

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

November 2022

A very warm welcome to this month's E-NEWS. The clocks have gone back and November is now well underway with the bonfires and fireworks last week. The busy festive period nears, life is moving at full pace and there are still lots of things to enjoy these months such as our popular Members' dinner at the Reform Club on Friday 18 November.

Don't miss the opportunity to take part in this year's in-person Annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday 8 December at [redacted] who kindly agreed to host the meeting.

In January we will start the new year with a virtual art history talk on Carel Fabritius, painter of *The Goldfinch*, by art historian and ANS Member Mrs Clare Ford-Wille. Fabritius was born four hundred years ago and, despite his tragic early death, he is better known and admired than many other painters who lived twice as long. In February Harrow School, a famous private school in northwest London, opens its doors for a group of our Members for a private guided tour. The tour offers a chance to get a behind-the-scenes look and learn about its history, including its use as a film location for some very well-known films and TV series including Harry Potter and the Crown. We are delighted that, after a three year interruption due to Covid, Unilever will resume hosting our traditional Unilever Lecture in March 2023. More details about this event will follow soon. Find more about our forthcoming events below, check our website and Instagram.

ANS LIVE EVENTS

Members' Dinner -

- Friday 18 November 7.00 for 7.45pm



Our popular annual dinner will take place on Friday 18 November in the beautiful surroundings of [redacted] on Pall Mall, London. Our guest speaker this year will be H.E. Joanna Roper CMG, British Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands. The dinner is now fully booked, but in case you still have a definite interest in attending, please contact the Administrator soonest and we will see what can be arranged. Cost £105 p.p. all inclusive. administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Annual General Meeting – Carpenters' Hall – Thursday 8 December 5.30pm

Members are invited to attend the Society's 2022 **AGM** which will take place on Thursday 8 December at [redacted]. The AGM will start at 5.30pm and will be preceded by an optional tour of the ceremonial rooms by the archivist. The tour will start at 4.30pm and will take about 45 minutes. The



Drinks will be served afterwards until 7.30pm, generously offered by [redacted]. This is a Members only event and registration is necessary in order to join the tour and/or AGM/Reception. Please register at administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Harrow School – historic tour – Thursday 9 February 2.00-4.00pm



Founded in 1572 by Royal Charter under Elizabeth I, Harrow School counts amongst its Old Harrovians many notables including Benedict Cumberbatch, James Blunt, Nehru, King Hussein of Jordan and, of course, most notable of all, Sir Winston Churchill. Perched atop the hill, the spreading estate of some 300 acres is term-time home to 830 boys aged 13-18 from all over the world. Miep, our guide, will conduct us on a fascinating tour which will take in buildings representative of the oldest in the school as well as those from the expansion of the 19th century and modern developments. Our tour will conclude with tea/coffee and biscuits. Members and their guests are welcome to join us as we glimpse into a youthful world where the past meets the future. Cost: £17 per person, to include guided tour, refreshments and administration fee. Please register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Unilever Lecture – mid-March 6.00pm



We are very happy that after a three year interruption due to Covid, Unilever has generously offered to host our traditional Unilever Lecture again. Due to some modifications at the stunning Skyline Restaurant on the 8th floor the format of the evening will be different from previous years. More details about this event will follow shortly.

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 (William and Mary) in Apeldoorn and a guided tour followed by dinner in the historic centre of a former Hanseatic town on the river IJssel. 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

Carel Fabritius – Lecture by Mrs Clare Ford-Wille – Thursday 26 January 7.30pm



Carel Pietersz Fabritius was a Dutch painter. He was a pupil of Rembrandt and worked in his studio in Amsterdam. Fabritius, who was a member of the Delft School, developed his own artistic style and experimented with perspective and lighting. He was only 32 years old when he was killed in Delft at the 1654 gunpowder disaster. Among his works are *A View of Delft* and *The Goldfinch*. Mrs Clare Ford-Wille has an Honours degree in History of Art, Birkbeck College, University of London. Regular commitments include Centre for Lifelong Learning, London University, National Gallery, V&A Museum, the Art Fund and National Trust. The presentation will last about 60 minutes with Q&A. Cost £10 per screen. Payment into the usual ANS bank account. Please register 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.

Society News

Council is pleased to announce that subscription rates for 2023 will remain unchanged, for the 16th year running. Our subscription year is based on a calendar year and we would be most grateful for payments early in 2023 from those Members who do not pay by standing order. More details will be provided in our 16-page hard copy Newsletter which will be despatched around mid-December. That Newsletter will be full of reports, articles and the winning essays in our University Awards Scheme. If you prefer an electronic copy of the Winter 22/23 Newsletter, please contact the Administrator.

