

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS members,

April 2021

Welcome to the 10th edition of your monthly E-NEWS. Last spring we had to postpone our Centenary reception and the Unilever lecture. At the time we hoped it would be for just a few months only. One year on, we look back at an extraordinary year in which we learned how to do things differently. If the pandemic has shown us one thing, it is that our predictions, roadmaps, and strategies are fragile. The implications of the pandemic have presented all of us with challenges that we never expected to face. We have moved to online Zoom presentations and they have been enthusiastically received by an ever-increasing audience. We know that many of you are eagerly waiting for dates for live events again and we just wanted to reassure you that these will be with you as soon as possible. With longer, brighter days ahead and lockdown restrictions starting to loosen, we will eventually get back to some sort of normality. It was great to see many of you at our excellent online talks last month on Brueghel & Rubens by Mariska Beekenkamp and on ING's UK Art Collection by Clara Harrow.

This month we are providing you with interesting links and an online lecture on 'Dutch Courage and Medicinal Brandy' by historian Berwyn Kinsey. Learn about 'Dutch Courage' and its true English popularity when William of Orange became King of England in 1689. In May you are invited to step back in time and experience a unique interactive live guided tour of Panorama Mesdag of Scheveningen, the oldest 19th century panorama in the world on its original site. 'Humankind, a hopeful History' by Rutger Bregman will be discussed by the book club on Thursday 6 May.

Thank you for supporting us, for renewing your membership and for your messages of support and encouragement. We all look forward to being together again soon, while continuing to share online events no matter where you are.

ANS ZOOM EVENTS

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!' Join Royal College of Physicians 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. **Still a few places available.** Payment into the usual ANS bank account. Register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

ANS Book Club 'Humankind, A Hopeful History', Thursday 6 May 8.00pm



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. **Only a few places left.** Register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Panorama Mesdag of Scheveningen - Interactive live guided tour – Monday 10 May 3.00pm



Join us for an exclusive online live guided tour and learn about the history of Panorama Mesdag and its collection. Experience the magical optical illusion of Scheveningen from 1881. The vista of the sea, dunes and old fishermen's village was painted by Hendrik Willem Mesdag with assistance from his wife Sientje, and several fellow artists, including Breitner. It is the largest circular canvas in Europe and the oldest original panorama in the world. The museum is closed but will open its virtual doors only for us this afternoon <https://www.panorama-mesdag.nl/home/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 into the usual ANS bank account. Register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Payment via Inter Banking, ANS, NatWest account 0540 98 45, sort code 50-41-02, ref *event name*. For those who do not use IB, please email the administrator to make arrangements.

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

You will not be surprised to read that circumstances have forced us to continue programming and administering our various activities from our respective homes. Our office at the Netherlands Embassy remains in lockdown, so, please, minimise any snail-mail correspondence to our usual address there. You are welcome to address correspondence to us by email at administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk where it will receive attention as soon as we find possible.

In the meantime, our Events Committee continues with its forward planning which contains quite a variety of events, live and online, and you will be kept informed through our regular monthly E-NEWS. The substantial number of members attending these virtual events suggests that these are being appreciated. While it looks as if our plans for some larger events will have to be pushed back a few more months, these remain firmly in our forward agenda. Events such as the Unilever lecture, a drinks reception for new and younger members, and, of course, our postponed Centenary reception fall into this category. It now looks more likely, in view of the large number of attendees, that we will have to defer the Centenary event to the first quarter of 2022. We are in touch with the relevant Royal contacts about this.

Our team of Awards judges awaits the submissions from students in Dutch studies at Sheffield University and, later in the year, from UCL. We hope to announce the first winner sometime towards the end of the second quarter.

Many thanks for your understanding of the present situation and your ongoing support.

Council ANS

Books

John Harvey, is the prize-winning author of five highly acclaimed novels and four studies of colour, clothes and illustration. Most recently he published *Pax* a dual timeline novel about Rubens in London, and a fictional contemporary artist. *Pax* is a profound novel about power, desire and peace.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/pax/john-harvey/9781910688878> <https://www.john-harvey.co.uk/>

Rob Currie *Hunger Winter (2020)*

In this debut novel Rob Currie has crafted the remarkable story of a young Dutch boy who finds his life turned upside down during the great Dutch famine of WWII.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Rob-Currie/e/B07V47FK5H?ref=dbs_p_pbk_r00_abau_000000

The Riveter, a free magazine devoted to riveting European literature in English.

