

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

January 2023

A Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the festive season and celebrated the start of 2023 safely and in good health. This past year we were tasked to deal with the tailwinds of the pandemic and were very pleased that the world was getting back on its feet again. The beginning of a new year comes with new opportunities and we have much to look forward to.

Join us this month for a virtual art history talk on Carel Fabritius, painter of *The Goldfinch*, by art historian and ANS member Mrs Clare Ford-Wille. There are still tickets available for our private guided tour in early February at Harrow School. A unique chance to get a real behind-the-scenes look and learn more about this world-famous school and its history. We are delighted that our traditional Unilever lecture is back again! Our guest speaker will be Dr Imogen Tedbury who will talk about the new exhibition on father and son Van de Velde, renowned Dutch marine artists who in 1673 travelled to England at the request of Charles II and worked in the Queen's House for some 20 years. Members who applied and paid for the cancelled 2020 Lecture are being offered priority. There will only be a limited number of tickets left for new applications. Preparation has started for our tailor-made spring tour to the eastern part of the Netherlands. If you have an interest in joining this visit, please contact us as soon as possible. We cannot wait to welcome you back for another year filled with exciting in-person and online events.

ANS LIVE EVENTS

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 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 later developments. Our tour will conclude with tea/coffee and biscuits. Members and their guests are welcome to join us. Cost: £17 per person, to include tour, refreshments and admin fee. **Still a few places available.** Register by 31 January at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Unilever Lecture – Thursday March 6.00-9.45pm



Our traditional Unilever Lecture is back and will take place on Thursday March at Unilever House, 100 Victoria Embankment. Drinks will be served from 6pm, the lecture in the Watergate Auditorium will start at 6.30pm followed by a three course buffet supper in the stunning Skyline Restaurant on the 8th floor. Our guest speaker this year will be Dr Imogen Tedbury, Curator of Art at the Royal Museum Greenwich, who will talk about the exciting new exhibition *The Van de Veldes: Greenwich, Art and the Sea*, which will open on 2 March 2023. A limited number of tickets is available for new applications on a first-come first-served basis. Cost: £37.50 per person, to include drinks on arrival, supper with wine and admin fee. Applications and payment will be confirmed by the office by e-mail. Please register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Visit to the Netherlands - Thursday 18 - Friday 19 May 2023



Preparation has started for a full two-day visit to the Netherlands. We shall be focussing on the area around Arnhem with visits to the Commonwealth War Graves, the Airborne Museum, the Kröller-Müller Museum, 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 have arranged a provisional booking for 3 nights (arriving 17 and departing 20 May) at the Bilderberg hotel in Oosterbeek near Arnhem of which there is now only a limited number left. Our provisional hotel booking expires on 1 February. In case you have a serious interest in joining this visit, please contact us as soon as possible at administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk and we will send you further information on the programme and the estimated cost.

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. **Still a few places available.** 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

We hope you all received our extended copy 16-page Winter 22-23 Newsletter, either in hard copy or electronic format, just in time to read this in peace over Christmas and New Year. Meanwhile, we have started the selection and programming of an extensive list of activities for this year, both live and via Zoom. The first four are already described in this E-NEWS and applications invited. Council is delighted that the very popular annual Unilever Lecture can finally be re-staged after its cancellation, like our Centenary, during the first half of 2020 because of Covid-19. As there was already a long list of applications for this 2020 Lecture with a waiting list, all paid for, Council felt it would be only fair that these Members should be given a booking priority for this Lecture in 2023, but for a limited period. This period is ending on 15 January.

You will read about our planned visit to the Netherlands during May of this year. As certain options, particularly for the hotel, will expire soon, we would request members definitely interested in this visit to contact us soonest upon which we will send them further details including an estimate of costs.

We look forward to meeting many of you during 2023, either in person or via Zoom. During 2022 we had some 435 Members attending our events, in one way or another.

Meanwhile, a warm welcome to new Members who very recently joined the Society: Mr David Waijers and Miss Alexandra Thomas.

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Books

David Graeber and David Wengrow, *The Dawn of Everything* (2022).