The documentation for our AGM on 8 December, one of our Corporate sponsors, is now being posted on our website under Members' pages. This consists of the Minutes of the 2021 AGM, the accounts for the Year 2021/22 and the Agenda for the 2022 AGM. Members can read these documents with username and password.

has most generously offered a tour before the AGM and a drinks reception afterwards. As numbers for the tour and the drinks reception are now limited, early registration is recommended (as it is for the AGM proper for security reasons). Those Members who have registered for the AGM will receive the documentation mentioned above electronically before the AGM, but other Members can request this as well by contacting the Administrator.

Council is presently reviewing its IT requirements and would like to include its website in this exercise. If there are any Members who are willing to provide some expertise in these fields, we would appreciate a brief message to the Administrator and we will contact you.

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Books

Jessie Burton, *The House of Fortune* (2022).

The House of Fortune is the sequel to Jessie Burton's million copy bestselling *The Miniaturist*. Set in the golden city of Amsterdam in 1705, it is a story of fate and ambition, secrets and dreams, and one young woman's determination to rule her own destiny. <https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-house-of-fortune/jessie-burton/9781509886081>

Bart van Loo, *The Burgundians – A Vanished Empire*, paperback (2022).

A publishing phenomenon in Europe, where it has sold 230,000 copies in hardback. A masterful history of the great dynasty of the Netherlands' Middle Ages.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-burgundians/bart-van-loo/nancy-forest-flier/9781789543445>

Siddhartha Mukherjee, *The Song of the Cell* (November 2022).

From the prize-winning author of *The Emperor of All Maladies*, *The Song of the Cell* tells the vivid, thrilling and suspenseful story of the fundamental unit of life.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Omniscient-Cell-Siddhartha-Mukherjee/dp/1847925979>

Art, Culture & Tips

ING Discerning Eye Annual Exhibition, Mall Galleries 11- 20 November and online until 30 December.

<https://www.discerningeye.org/exhibition>

Neerlandia, Christmas Market, Dutch Church 14 November.

<https://www.neerlandia.org/mailling/marktmail2022-web.html>

Dutch Centre Events

Low Countries Film Festival 2022, 15 November.

Fundraising Concert to celebrate the 2022 Amsterdam Cello Biennale, 22 November 6.30-9.00pm.

<https://dutchcentre.com/upcoming>

Cultural Currents in the Age of Gibbons, Carpenters' Company, 22 November 6.30-9.00pm.
Dutch art-historian experts explore the cultural currents flowing to Baroque England through Rotterdam-born Gibbons and his Netherlandish contemporaries. The panel-discussion will be followed by a special wine reception. For tickets :<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cultural-currents-in-the-age-of-gibbons-tickets-433534211497?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

From Crisis to Freedom, DANinUK. Dutch Church, 23 November 5.00-8.00pm.
During this networking event Professor Emmy van Deurzen will discuss human resilience in times of crisis, followed by a panel, O&A and drinks. Please register for this free event:
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/from-crisis-to-freedom-tickets-440943723547?aff=ebdssbdestsearch&keep_tld=1

Festival of Lessons & Carols, Dutch Church, Tuesday 6 December 6.30-7.30pm.
<https://www.dutchchurch.org.uk/event/dinsdag-om-18-30-uur-festival-of-lessons-carols/>

Janine Jansen, All-Stradivari Gala Concert, Cadogan Hall, 19 December 7.30pm.
Celebrated Dutch violin virtuoso Janine Jansen directs an ensemble of world-class musicians, performing on stringed instruments made by the greatest Italian luthier, Antonio Stradivari, in the inaugural concert of the Beare's International Chamber Music Festival. https://cadoganhall.com/whats-on/beares-stradivari-gala-concert-with-janine-jansen/?utm_campaign=13525148_Orchestral%20-%20Nov%2FDec&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Cadogan%20Hall&dm_i=1OE8,81W2K,9D66TH,WY8M1,1

Liza Ferschtman, Dutch violinist plays Bach, Wigmore Hall, 5 January 7.30pm & 6 January 7.30pm.
Unpublished until more than 50 years after Bach's death, his two sets of works for solo violin have challenged players ever since and indeed continue to serve as exemplars for subsequent composers attempting the medium. <https://wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on/liza-ferschtman-202301051930>

Lucas Jussen piano and Arthur Jussen piano, Wigmore Hall, 23 January 7.30pm
After directing a performance by the two Dutch brothers, conductor Michael Schønwandt described the experience as 'like driving a pair of BMWs'
<https://wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on/lucas-jussen-arthur-jussen-202301231930>

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:
<http://www.anglo-netherlands.org.uk/members-page/>

and password:

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.