8X8wkPblo8o Access passcode for members only

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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