

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

Summer 2022

Summer is officially in full swing! With temperatures for July at an all-time high and August set for more sun, this is the season for a well-deserved holiday and family days out. It also gives an opportunity to introduce our forthcoming events and share some updates. We are getting ready to welcome you back to an exciting autumn programme with in-person and virtual events.

A fascinating guided walk around the *Inns of Court* has still availability this August. In September Members, their guests and potential members are kindly invited to a drinks reception at one of London's finest private members clubs with guest speaker Professor Martijn Zwijnenburg. For those of you looking for something different, don't miss our private tour at Kensal Green Cemetery led by chief guide Henry Vivian-Neal. Our book club will discuss *The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street* on Thursday 29 September. In October we are planning a virtual presentation by Herald van der Linde on his book *Asia's Stock Markets from the Ground Up*. But this autumn has more in store. We are delighted to welcome H.E. Joanna Roper CMG, British Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, as our guest speaker at our Member's Dinner at the Reform Club. The Savoy's archivist Susan Scott will take us on a virtual historical tour of London's most famous hotel. Mrs Clare Ford-Wille, art historian and ANS member, will give an online lecture on Dutch painter Carel Fabritius (Het Puttertje/The Goldfinch, Mauritshuis Den Haag) as this year it is four hundred years since his birth. Looking further ahead, we are exploring a possible trip to the Netherlands to take place during mid-May 2023.

Thank you as ever for your support and we do hope you enjoy your E-NEWS.

ANS LIVE EVENTS

Legal London – The Inns of Court – guided walk – Thursday August 2.00pm



This walk is about the accused, the Barristers and the Judges. This is the heart of legal and illegal London. We will visit the capital's ancient Inns of Court where the wigged and gowned English Barristers have lived and trained since medieval times surrounded by ancient rites and customs. The Inns include Middle Temple, Gray's Inn and Lincoln's Inn. Join us for one of the prettiest walks steeped in history of the English Common Law with our knowledgeable Blue Badge guide and Barrister Tom Hooper. The walk will take about two hours. Meeting place is Holborn tube station (street level). Cost £12.50 pp walk and admin fee. Please register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Drinks Reception for Members and guests – Reform Club – Thursday September 7.00-9.00pm



This evening is to welcome Members and their guests to give them a taster of the Society. After a welcome by our Chairman, our guest speaker Professor Martijn Zwijnenburg PhD MSc Professor of Computational Materials Chemistry at UCL and Chair of DANinUK will talk about the Dutch Academic Network in the UK. There will be ample opportunity for meeting new people while enjoying drinks and canapés. Members of Council and Events Committee will be present to answer any questions. Cost: £25 p.p. for Members and £15 p.p. for their guests with potential interest in membership of the Society (max 2). If interested please contact the office as soon as possible events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

The History of Kensal Green Cemetery- private guided tour – Saturday September 2.00pm



Join us for a special guided walk of arguably the finest of London's "Magnificent Seven" commercial cemeteries that were established between 1833 and 1841. Author, historian and chief guide Henry Vivian-Neal will introduce us to some of the many famous (and infamous) figures buried within this great necropolis as we explore this fascinating area of London, which is also a haven for wildlife. There are still a few places available for this unique walk. The tour will last about two hours. <https://www.kensalgreen.co.uk/> Cost £17.50 pp including guided tour and admin fee. Please register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Members' Dinner - Reform Club - Friday November 7.00 for 7.45pm



As briefly mentioned in earlier communications, we are now firmly planning to hold our popular annual Members' dinner on November in the beautiful surroundings of the Reform Club on Pall Mall. Our guest speaker this year will be H.E. Joanna Roper CMG, British Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Some of our members had already indicated a definite interest in this event. Firm applications can now be sent to administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk to make sure a place is being reserved for you. There usually is a waiting list towards to date of the event. Payment will be requested during September when exact costs will hopefully be known.

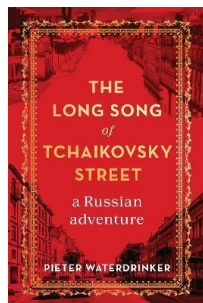
Visit to the Netherlands – May 2023



We have started planning for our next visit to the Netherlands, a regular feature in our programme of longer visits to explore parts of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, interrupted by Covid. We shall be focussing on the area around Arnhem with visits to the Commonwealth War Graves, the Airborne Museum, the Kröller-Müller Museum with a very large collection of van Goghs, possibly Palace Het Loo (with the William and Mary tour) in Apeldoorn and a boat trip on the river Rhine. We expect this to be a 3-night stay during the middle of May 2023. In order to help us with our planning we would like to obtain a feel for the potential interest among our Members. An expression of interest in principle would be appreciated at administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk.

ANS ZOOM EVENT

ANS Book club *The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street* – Thursday September 8.00pm



After many book group discussions about topics related to the second world war we will discuss a book that sheds some light on the invasion of the Ukraine. Join us for our 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 revolutions of our time. Thirty years later, from his apartment on Tchaikovsky Street in Saint Petersburg Pieter reflects on his personal history in the Soviet Union. Please register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Payment for events via Internet Banking, Anglo-Netherlands Society, account (), sort code (), 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

You will already have seen our extensive programme of events in the earlier part of this E-NEWS. Starting at the end of the summer holiday period with the Inns of Court guided walk, you are being offered a wide variety of events, small and large, in-person or via Zoom. The latter will hopefully appeal in particular to the many Members who live well outside the Greater London area.

We hope you enjoyed reading our Summer hard copy newsletter distributed in June which included a large collection of photos taken during our Centenary reception at Kensington Palace. In that newsletter you will also have noticed the large number of new Members who had joined the Society since the beginning of this year. Since early June more Members have joined: Dr Anna Moore, Mrs Sepha Ascroft-Leigh, Dr Annette de la Court, Mr Daniel and Mrs Heather Kleeman and Mrs Jean Singleton. A warm welcome to them and we look forward to meeting many of our new Members at our annual drinks reception planned for 8 September (see elsewhere).

You will have seen the announcement of our annual dinner at the Reform Club on 18 November. We are most honoured that H. E. Joanna Roper CMG, British Ambassador to the Netherlands, has accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker this year. Demand for places is always strong, so do not wait too long with reserving yours.

We continued most successfully with our AWARDS scheme for students of Dutch Studies at the University of Sheffield towards the end of June. A scheme very much appreciated by the students and the University. More about this event further on in this E-NEWS. A similar scheme for students in Dutch Studies at UCL is expected to lead to a prize giving ceremony in September.

Council is most grateful for the on-going support received from a number of ANS Members participating in the Adjudication Panel, judging the inputs from university students. This Panel is now chaired by Susanne Lap, taking over this year from Paul Dimond who chaired this Panel for quite a few years in an eminent way.

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Books

Graham Brack, *The Lying Dutchman* (2022).

Mercurius is back in a thrilling historical adventure. Will he make it out of the English court alive?

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Lying-Dutchman-Mercurius-thrilling-historical-ebook/dp/B09V1DV2R8/ref=sr_1_1?crid=V9UPNDKONPK6&keywords=graham+brack&qid=1651151407&srefix=grahambrack%2Caps%2C169&sr=8-1

Herald van der Linde, *Asia's Stock Markets from the Ground Up* (2022).

A practical guide to Asia's stock markets for a general audience.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/asias-stock-markets-from-the-ground-up/herald-van-der-linde/9789814974622>

41 Dutch Books you Need to read this Summer (2022)

<https://www.the-low-countries.com/article/40-dutch-books-you-need-to-read-this-summer-2022>

Art, Culture & Tips

Buckingham Palace, 22 July-2 October 2022

The annual opening of the palace's State Rooms is an opportunity to visit the Picture Gallery to view many old masters in the royal collection. In celebration of the Jubilee there is also a display looking at the Queen's accession in 1952. <https://www.rct.uk/collection/themes/exhibitions/platinum-jubilee-the-queens-accession/buckingham-palace>

Dutch Paintings restored at Ranger's House.

Layers of dark varnish have carefully removed from two 17th-century Dutch paintings and replaced with transparent resin to reveal the finely detailed artistry. The works by Cornelis Dusart and Adriaen van Oostade, part of the Wernher Collection displayed at Ranger's House.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/rangers-house-the-wernher-collection/history-and-stories/history/>

Proms, the world's greatest classical music festival, Royal Albert Hall, 5 July-10 September

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/r56q2m/series>

The ING Discerning Eye, online submission until Tuesday 30 August 2022.

Entries for a brand-new edition in 2022 are welcome giving artists from across the UK the opportunity to showcase their work at the Mall Galleries in London and in a unique virtual exhibition, with a chance to win a range of prizes, including the ING Purchase Prize <https://thediscerningeye.artopps.co.uk/>

Ton Koopman, Amsterdam Baroque Orchestra, Wigmore Hall, 18 September 7.30pm.

<https://wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on/ton-koopman-amsterdam-baroque-orchestra-202209181930>

Goldsmiths' Fair, 27 September- 9 October.

Celebrating 40 years of British artistry, the Goldsmiths' Fair is returning, bigger and better than ever in an anniversary special. Bringing together 136 of the UK's most extraordinary silversmiths and goldsmiths, this year's Fair will not disappoint. Don't miss the chance to buy an early bird ticket.

<https://www.goldsmithsfair.co.uk/the-2022-exhibitors/>

Dudok Quartet Amsterdam, Wigmore Hall 23 October 11:30am.

<https://wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on/dudok-quartet-amsterdam-202210231130>

Pieter van Dijk - Grand Organ Festival – Westminster Cathedral, 26 October 7.30pm.

The closing recital of the 2022 Grand Organ Festival is given by Pieter van Dijk, Professor and Head Organ Studies at the Conservatory of Amsterdam, and one of Europe's most sought-after teachers and players. <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/event/grand-organ-festival-2022-pieter-van-dijk/>

Dutch National Opera, Der Freischütz, Carl Maria von Weber (free stream).

<https://www.operaballet.nl/en/dutch-national-opera/2021-2022/der-freischutz-stream>

VOC ship the Rooswijk.

Find out how a team of specialists is researching and conserving the artefacts from the shipwreck of the Dutch East India Company vessel the *Rooswijk* which sank on the treacherous Goodwin Sands, off Kent in 1740. <https://historicengland.org.uk/whats-new/research/rooswijk-shipwreck-excavation-the-post-excavation-phase/>

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

Barbara Hepworth – In de ban van het Britse landschap (Podcast in Dutch)

https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/nl/stories/podcast/story/barbara-hepworth?utm_medium=email&utm_source=Tuinen_-_Stories_-_NL_&utm_campaign=uitnodigin

Hadrian's Wall

2022 celebrates the 1900th anniversary of the beginning of the construction of Hadrian's Wall.

<https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/hadrians-wall/hadrians-wall-1900/>

Making New Plants by Professor Jim Endersby.

This lecture examines the work of Hugo de Vries, a Dutch botanist who was one of the first to claim that science would allow plants and animals to be designed to order.

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/making-new-plants>

Antibiotic Resistance, Your Microbiome and You, by Professor Willem van Schaik.

Willem van Schaik, Professor of Microbiology and Infection at the University of Birmingham gave the "New Year's Lecture" for the Dutch Academic Network in the UK.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SedyAdq06C0>

ANS AWARDS 2022

This spring, second year students of Dutch Studies at University of Sheffield submitted essays and podcasts to the Society. We again opted for a virtual event, which seems to work very well, and on 30th June we had a lively online discussion and prize ceremony. For the students this was a great moment to hear spontaneous feedback from the jury and guests. The Dutch Embassy was represented by cultural attaché Astrid de Vries, who kindly attended the event and explained her role as Head of Culture, Education and Communication. We welcomed Marja Kingma to the panel this year, supporting Paul Dimond, Abi Graham, Lady Abbey Wright, Meritha Paul van Voorden and Susanne Lap. A huge thank you to Heleen Mendl-Schrama, who has decided to step down; her longstanding dedication to both Society and students is much appreciated. The University was represented by Head of Germanic Studies Professor Henk de Berg, Dr Henriette Louwerse and Dr Filip de Ceuster of the Centre for Dutch and Flemish Studies, who again arranged a highly successful event.

Poppy Mainwaring's contribution "From Fortuyn to Wilders" was considered an excellent researched piece and judged the winner. The Podcast Competition was won by Beth Speakman, Emma Halliburton, Alice Willett, and Natalia Rowe. Their contribution was part of a Dutch Project Module "Remembering the Past" and all students were tasked to discuss three colonial artefacts and their contexts. The winning essay and a summary of the winning podcast, together with a link to it, will be published in the Newsletter in due course. The podcasts and more information of the department can be found here:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/1kxPUr3J9x1dRWOlqgNsiJ>

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dutch>

<https://www.sheffield.ac.uk/dutch/news/congratulations-our-graduates-and-award-winners>

The ANS Award is a huge encouragement for students and recognises their research and effort. We hope you'll enjoy reading the essays when published in the Newsletter later this year.

Susanne Lap, Chair of the adjudication panel

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>

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