

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

April 2022

The Society proudly celebrated our re-staged Centenary on 29 March 2022 at a reception at the prestigious and historic State Apartments at Kensington Palace, originally built and lived in by King William III and his wife Queen Mary II. After the Loyal Toasts, some two hundred Members and guests could mark our Centenary in the presence of TRH the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and HRH Princess Beatrix of the Netherlands. Following a welcome by the Society's President Lord Taylor of Holbeach and an introduction by Chairman Dick van den Broek, the evening included a speech by the Duke of Gloucester, also on behalf of Princess Beatrix. A number of Members and guests was presented to the Royal Guests of Honour in the magnificent King's Gallery and King's Drawing Room. It was a splendid evening in content and atmosphere that seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended. The Society owes our very special thanks to our Royal Guests of Honour for making this celebration such a memorable event.

This month we highlight a special guided tour of the permanent collection at the Courtauld Gallery followed by a visit to the Van Gogh Exhibition *Self Portraits*. A last opportunity to see this sold-out exhibition. In May we recommend a day trip to Salisbury and see the Salisbury Cathedral transform into a floral wonderland. There are still few tickets available for this unique event.

In June the ANS Book club will discuss *The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street* by Pieter Waterdrinker. Wishing you all a Happy Easter and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

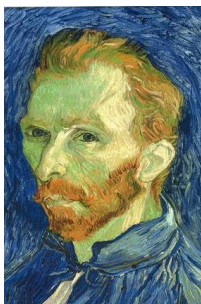
ANS LIVE EVENTS

Centenary Reception - State Apartments Kensington Palace, Tuesday 29 March



A most successful reception celebrating the Centenary of the Society was held in the Palace's State Apartments. A substantive and fully illustrated report will follow in a hard copy Newsletter to go out in May or June. To view the official images from the evening visit the link (members only). Members are free to download these images which are licensed for personal use only and will be available until the 4th May.

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 for lunch we will meet from 12.30pm in Pennethorne's Bar in the new wing of Somerset House (Waterloo Bridge side). Cost: £25 pp including guided tour of the permanent collection, the exhibition and admin fee. Lunch not included. There is a waiting list. Please contact the administrator at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

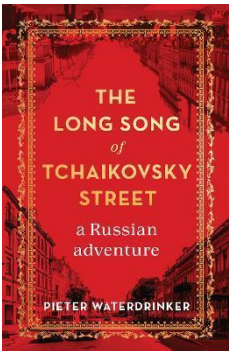
Salisbury day-trip - Guided City Tour & Cathedral Flower Festival - Saturday 14 May 12.30pm



We are very happy to be able to offer you a day-trip to Salisbury. A cathedral city of ageless beauty and captivating history. After a two-year absence the Cathedral Flower Festival is on again this year. 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, meeting from 12.30pm onwards, from where our guide will pick us up at 2.15pm for a guided tour of the magnificent medieval city, ending at the world famous Cathedral. We have managed 20 tickets for the last slot of the day to see the fabulous display of flowers. 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. Early booking of train tickets is recommended. There are still a few tickets available. Please register by 13th April at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

ANS ZOOM EVENT

ANS Book club *The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street* by Pieter Waterdrinker – June, time tbc



Join us for our online book discussion on *The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street*. One day in 1988, an enigmatic priest knocks on Pieter Waterdrinker's door with an unusual request: will he smuggle seven thousand bibles into the Soviet Union? Pieter agrees, and soon finds himself living in the midst of one of the biggest social and cultural revolutions of our time. Thirty years later, from his apartment on Tchaikovsky Street in Saint Petersburg, where he lives with his Russian wife and three cats, Pieter reflects on his personal history in the Soviet Union as well as the revolutions that took place. A master storyteller, he blends history with memoir to create an ode to the divided soul of Russia and an unputdownable account of his own struggles with life, literature, and love. 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

Finally, after two years of waiting and new planning, we were able to celebrate our Centenary reception on 29 March. In the introduction to this month's E-NEWS you will already have read about the happenings on March 29. After some formal speeches, the Royal Guests of Honour spent time with volunteers and other specially selected people around small tables in an informal atmosphere. Unfortunately some Members and guests had to cancel at the very last minute as Covid-19 was still doing the rounds. We hope the hard copy newsletter, planned for May/June with a wide selection of photos, will be a memorable souvenir issue.

Council is very pleased to report that a review of the longstanding corporate membership of the Worshipful Company of Carpenters with the Society has resulted in stronger links between that institution and our Society. The presence of some of its liverymen at our Centenary reception was already a first sign of this strengthened relationship.