<https://www.eurolitnetwork.com/the-riveter/>

Hugh Aldersey-Williams *Dutch Light: Christiaan Huygens and the Making of Science in Europe* (2020)

Filled with incident, discovery, and revelation, *Dutch Light* is a vivid account of Christiaan Huygens's remarkable life and career, but it is also nothing less than the story of the birth of modern science as we know it. <https://www.hughalderseywilliams.com/> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHWs2nSKcac>

Liesbeth Rood *Tulipa* (2021)

The history of the tulip is a fairytale: magical, exciting, funny, with ups and downs, heroes and villains, and a happy end. <https://www.fluwel.com/book-tulipa.html>

Brave New Human – *Reflections on the Invisible*

Brave New World Conference challenged scientists, artists, writers and philosophers from all over the world to answer a question - How will our world look like *after* corona. Visionary answers, ideas, strategies and arguments will give us an insight in a possible future post-Corona world.

<https://www.bravenewworld.nl/Nieuws/brave-new-human-reflections-on-the-invisible/>

Art, Culture & Tips

Van Gogh *Alive* the experience

The most visited multi-sensory experience in the world. Kensington Gardens, June-September 2021.

<https://vangoghaliveuk.com/>

Keukenhof opens virtually.

<https://keukenhof.nl/en/news/keukenhof-2021/>

The Tulip Bubble, documentary

The events in the Netherlands in the spring of 1637 were the first examples of speculative frenzy taking over a marketplace. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVEolyLA9IE>

Wallace Collection Synergy Series: Rococo

Discover the connections between art and music in this major new partnership with Orpheus Sinfonia. Some of the most exquisite masterpieces housed in the Wallace Collection epitomise Rococo's refined frivolity. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6EL9PDRNvM>

Grange Park Opera, Surrey online Ravel's L'heure Espagnole

<https://grangeparkopera.co.uk/whats-on/lheure-espagnole/>

Travels Through Time top history Podcasts

A special episode with resistance fighter and Holocaust survivor Mrs Selma van de Perre.

<https://www.ttpodcast.com/season-3/the-liberation-of-ravensbruck-selma-van-de-perre-1945>

Timeline, World History Documentaries

One-off documentaries and series from the world's top broadcasters, including BBC, Channel 4, Discovery and PBS. <https://www.youtube.com/c/TimelineChannel/videos>

The Ocean Cleanup

Boyan Slat (1994) is a Dutch inventor and entrepreneur who creates technological solutions to global problems. He is the founder and CEO of The Ocean Cleanup; a Dutch foundation which develops advanced systems to rid world's oceans of plastic. <https://theoceancleanup.com/>

Dr Mark Carney-The Reith Lectures. How we get what we value. From climate crisis to real prosperity.

Mark Carney, the former Governor of the Bank of England, argues that the market can be redirected to alleviating climate change. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m000qkms>

Booker Prize Winners Event - Thursday 15 April 7.30pm online event at Waterstones. Douglas Stuart and Marieke Lucas Rijneveld, in conversation with Gaby Wood, https://www.waterstones.com/events/booker-prize-winners-event-douglas-stuart-and-marieke-lucas-rijneveld-in-conversation-with-gaby-wood/online-events?utm_source=wsbookerint300321&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=award&utm_content=SecA

Botanical Art Talks

Look over the shoulder of renowned botanical artists from the UK and beyond. In these live Zoom sessions artists will talk through their favourite projects or botanical art techniques. Their presentations will be illustrated with examples of their artwork. <https://www.juliatrickey.co.uk/talks.html>

Art Historical London, Dutch art historian Mariska Beekenkamp-Wladimiroff treated us to an excellent lecture on Brueghel & Rubens. ANS members may enjoy a special discount on future talks and webinars. Please contact Mariska at <https://www.arthistoricallondon.com/calendar>

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>

Dutch Centre Post-Brexit Lunch Event

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zg-zYJqaijs>

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_XOSHLluWxsBek 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

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; larger orders may attract a discount. Please contact administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

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<https://www.instagram.com/anglonetherlandsociety/?hl=en>

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.