

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS members,

March 2021

Welcome to the latest edition of your monthly E-NEWS. Spring is on its way and we never needed it more. Eastertide is the time of new plans and projects, there is much to look forward to as we head into spring and summer. The Government's new roadmap to unlocking the country has come as a big relief and we are hoping to schedule some live events again as soon as possible. But still a little way to go which means more virtual events.

Last month members were treated to a live virtual talk on J.S. Bach's music by Sandy Burnett which was attended by some 45 members. 'The Discomfort of Evening' that was discussed at our book club proved to be an excellent choice. A successful and fascinating evening.

This month we have a mixture of different online events and interesting links to keep you busy while lockdown continues. We are delighted to host two online lectures: Brueghel and Rubens and their fruitful partnership, almost fully booked, and an exclusive talk, made possible through one of our corporate patrons, on ING's UK art collection. Further details below.

Next month, look out for 'Dutch Courage and Medicinal Brandy: a story of alcohol and health', an online lecture by historian Berwyn Kinsey at the Royal College of Physicians and a new online book discussion on 'Humankind, a Hopeful History' by Rutger Bregman.

Thank you for your support, and we look forward to welcoming you back before too long.

ANS ZOOM EVENTS

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. 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. This special talk will be about 60 minutes with Q&A. **Only a few places left!** 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. Payment after registration at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Highlights of ING's UK Art Collection with Clara Harrow - Tuesday 30 March 7.30pm



Join ING's Art and Archive Manager Clara Harrow for a virtual tour of the highlights of ING's UK art collection, a collection that adorns the walls and corridors of the ING building at 8-10 Moorgate in the City of London. Discover how the collection started and how it has continued to evolve. Clara will delve into the history of key pieces including 18th and 19th century English watercolours, works by Modern British artists such as LS Lowry, Stanley Spencer and John Minton and the most recent acquisitions and Discerning Eye Purchase Prize winners. The tour will last 30 minutes with additional time for questions. This event is free for members but you need to register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Dutch Courage and Medicinal Brandy: a story of alcohol and health, Tuesday 13 April 7.30pm



For almost 10,000 years people around the world have been charging their glasses with the demon drink and toasting 'To Your Good Health!' More recently doctors, once hooked on the use of alcohol in a range of treatments, have been calling time on our love affair with liquor, recommending that we limit just how often we say 'Cheers!' Join RCP historian Berwyn Kinsey and learn about the high jinx, japes and scrapes of making merry and the dark underside and serious consequences of a life 'on the sauce'. This special talk will be about 60 minutes with Q&A Cost £6 per household. Potential members and guests will be welcome subject to availability of places. Payment instructions will follow after registration at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

ANS Book Club 'Humankind, A Hopeful History', April/May date and time tbc



Join us for our online book discussion of 'Humankind, A Hopeful History' by Rutger Bregman. If lockdown has taught us anything, it is that people are much kinder and prepared to help each other than anybody had expected. Human beings, we're taught, are by nature selfish and governed by self-interest. From Machiavelli to Hobbes, Freud to Dawkins, the roots of this belief have sunk deep into Western thought. This book, Humankind, makes a new argument: that it is realistic, as well as revolutionary, to assume that people are good. The instinct to cooperate rather than compete, trust rather than distrust, has an evolutionary basis going right back to the beginning of Homo sapiens. By thinking the worst of others, we bring out the worst in our politics and economics too. Register for this free event 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

There may well be a bit of light at the end of this long Covid-19 tunnel, but our office at the Netherlands Embassy is still closed and we continue with all our planning and administrative efforts from our respective homes, wherever we are. So, please minimise any correspondence to our usual address at the Embassy and use e-mail. We pick up any snail-mail only occasionally.

Notwithstanding this, we continue with our events and there are even a few live events visible in this forward planning schedule. Who knows when the first may take place, even in a small forum? Meanwhile, our Zoom events keep attracting large numbers and it would not be surprising to see our future events schedule becoming a mixture of live and virtual events, thereby reaching an even larger number of our membership.

Writing about membership, a warm welcome to our new members Mr and Mrs Gerry Dunn, Ms Venetia Rainey and Mrs Yvette Cort. As mentioned before, the word should be spread as Council feels there are still many potential members within your families and circle of friends.

In our February E-NEWS we described the complications at Sheffield University and UCL for continuing in an optimal way with Dutch Studies as a result of the withdrawal of the UK from the Erasmus scheme for European students. Against that background we are very pleased to report that both universities would be very happy to continue this year with the ANS Awards scheme. So is the Society and we are looking forward to the entries later this year.

