

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

September 2022

We are deeply saddened by the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and our prayers and thoughts are with His Majesty King Charles III and all members of the Royal Family. The Society has sent a condolence message signed on behalf of all Members by the Chairman and by the President.

Her late Majesty was the epitome of public service without parallel in the world we know and an inspiration to millions of people in the Commonwealth and around the world. The late Queen provided stability through decades of remarkable change. We greet the Accession of the new sovereign, wishing His Majesty a long and happy reign.

As a mark of respect and in consultation with the Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery it was decided to reschedule our guided tour of 10 September. Our bookclub has still a few places in September and in October we will visit "Two Temple Place", one of London's hidden architectural gems. "The Flying Dutchman" Herald van der Linde will introduce us to the Asia's stock markets and Susan Scott, The Savoy hotel's in-house archivist, a post surely unique in the great hotels of the world, will take us on a fascinating virtual tour of one of London's foremost hotels. Members are invited to our popular annual Members' dinner at _____ on Friday _____ November and to our Annual General Meeting at _____ on Thursda _____ December.

Whatever you are looking for where your next event is concerned, we hope you'll find it among the following pages. No matter how much of the world you've seen, there's always more to discover!

ANS LIVE EVENTS

Two Temple Place - private guided tour - Monday 3 October 1pm



Completed in 1895, Two Temple Place is a dazzling neo-Gothic gem on the Victoria Embankment, that combines the grandeur of a London mansion with the intimacy of a private home. It was designed by gothic revivalist architect, John Loughborough Pearson, and commissioned by and built for American businessman and politician William Waldorf Astor, as his estate office. Join us for an interesting guided tour and learn about the fascinating history behind the place, the Astor family story and the building's stunning ornamentation. Cost £15 p.p. including a 60 minutes guided tour and admin fee. Please register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Members' Dinner -

- Friday _____ November 7.00 for 7.45pm



We are now firmly planning to hold our popular annual Members' dinner on _____ November in the beautiful surroundings of _____ on Pall Mall. Our guest speaker this year will be H.E. Joanna Roper CMG, British Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. A large number of our members had already indicated a definite interest in this event. There usually is a waiting list towards to date of the event. If you have a definite interest in attending and haven't sent us a message yet, please contact the administrator. Firm applications can now be sent to administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk Cost: £105 p.p. all inclusive.

Kensal Green Cemetery- private guided tour – new date and time tbc



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. Cost £17.50 p.p. including guided tour, light refreshments and admin fee. Please register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

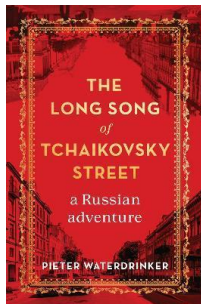
Visit to the Netherlands – May 2023



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.

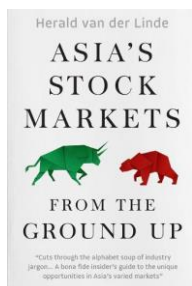
ANS ZOOM EVENT

ANS Book club *The Long Song of Tchaikovsky Street* – Thursday 29 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

Asia's Stock Markets by Herald van der Linde presentation – Wednesday 26 October 12 noon



Herald van der Linde is HSBC's Head of Equity Strategy, Asia Pacific. He is known as "The Flying Dutchman" given his many travels around the region. He and his Indonesian wife divide their time between Hong Kong and Jakarta. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst, has an MSc in Economics and speaks seven languages. He is also an author and an excellent speaker. Herald will talk to us about his latest book *Asia's Stock Markets: From the Ground Up*. This book is a practical guide to Asia's stock markets for a general audience. It is for people who do not know much about financial markets but, for whatever reason, would like to learn more. The idea is to cut through the alphabet soup of industry jargon to provide a clear understanding of how these markets work. The book includes helpful history lessons and personal anecdotes drawn from Herald's 30 years in the world of Asian investments. Join us for an insightful and entertaining lunchtime talk. The lecture will take about 60 minutes with Q&A, and is free to all members. Please register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Stories from the Savoy Archive by Susan Scott – Thursday 3 November 7.30pm



Join Susan Scott, the in-house archivist of the of the Savoy Hotel, who will give a talk on the history of the first luxury hotel in London. Built on the site of the original Savoy Palace in the 13th century, then a hospital and even a prison, the Savoy Hotel was opened in 1889. The hotel has a fascinating history and many stories to reveal, about its architecture and design, famous guests and events, entertainment and music, life during the war years, and more. The presentation will last about 75 minutes. There will be an opportunity to ask Susan questions at the end of what promises to be a fascinating talk. Cost £10 per screen. Members who are not able to join can register to get access to an exclusive recording after the event. Payment into the usual ANS bank account (see below). Please register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Payment for events via Internet Banking, Anglo-Netherlands Society, account , sort code (NatWest) , 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 have seen our extensive programme of events in the earlier part of this E-NEWS. A full programme is being offered until the end of this year with 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 recently welcomed at our recent drinks reception quite a few of our new Members as well as some potential members. The reception was preceded by the sad news of Her Majesty passing away. As a number of our Members and guests had already gathered at the Reform Club, we decided on inviting our President, Lord Taylor of Holbeach CBE, to speak a few words to remember Her Majesty and stress the longstanding relationship between the Royal Families of the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. This was followed by a one minute silence

A warm welcome to Mr and Mrs who recently joined the Society.

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

Our Awards scheme for students in Dutch Studies at UCL is expected to lead to a prize giving ceremony in late September. The Adjudication Panel, all volunteers, is presently judging the essays from these university students. In case you have an interest to join this Panel in the future, please let us know. There are always members of this Panel leaving, so new members are most welcome

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Books

Robert Verkaik, *The Traitor of Colditz* (2022).

In this utterly gripping volume, the author unravels the never-before-told story of the ingenuity of two British elite officers and POWs at Colditz Castle who risked their lives to guard the secrets of MI9 from the Gestapo. <https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-traitor-of-colditz/robert-verkaik/9781802790764>

The Secret Barrister, *Nothing but the Truth* (2022).

Stories of crime, guilt and the loss of innocence by the award-winning no.1 bestselling author. <https://www.waterstones.com/book/nothing-but-the-truth/the-secret-barrister/9781529057027>

Art, Culture & Tips

Open House London Festival 2022, 8-21 September.

This Festival is a two-week celebration of London's housing, architecture and neighbourhoods. Explore this year's festival programme. <https://programme.openhouse.org.uk/calendar>

The Lost King: Imagining Richard III, Wallace Collection, free entry 7 September-8 January 2023. This free display traces the story of how key objects and staff at The Wallace Collection have influenced the way we imagine Richard III today, and how he has been portrayed in cinema for nearly a century. <https://www.wallacecollection.org/art/exhibitions-displays/the-lost-king-imagining-richard-iii/>

Hidden Van Gogh self-portrait

The National Galleries of Scotland has discovered a previously unknown self-portrait by Vincent van Gogh. It was found on the back of another of his paintings.

<https://www.nationalgalleries.org/art-and-artists/features/hidden-van-gogh-self-portrait-discovered>

Magnificent Maps of London, London Metropolitan Archives, until 26 October.

This exhibition is free during normal opening hours, Monday to Thursday, 10am to 4pm.

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events/magnificent-maps-of-london>

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

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

People, Protection and Parameters: Comparing Flooding in the UK and the Netherlands

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/watch-now/people-protection-and-parameters-comparing-flooding-uk-and>

Truus Children, Manchester Jewish Museum.

An extraordinary story of the largely unknown Dutch resistance heroine Truus Wijsmuller (1896-1978), who managed to rescue more than 10.000 people from the hands of the Nazis in the years immediately before and during WWII. <https://www.manchesterjewishmuseum.com/event/truus-children/>

Dutch Centre, upcoming events September-October.

<https://dutchcentre.com/upcoming>

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.