

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

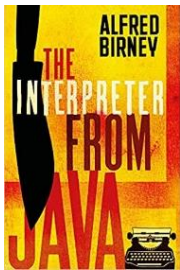
February 2022

At last the world is getting back on its feet and what was a distant dream of enjoying in-person events can once again become a reality. We're still early days in 2022, and the weather is still somewhat on the chilly side but at the ANS spring will soon be in the air as we prepare for our long-awaited Centenary reception. We are thrilled that in March we shall be re-staging this unique reception at the State Apartments at Kensington Palace in the presence of Royal Guests of Honour. We hope you will be able to join us to mark this moment, to reflect on our past, and look ahead.

Last week we were treated to a fascinating lecture on *Fleeting-Scents in Colour* by Lizzie Marx. Those of you who had to miss this presentation can still get access to an exclusive recording until the 24th February. There is still time to register for the ANS Book club discussion on *The Interpreter from Java* by Alfred Birney. A day trip to Salisbury, a cathedral city of ageless beauty and captivating history, has been scheduled for May. Read on to find out more about our forthcoming activities, message from our Council and interesting links.

ANS ZOOM EVENT

ANS Book club *The Interpreter from Java* by Alfred Birney – Thursday 3 March 8.00pm



Join us for our online book discussion on *The Interpreter from Java*.

Alan Noland discovers his father's memoirs. He reads about his work as an interpreter during the war with Japan, his life as an assassin, and his decision to murder Indonesians in the service of the Dutch. As he reads his father's story Alan begins to understand how war transformed his father into the monster he knew. Birney exposes a crucial chapter in Dutch and European history behind post-war optimism. Please register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

ANS LIVE EVENTS

Centenary Reception – The State Apartments at Kensington Palace, late March



We are delighted to be able to re-stage our centenary Reception in the State Apartments at Kensington Palace in the presence of Royal Guests of Honour. This reception, originally planned for March 2020, had to be postponed at very short notice because of COVID-19 developments at the time. In view of some cancellations now received from members who were planning to participate in 2020, there are now a few places available for firm bookings and payment. Please contact the office as soon as possible as places are very limited, phone 07401 660 615 or administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Kensington Palace with statue of Queen Victoria photo courtesy of Historic Royal Palaces

Salisbury day-trip - Guided City Tour & Cathedral Flower Festival - Saturday 14 May 12.30pm



We are very happy to be able to offer you a day-trip to Salisbury. One of our members, who lives in Salisbury, has alerted us to the fact that after a two year absence the Cathedral Flower Festival is on again this year and is well worth visiting. Under the guidance of celebrated designers Angela Turner and Pam Lewis, 300 local flower arrangers will create a magnificent display of 30.000 flowers to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the end of the Cathedral's 800th anniversary. We suggest to start with an optional lunch in a restaurant around the Market Place, meeting there from 12.30pm onwards, from where a Blue-Badge guide will pick us up at 2.15pm for a guided tour of the city, ending at the Cathedral. We have managed to secure 20 tickets for the last slot of the day to see the fabulous display of flowers. Estimated cost £25 per person to include a guided city tour, ticket for the exhibition and admin fee. Lunch is not included. Salisbury has a Park and Ride on the east side of the city. More details after registration at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk
<https://www.salisburycathedral.org.uk/events/celebration-festival-flowers>

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

Council is pleased to finally announce a firm date and the names of the Royal guests for our re-staged Centenary reception. You will find these in the formal announcement on the front page of this E-News. Withholding the detail to around now was required under normal protocol and we would still like this to be restricted to our private membership (no replication in social media please). Members who had confirmed places for the March 2020 reception have been contacted as to whether they want to reconfirm these. As a result of some cancellations a limited number of places have become available again and anyone interested should apply soonest. There is a maximum number of places available for this unique event; as a matter of fact we shall be reducing this maximum to allow for some more space between people in the various rooms of Kensington Palace.

Most regretfully, Council has to announce the resignation of Rosalyn Burgin as a member of Council on health grounds. We have consistently been impressed with her sustained contribution to its deliberations and especially through her opening various new initiatives. We would welcome her back as soon as she felt able and in the meantime wish her a speedy recovery.

A warm welcome to the new members who joined the Society since early January.

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Books

Jonathan Finch and Jan Woudstra, *Capability Brown, Royal Gardener (2020)*.

<https://universitypress.whiterose.ac.uk/site/books/e/10.22599/CapabilityBrown/>

Geert Mak, *The Dream of Europe: Travels in the Twenty-First Century (2021)*.

Mixing history, politics and personal stories of the people he meets on his travels, the author of the acclaimed *In Europe* delivers a powerfully humane, splendid panorama of Europe's first two tumultuous decades of this century.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-dream-of-europe/geert-mak/liz-waters/9781787302433>

Nancy Goldstone, *In the Shadow of the Empress* (2021).

The vibrant, sprawling saga of Empress Maria Theresa – one of the most renowned women rulers in history – and three of her extraordinary daughters, including Marie Antoinette, the doomed queen of France. <https://nancygoldstone.com/>

Pauline Baer de Perignon, *The Vanished Collection* (2022).

As suspenseful as a thriller and incredibly moving, Pauline Baer de Perignon's stunningly crafted memoir traces what happened to her great-grandfather's precious art collection after it was stolen from his Paris apartment during by the Gestapo in 1942.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-vanished-collection/pauline-baer-de-perignon/natasha-lehrer/9781803280905>

Art, Culture & Tips

Mauritshuis 200 Years of inspiration.

In 2022, it will be 200 years since the Mauritshuis, once built as a residence for Count Johan Maurits van Nassau-Siegen, became a museum. That calls for celebration. With spectacular exhibitions, an art battle for students and a magnificent anniversary book.

<https://www.mauritshuis.nl/en/what-s-on/200-years-of-inspiration/>

The Royal Collection.

One of the most important art collections in the world, and one of the last great European royal collections to remain intact. Explore the collection <https://www.rct.uk/collection>

Half-term events at the Wallace Collection.

<https://www.wallacecollection.org/whats-on/tiger-tales/>

A guided tour of Van Gogh House London, January-March 2022

<https://van-gogh-house.arttickets.org.uk/van-gogh-house/2022-01-29-a-guided-tour-of-van-gogh-house-london>

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, events and activities.

Last weekend marked the anniversary of The Queen's accession to the throne and the start of the special Jubilee year of celebrations. <https://platinumjubilee.gov.uk/>

Paul Mellon Centre

Based in London the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art is an educational charity that champions new ways of understanding British art history and culture. This year's series, entitled *The Museum and Gallery Today*, is exclusively online and features individual talks from some of the world's most distinguished museum and gallery directors. The lecturers are presented as free live webinars, registration is required. <https://www.paul-mellon-centre.ac.uk/>

Flower Classics, Keukenhof is looking forward to spring.

The *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and *Jacoba van Beieren* count down together.

<https://keukenhof.nl/en/news/keukenhof-looks-forward-to-spring-100-days-left-until-we-open/>

Lectures at Home by Arts Society Accredited Lecturers.

<https://www.connected.theartsociety.org/talks-lectures>

Our world in data

Research and data to make progress against the world's largest problems.

<https://ourworldindata.org/>

NASA Global Climate Change – Vital Signs of the Planet.

https://climate.nasa.gov/climate_resource_center/interactives

Woruldhord

Free online educational resources for the teaching and study of the Anglo-Saxons and Old English.

<http://poppy.nsms.ox.ac.uk/woruldhord/>

The Bodleian Libraries (BODcasts) – University of Oxford Podcasts – Audio and Video Lectures.

<https://podcasts.ox.ac.uk/series/bodleian-libraries-bodcasts>

NDT 2, Nederlands Dans Theater, The Marlowe, Canterbury 4-5 March

One of the world's leading dance companies, Nederlands Dans Theater, possess a winning combination of balletic grace and virtuosic skill with fearless athleticism, passion and personality.

<https://marlowetheatre.com/shows/nederlands-dans-theater/>

MasterChef Bart van der Lee, the culinary masterclass collection.

<https://mc.bartvanderlee.co.uk/optin1639121431009>

The Dutch Academic Network in the UK (DANinUK).

DANinUK is an open network for Dutch National working in Higher Education and (academic) research institutions in the United Kingdom. <http://dutchacademicnetwork.uk/>

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>

Recordings

Fleeting – Scents in Colour lecture by Lizzie Marx, recording 9 February 2022.

Cost £10. Please contact events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk Available until 24 February.

ANS Website

Members can login to the Member's Page with username and password.

<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.