

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS members,

November 2021

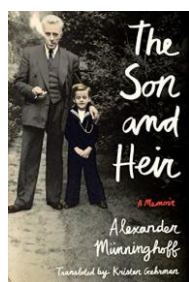
The air is bringing colder temperatures and the smell of Autumn is present. As we are heading into the final part of the year and looking forward to the year-end festivities, we have yet again interesting events and links to help you enjoy the rest of 2021. Whether online or in person it's always nice to connect and see familiar as well as new faces.

Last month the online presentation on *Two navies* by Dutch maritime historian Dr Anne Doedens was very well received. A link to the recording of this lecture is included in this E-NEWS.

It was such a delight to welcome in-person some forty new members, members and guests at a very successful drinks reception at the Reform Club. Two weeks ago we were treated to a fascinating and informative illustrated talk on the Royal Palace Amsterdam, live from the capital by curator Alice Taatgen. As to upcoming events we'd just like to remind you that there are a few places available for our traditional and popular Members' dinner at the Reform Club. There is still time to register for the ANS Book club discussion and you are invited to book a place at our exclusive online workshop creating your own stunning Christmas door wreath. The Society's AGM will be held virtually again and will be followed by an online lecture on the book *A Royal Christmas* by Louise Cooling, curator at Kenwood House. This presentation will explore the historic Christmas traditions of the British Royal Family across centuries, many of which have influenced the whole country. Find more about our forthcoming events below or check our website or Instagram. Thank you all so very much for your continuing support and encouragement over the last eighteen months. Enjoy your E-NEWS.

ANS ZOOM EVENTS

ANS Book club *The Son and Heir* by Alexander Munninghoff - 24 November 8.00pm



Join us for our online book discussion on *The Son and Heir: A Memoir*, a prize-winning Dutch journalist's unsparing memoir of growing up amid the excesses, triumphs, and devastation of post-World War II Europe. What can a son say upon discovering that his father wore a Nazi uniform? Reporter Alexander Munninghoff was only four when he found this mortifying relic from his father's recent past in his attic. In this revelatory memoir, the author confronts his parents' complex past as he reconstructs the fortunes and disillusionments of an entire family upheaved during the changes of twentieth-century Europe. Please register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Christmas Wreath Workshop – Tuesday 7 December 8.00-9.30pm



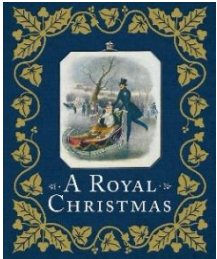
Indulge in an evening of Christmas fun by making your very own Christmas wreath, whilst enjoying the comforts of your own home. Via an online demonstration Battersea Bloem's florist, Adrienne (member of the ANS Events Committee) will teach you the tricks of the flower trade to make a sumptuous Christmas wreath. The wreath will be moss based on a 12-inch metal frame to ensure it will last until Christmas. We hope you can join us in the Christmas fun! Costs £ 40 all-in (including shipment to England and Wales). Payment instructions and six designs to choose from will follow after registration at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk Please register before 30 November to allow for posting of the materials.

Annual General Meeting – Thursday 16 December 7.00pm



The Society's 2021 Annual General Meeting will be held virtually via Zoom and will be followed by *A Royal Christmas* lecture by Louise Cooling. The agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the 2020 AGM will be sent to all members in the coming days and will soon be available on the Member's Page on our website, together with the accounts for the year 2020/2021. Please register for this meeting at events@anglo-netherlandsorg.uk

A Royal Christmas lecture – Thursday 16 December 8.00pm



At the beginning of the nineteenth century, King George III's German-born wife Charlotte gave a Christmas party for children in which she displayed a small tree decorated with lights and sugar ornaments, a custom unknown in Britain at the time. Christmas trees would go on to delight children of the royal family for decades to come, and are now a cornerstone of Christmas throughout the United Kingdom and beyond. Join Louise Cooling and explore the fascinating Christmas traditions of royalty past and present. The lecture will take about 60 minutes with Q&A. Please register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

ANS LIVE EVENT

Members' Dinner - Reform Club - late November



We are pleased to announce that in our series of annual dinners, we are organising another Members' dinner in November in the Reform Club and are delighted to have as guest speaker H.E. Mr. Karel van Oosterom, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Court of St. James's. The title of his presentation will be: "Bilateral relations between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands." As we received a few cancellations, there are now a few places available again for this popular event. Please contact the administrator at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Payment for events via Internet Banking, Anglo-Netherlands Society, account 0540 98 45, sort code (NatWest) 50-41-02, ref your name/event. If not using IB, email the administrator for alternatives.

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

Our second live event, a drinks reception on October 15 in the Reform Club, was well attended. Our guest speaker Laura van Voorst Vader, Science and Education Attaché at the Netherlands Embassy, spoke about some of the challenges she is facing as a result of the UK having left the EU and thereby various "schemes". Our next live event will be our annual Members' dinner, also in the Reform Club. Some seventy members have already reserved places for this popular event where H.E. Karel van Oosterom will be our guest speaker. Because of some recent cancellations a few places have become available again but the deadline is looming. Meanwhile, we continue with our extensive list of other events which are offered through various Zoom sessions, attended by many of you.

Our AGM will take place on December 16 by means of a Zoom session which will hopefully allow a larger number of our membership to hear how the Society has been coping with the challenging circumstances forced upon us by the pandemic, its plans for the future as well its financial situation. Some relevant documents for this AGM will be posted on our website www.anglo-netherlands.org.uk at least three weeks before this date. A separate mailing announcing this AGM will go out soon.