From this year's round of ANS essay/podcast competitions among the students of UCL and Sheffield, Susanne Lap has kindly agreed to take over the Society's Adjudication Panel of Judges, as Paul Dimond steps down after ten years chairing the Panel. We are hugely grateful to Susanne for taking this on. She is very well qualified, as an alumna of UCL herself and member of the Panel over recent years. If you would like to join this voluntary team to engage in our Society's outreach to Dutch Studies at UK universities, please do get in touch with Susanne Lap directly. This is an exciting opportunity for any Member who has an interest in Dutch language and culture and may also suit a Member who lives further afield. All essays and podcasts are in English and judging them will not take up too much of your time.

A warm welcome to our new members.

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Books

Pieter Waterdrinker, *The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street* (2022).

Waterdrinker, a successful Dutch novelist, found himself living in the Soviet Union as a tour operator with a side line in contraband bibles at a time of huge turmoil. Thirty years later he still lives in Saint Petersburg with his Russian wife. In this novel he reflects on those years and on the divided soul of Russia <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Long-Song-Tchaikovsky-Street-adventure/dp/1912854074>

S.J.Bennett, *A Three Dog Problem*, her Majesty The Queen investigates (2021).

The pitch-perfect sequel to the bestselling *The Windsor Knot* sees Her Majesty once more playing detective when a stolen painting and a body in the Palace swimming pool require her regal crime-solving skills. <https://www.sjbennettbooks.com/>
<https://www.waterstones.com/book/a-three-dog-problem/sj-bennett/unknown/9781838774820>

Art, Culture & Tips

The Art of the Van de Veldes, live from the Queen's House Greenwich.

Curators, art conservators and special guests will introduce the work of the Van de Veldes, and reveal how some of their most fragile pieces are currently being prepared for display.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HTDXojatvo>

Inspiring Walt Disney: The Animation of French Decorative Arts, 6 April-16 October 2022.

This spring, in collaboration with New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, The Wallace Collection presents the magic of Disney as you have never seen it before.

<https://www.wallacecollection.org/art/exhibitions-displays/inspiring-walt-disney/>

Charles Dickens and The Pickwick Papers, free virtual Zoom event, 27 April 3.00pm (BST)

Book your free ticket at <https://dickensmuseum.com/blogs/all-events/the-art-that-made-us-charles-dickens-and-the-pickwick-papers>

Tideline, group exhibition 14 May-3 July

At the centre of a summer programme devoted to rethinking our relationship with the environment is Messum's 13th century tithe barn, the largest in the country, reimagined as a green turbine hall to host Tideline. <https://messumswiltshire.com/exhibitions/exhibition-tideline/>

New Dutch Writing Translation Workshop

Three literary translation workshops by leading translators from Dutch to English.

<https://www.newdutchwriting.co.uk/events/index.php?p=363>

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

After two years, a number of Dutch organisations in the UK have joined forces again to organise a King's Day celebration. The ANS will also be present, with an information stall. If you would like to volunteer to help at our stall, even if it is for just an hour or two, please contact us at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

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

<https://www.koningwillemfonds.org.uk/events/vrijmarkt-en.html>

Coppelia, in cinemas across the UK from 1 April.

A lovely story told entirely through dance and music by a beautiful cast of dancers from *Het Nationale Ballet – Dutch National Ballet*. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AQyb63fybBo>

André Rieu, the Dutch “King of Waltz” at OVO Arena Wembley London, 21 May 8.00pm

<https://www.ents24.com/london-events/ovo-arena-wembley/andre-rieu/6199664>

Waterperry Opera Festival, online webinar events this spring.

<https://mailchi.mp/a61301da29b3/become-a-supporter-of-waterperry-opera-festival-13609630?e=06446d5e83>

When did New York stop speaking Dutch?

<https://www.the-low-countries.com/article/when-did-new-york-stop-speaking-dutch>

UEFA Women's in England 2022.

This summer, the Netherlands women's football team will be defending their title as European champions. England will host the 16-team finals from 6-31 July. Tickets on sale now.

<https://www.uefa.com/womenseuro/>

Selma's Oorlog, a documentary about Selma van de Perre, Tuesday 3 May 8.30pm Max NPO2 (NL)

<https://pers.omroepmax.nl/unieke-documentaire-over-verzetsvrouw-selma-van-de-perre-bij-max/>

The Dutch Academic Network in the UK (DANinUK).

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

ANS Centenary book

An excellent present for your family members and friends waiting for you: 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 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 or in person events, please let us know at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk.