

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

March 2022

Welcome to your monthly E-NEWS. Spring is in the air which makes it the perfect time to enjoy the daffodils as they are emerging from their winter slumber. We hope they'll bring you some colour and light *when tossing their heads in sprightly dance*. As places are opening up again you should certainly consider joining us at one of our upcoming events.

This month we are finally re-staging our Centenary Reception on 29th March at the State Apartments at Kensington Palace in the presence of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and Her Royal Highness Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands. There is a lot of interest in this unique event and there is now a waiting list to attend. All successful applicants will receive a formal invitation and information within the next week.

It is not too late to register for the book club discussion on *The interpreter from Java*, which has been rescheduled for 23rd March. In April you are all invited to enjoy a guided tour of the permanent collection at the Courtauld Gallery followed by a visit to the Van Gogh's exhibition *Self Portraits*. The first ever exhibition dedicated to self-portraits by the artist from across his career is not to be missed! Tickets are selling fast. Book now to avoid disappointment. We are looking forward to our day-trip to the beautiful Salisbury. Why not discover this medieval city which is best known for its history, wonderful architecture and flower festival. Find more about our events below, check our website or Instagram.

ANS LIVE EVENTS

Centenary Reception - State Apartments Kensington Palace, Tuesday 29 March 7.00-9.00pm

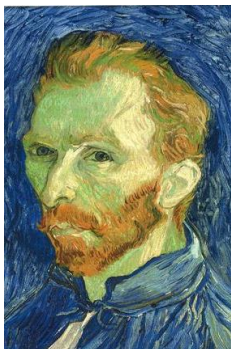


If you would like to join us for this event, and subject to other members cancelling at the last minute, contact the Administrator at administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk Please note there is a waiting list.

Kensington Palace was of course the favourite Residence of King William of Orange and his wife Queen Mary and this is an unrepeatable opportunity for us to celebrate our Society's own history there.

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

Van Gogh, Self-Portraits Courtauld Gallery in Somerset House, Tuesday 19 April from 2pm



Described by the *Financial Times* in its full page review as a 'landmark show', this exhibition contains 16 of van Gogh's 22 self-portraits painted in 1887. Some have never been seen in the UK. Several works in the exhibition were last together in Van Gogh's studio and have never been reunited, until now. The *Financial Times* suggests that in Self-portrait with Felt Hat the artist 'is still a tonal Dutchman'. We will start with a guided tour of the permanent collection at 2pm followed by entry to the exhibition at 3pm. For those who would like to meet up beforehand we recommend the Art Café in the Courtauld. Cost: £25 pp or £18 pp for Art Fund Members, both including guided tour of the permanent collection, Van Gogh exhibition and admin fee. We have a limited number of tickets. Therefore, this event is for members only unless places become available after the closing date Friday 18 March.

Please register for this event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

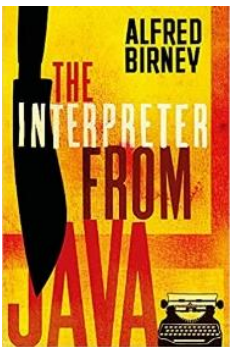
Salisbury day-trip - Guided City Tour & Cathedral Flower Festival - Saturday 14 May 12.30pm



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 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 300 local flower arrangers will create a magnificent display to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and the end of the Cathedral's 800th anniversary. We will start with an optional lunch in a restaurant around the Market Place, meeting there from 12.30pm onwards, from where our guide will pick us up at 2.15pm for a guided tour of the city, ending at the Cathedral. We have managed 20 tickets for the last slot of the day to see the fabulous display of flowers. Estimated cost £25 pp to include a guided city tour, ticket for the exhibition and admin fee. Lunch is not included. Salisbury has a Park and Ride. The station is conveniently located, the average travel time is 1.37 minutes. Early booking of train tickets is recommended. More details after registration at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

ANS ZOOM EVENT

ANS Book club *The Interpreter from Java* **New Date** - Wednesday 23 March 8.00pm



Alan Noland discovered his father's memoirs and read about his role as an interpreter during the war with Japan and his life as an assassin. As he reads his father's story Alan begins to understand how war transformed his father into the monster he knew. This book is not an easy read but important. There is a fast-growing interest in what happened in Indonesia during and after the Second World War and the cruelties that took place. As will become clear from reading this book both sides were committing war crimes too. The Dutch conscripts sent to Indonesia did not have a clue about what was awaiting them. It is a part of Dutch history that has been rarely discussed in the Netherlands. The discussion promises to be an interesting one. Still places available. Please register for this free event 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

As stated on the front page, Council is very pleased with being able to re-stage our Centenary reception which had to be postponed at the very last moment in March 2020. Preparations are in full swing and formal invitation cards for those Members who successfully applied for tickets, are about to be posted. Please take these to Kensington Palace on the evening as security checks will be in place. In case there are still members interested to join this unique event, please contact the office soonest. There is a waiting list, but cancellations may be received.

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Books

Willem-Jan Verlinden, *The Van Gogh Sisters* (2021).

Many people are familiar with the life and art of Vincent van Gogh, and his extensive correspondence with his brother Theo. But their sister, Ana, Lies, and Wil van Gogh, have gone overlooked until now. In this compelling group biography based on extensive primary resources, art historian Willem-Jan Verlinden brings Vincent's three sisters into the spotlight.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-van-gogh-sisters/willem-jan-verlinden/9780500023600>

Tom Quinn, *Kensington Palace: An Intimate Memoir from Queen Mary to Meghan Markle* (2021).

For more than 200 years the younger members of the British royal family – including future monarchs – have lived at Kensington Palace, alongside royal aunts and uncles, distant cousins and assorted aristocratic eccentrics.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/kensington-palace/tom-quinn/9781785906473>

Art, Culture & Tips

Discover Van Gogh's self-portraits with Dr Karen Serres at The Courtauld Gallery.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zqBWuLeukM4>

Van Gogh House London: Dutch Artist Duo.

A residency in early summer 2022, for a Dutch artist duo to stay at the Van Gogh House in London for one month. This opportunity has been supported by the Dutch Embassy.

<https://www.artrabbit.com/artist-opportunities/2022/february/van-gogh-house-london-dutch-artist-duo>

Treasures of the British Library.

From Magna Carta and Shakespeare to Florence Nightingale and Gandhi. Explore some of the world's most exciting, beautiful and significant books, maps and manuscripts.

<https://www.bl.uk/events/treasures-of-the-british-library>

William and Mary: The Court Divided by Professor Simon Thurley CBE (Gresham lectures).

King William III was unhappy with the stuffy formality of England's vast crumbling St James's Palace. William maintained a second court and a parallel suite of royal houses in the Netherlands. Mostly ignored by English historians, these houses are the key to understanding the style that we now know as William and Mary and its impact on England.

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/william-mary-court-divided>

The history of the Solebay tapestry.

In May 1672, off the coast of Southwold Bay in Suffolk, a Dutch artist by the name of Willem van de Velde the Elder took up position in a small boat. He was about to bear witness to carnage. Discover the story behind the largest tapestry in Royal Museums Greenwich's collection.

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/stories/topics/history-solebay-tapestry>

True Crime: The Case of Philips Wouwerman, Dulwich Picture Gallery 23 April-21 August 2022.

According to 18th century gossip, the Dutch painter Philips Wouwerman (1619–68) was a plagiarist. It was said that the painter stole the drawings of the dead artist Pieter van Laer and subsequently used them for his own works. Wouwerman went on to become one of the most successful artists of his generation creating over 600 paintings. <https://www.dulwichpicturegallery.org.uk/whats-on/displays/2022/april/true-crime-the-case-of-philips-wouwerman/>

Tower of London Superbloom, 1 June-18 September 2022.

This Summer the Tower of London will mark the Queen's platinum jubilee by transforming the Tower's moat into a spectacular flower meadow in a bid to create a biodiverse wildlife haven in the middle of the city. <https://superbloom.hrp.org.uk/content/ticket-options>

Geert Mak, *The Dream of Europe*, Bodleian: Divinity School, Oxford, 30 March 6:00pm.
Journalist, historian and bestselling Dutch writer Geert Mak looks at the first two decades of the 21st century including the EU expansion into Eastern Europe, the rise of Putin, terrorism in Europe, migration, and Brexit. <https://www.newdutchwriting.co.uk/events/index.php?p=310>

FT Weekend Oxford Literary Festival, 25 March-3 April.

This annual event is held at the Bodleian Libraries and, as a cultural partner to the Festival, some talks take place in Bodleian sites. <https://visit.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/event/ft-weekend-oxford-literary-festival>

Cutty Sark Rig Climb, London's new highlight.

For the first time since arriving in Greenwich in 1954, visitors to Cutty Sark will be able to climb the famous ship's masts and enjoy views of London and the Thames like no other. Are you ready to go sky high? <https://www.rmg.co.uk/cutty-sark/attractions/cutty-sark-rig-climb-experience>

Thriplow, Daffodil Weekend & Country Fair, 19-20 March 10am to 5pm.

Every year the streets of the pretty Cambridgeshire village of Thriplow are lined with masses of daffodils, bringing a welcome splash of colour to the early spring. <https://www.thriplowdaffodils.org.uk/>

From ambition to reality: Higher Education's role in realising COP26.

Join the panel discussion about Climate Action in Higher Education, at Tivoli Vredenburg or via livestream <https://www.britishcouncil.nl/programmes/cop26-climate-connection/ambition-reality-higher-education%E2%80%99s-role-realising-cop26>

Koningsdag 2022, Dutch Church - Austin Friars London, 30 April 1-6pm.

<https://dutchcentre.com/eventer/koningsdag-2022-bij-austin-friars-londen/edate/2022-04-30>

Stichting Nederlanders Buiten Nederland (SNBN).

<https://www.nederlandersbuitennederland.nl/en/>

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/>

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.