Because of the pandemic we were forced to limit the issue of our quarterly hard copy newsletters. However, we are planning to issue an extended hard copy Winter 21/22 newsletter which should be despatched by the middle of December. This newsletter will also be available electronically, so if you prefer to receive this newsletter through that medium, please send us a short email.

From January we will continue our monthly electronic E-NEWS which have been much appreciated by many members as these allow us to stay in contact with you on a more regular basis.

Council is pleased to announce its decision to leave the annual subscription levels for 2022, due on 1 January, unchanged for the 15th year running. Details will be provided in the Winter newsletter.

A warm welcome to our new members Professor Ulrich Tiedau, Ms Jane Raiser and Dr Daniel Diehl. The last two are joining us from overseas, but with strong interests in Anglo-Dutch matters and activities.

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Books

Bart van Loo, *The Burgundians – A Vanished Empire* (2021)

A publishing phenomenon in Europe, where it has sold 230,000 copies in hardback, Bart Van Loo's epic history of the dukedom of Burgundy has the grip of a great historical novel and the fascination of a wonderful factual narrative. <https://www.bartvanloo.info/site/bio-en/>
<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-burgundians/bart-van-loo/9781789543438>

Sjoerd Levelt & Ad Putter, *North Sea Crossing: The Literary Heritage of Anglo-Dutch Relations 1066-1688* (2021). This richly illustrated book tells the story of cultural exchange between the people of the Low Countries and England in the Middle Ages and the Early Modern period, and reveals how Anglo-Dutch connections changed the literary landscape on both sides of the North Sea.

https://bodleianshop.co.uk/products/north-sea-crossings-1?_pos=1&_sid=7325db13d&_ss=r

Colin Butfield & Jonnie Hughes, *Earthshot: How to Save Our Planet* (2021)

As the definitive book of The Earthshot Prize, it includes an introduction from Prince William, and contributions from leading global figures and Members of The Earthshot Prize Council.

<https://royalfoundation.com/definitive-book-for-the-earthshot-prize-earthshot-how-to-save-our-planet-out-now/>

Art, Culture & Tips

In the Light of Cuyp, Dordrechts Museum, October-March 2022.

How did Aelbert Cuyp (1620-1691) become the inspiration for such artist as Gainsborough, Constable and Turner? <https://www.dordrechtsmuseum.nl/in-the-light-of-cuyp/>

Durer's Journeys: Travel of a Renaissance Artist, National Gallery, November-February 2022.

The first major UK exhibition of German Renaissance artist Albrecht Durer in nearly 20 years.

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/durers-journeys-travels-of-a-renaissance-artist>

Alice: Curiouser and Curiouser, V&A exhibition until 31 December 2021.

Exploring its origins, adaptations and reinventions over 157 years, this immersive and theatrical show charts the evolution of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland from manuscript to a global phenomenon beloved by all ages. <https://www.vam.ac.uk/exhibitions/alice-curiouser-and-curiouser>

British Council – 75 Years in the Netherlands.

British Council is celebrating their 75th anniversary in the Netherlands (2020-21) by sharing 75 personal stories from people who have a special connection to both the UK and the Netherlands.

<https://www.britishcouncil.nl/about/75-years/stories/75-uk-nl-stories-student-life>

Dutch Christmas, 4 and 5 December Blackwell Hall, Weston Library, Oxford.

Celebrate the festive season with live performances, creative and Christmas traditions from the Netherlands. <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/dutch-christmas#/>

North Sea Crossings – Anglo-Dutch Books and the Adventures of Reynard the Fox.

Exhibition, ST Lee Gallery, Weston Library Oxford, 3 December-18 April 2022.

<https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/north-sea-crossings#/>

Virtual panel event to mark the opening of the exhibition, 2 December 5-6.30pm online (free).

<https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/north-sea-crossings-exhibition-opening>

Sky Gods – The Price of our Love for Flying documentary by Dutch journalist Bernice Notenboom.

Sky Gods tells a story about the rapid development of the global aviation industry and our addiction to it. <https://skygodsmovie.com/synopsis/>

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols, Dutch Church Austin Friars, Tuesday 7 December 6.30-8.00pm.

The service will be held in English and Dutch and is led by ds Bertjan van de Lagemaat. Carols will be sung by the *Vocaal Ensemble* directed by Greg Hallam.

<https://www.dutchchurch.org.uk/event/festival-of-lessons-carols/>

Reisadvies Verenigd Koninkrijk.

<https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/landen/verenigd-koninkrijk/reizen/reisadvies>

Travelling to the Netherlands from abroad.

<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad>

Healthcare for UK nationals living in the Netherlands.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/healthcare-in-the-netherlands>

Recordings

Two navies: the Dutch and their English counterparts on the North Sea by Dr Anne Doedens

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/w6Y8ZI0enBKjOdwPWFbkeoVC_kyIFE7MyePJbLlUvH6HW0ZrtRFm629ifmCGzb6O_eK1kZHjodrNlxpn

Access Passcode: for members only

ANS Centenary book

There is an excellent Christmas present waiting for your family members and friends: a copy of our much appreciated Centenary book. Please contact administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

ANS Website

Members can login to the Member's Page.

<http://www.anglo-netherlands.org.uk/members-page/>

Instagram

Please follow us on Instagram at AngloNetherlandsSociety

<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.