We are very pleased to announce Mrs Julie Shelton as a new member of the Events Committee of the Society. Julie joined the Society some time ago and has since attended our events regularly which she has enjoyed thoroughly. We are very much looking forward to working with her.

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Books

Nina Siegal is a journalist and novelist, and regularly contributes to the New York Times covering art and culture in northern Europe. She has been based in Amsterdam for 15 years. Nina is the author of three novels 'A little trouble with the facts', 'The Anatomy Lesson' and 'You'll Thank Me for This' (2021) A pulse-pounding psychological thriller based on the popular Dutch tradition of blindfolding and dropping teens and pre-teens in the middle of a forest and what happens when it goes horribly wrong. <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Youll-Thank-This-Nina-Siegal/dp/0316703567>
<http://cargocollective.com/ninasiegal>

Nancy Goldstone, 'Daughters of the Winter Queen'. Four Remarkable Sisters, the Crown of Bohemia, and the Enduring Legacy of Mary Queen of Scots. The thrilling family saga of five unforgettable women who remade Europe. Forced into exile, the Winter Queen and her family found refuge in Holland, where the glorious art and culture of the Dutch Golden Age indelibly shaped her daughters' lives. <http://www.nancygoldstone.com/latestbook.html>

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Art, Culture & Tips

Wallace Collection, free online talks and courses
<https://www.wallacecollection.org/learn/adults/talks-and-courses/>

Flying over Polder lines, documentary
In 2008 the wreck of a British aircraft from the Second World War, a Short Stirling, was discovered in the waters of the lake called Markermeer. It was a four-engined bomber used by the Royal Air Force (RAF). Among the wreckage were remains of the crew members who had gone missing for more than 75 years. Watch the documentary <http://www.vliegenoverpolderlijnen.com/>

Ton Koopman & Bach
From his own study in Bussum (NL) Ton Koopman takes you to the world of the Baroque. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2Ls12HjV6Y&feature=youtu.be>

A Map of the Voices of England.
Explore a musical map and experience the history of England through its songs and stories. https://voicesmap.english-heritage.org.uk/?_ga=2.195329903.2137624526.1614691256-103880745.1603807167

The Grange Festival Hampshire, streaming Agrippina - Handel
<https://thegrangefestival.co.uk/2020/05/24/streaming-agrippina-handel/>

Vaccination by Professor Chris Whitty
In this lecture Professor Chris Whitty will explain how vaccines came to play such a central role in healthcare, and the role they serve today in tackling an increasing range of diseases, including new threats like Covid and old foes like cancer. <https://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/vaccination>

Duchess
The podcast in which Emma Manners, the Duchess of Rutland explores the historic homes of Great Britain and meets the inspiring women who lead them today. <https://www.duchessthepodcast.com/>

MasterChef Bart van der Lee, recipes from a private Chef
Bart van der Lee (born in Doorn, lives in London) was one of the three finalists in BBC's MasterChef the Professionals 2020. For four weeks millions of Britons watched his cooking skills on Thursday evening. <https://bartvanderlee.co.uk/>

Speakers Academy, bringing knowledge to the world (blogs & vlogs)

<https://www.speakersacademy.com/en/blogs-videos/>

A Royal Distinction for Mrs Selma van de Perre

Mrs Selma van de Perre-Velleman (ANS member) received a Royal distinction for her longstanding admirable service to society at a festive, digital award ceremony on 12 February. The Royal distinction *Ridder in de Orde van Oranje-Nassau* was presented to her by the Dutch Ambassador to the UK, Mr Karel van Oosterom. <https://www.facebook.com/dutchembassyUK/videos/187465059805132/>

Koning Willem Fonds – Corona Fonds (The Netherlands Benevolent Society)

A helping hand in time of need. A temporary Corona fund for Dutch nationals living in the UK. <https://www.koningwillemfonds.org.uk/activities.html>

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>

Brexit information and Q&A session for Dutch nationals living in the UK – recorded version

<https://nl->

nl.facebook.com/dutchembassyUK/videos/vb.8229196885/1044120376112838/?type=2&theater

List of medical facilities in the Netherlands

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-netherlands-list-of-medical-facilitiespractitioners/netherlands-list-of-medical-facilities>

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

https://zoom.us/rec/share/h6ozN9wV3N4_6i_LctiXdJIENITm5Fw7adrhIjvZcn6NKIJkTrpFS4wA_cQn1A4I.Um_XOSHLIuWxsBek Access passcode for members only

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

https://zoom.us/rec/share/ztGICfLztHkAgAooiXA3q2NNPZT_BkthdOFtMhnHBMvpZH_R8w0afhAICr0yt7d4.DboQBB55hMGaJ8br Access passcode for members only

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