An exciting collaboration between the late American anthropologist and renowned activist David Graeber and British archaeologist David Wengrow, *The Dawn of Everything* radically overturns the enlightenment project, recasting our distant ancestors as socially and emotionally complex human beings, and offers radical lessons for how we might rethink society and our future.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-dawn-of-everything/david-graeber/david-wengrow/9780141991061>

Caroline Crocker and Meta Evenbly, *Brave Face* (2022).

The inspiring WWII memoir of a Dutch/German child. Set in the Netherlands' darkest days, this is a story of perseverance and a child's fearless attitude.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Brave-Face-Inspiring-Historical-Fiction/dp/9493276651/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=&sr=

S.J. Bennett, *Murder Most Royal* (2022).

The author of *The Windsor Knot* and *A Three Dog Problem* returns with a fresh Yuletide mystery for Her Majesty, as the hand of a local 70-year-old non-conformist washes up on the shores of her Sandringham estate.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/murder-most-royal/sj-bennett/9781838776183>

Lara Prescott, *The Secrets we kept* (2020).

A thrilling tale of secretaries turned spies, of love and duty, and of sacrifice—inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the twentieth century: *Doctor Zhivago*.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-secrets-we-kept/lara-prescott/9781786090744>

Art, Culture & Tips

Van Gogh-Myth, Madness and Master of Modern Art, Barbican Library, 26 January 12.30pm (free).

Linda Casey, an independent Art Historian, will explore how this tortured soul and/or creative genius passionately searched for his artistic ideals, stability, truth and life itself.

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/events/van-gogh-myth-madness-and-master-of-modern-art>

Janine Jansen & LSO – Tales of the North – Barbican - 26 & 29 January 7.00pm.

Janine Jansen plays Sibelius's Violin Concerto, at the heart of a concert filled with powerful stories from cold countries.

<https://www.barbican.org.uk/whats-on/2023/event/london-symphony-orchestranosedatales-of-the-north>

An Historic Gin Tour of London, St Giles in the Fields, London 11 February 2.30-4.15pm.

Join actors, musicians and Dr Matthew Green on an immersive gin tour of London, tracing the explosive juniper berry from Dutch decadence to mass oblivion.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-historic-gin-tour-of-london-tickets-488612742867?aff=erelexpmlt>

The Art of Fugue – Bach's enduring enigma – Dutch Centre, 16 February 6.30-9.00pm

<https://dutchcentre.com/eventer/the-art-of-fugue-bachs-enduring-enigma/edate/2023-02-16>

Embroidery Course led by experts from **Hand & Lock**, National Army Museum, 18-19 February.

<https://www.nam.ac.uk/whats-on/embroidery-course-sweetheart-pin-cushions>

The largest Vermeer exhibition ever, a review by Mariska Beekenkamp, 20 February (online lecture).

From 10 February - 4 June 2023 the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam will hold the largest ever exhibition on Vermeer. Join Mariska for this review.

<https://www.arthistoricallondon.com/event-details/the-largest-vermeer-exhibition-ever-a-review>

Portraits of Queen Elizabeth II, The Artists' Challenges, lecture by Phillip Mould, 2 March 6.00pm.
<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/whats-on/elizabeth-portraits>

A Little Life - directed by Ivo van Hove, Harold Pinter Theatre, 25 March-18 June.
An adaptation of Hanya Yanagihara's bestselling novel *A Little Life* is to open in London's West End. Ivo van Hove will direct a cast including James Norton.
https://alittlelifeplay.com/?gclid=EAlalQobChMIldvLh7vgwIVg9LtCh19bw8jEAMYASAAEqlb8fD_BwE

Nederlands Dans Theatre (NDT1), Sadler's Wells Theatre, 19-22 April 2023.
The ever-original NDT present a trio of works spanning generations, continents and contemporary issues. This is a rare opportunity to join NDT in a UK premiere of their latest mind-bending works.
<https://www.sadlerswells.com/whats-on/nederlands-dans-theater-ndt-1-gabriela-carrizo-jiri-kylian-crystal-pite-simon-mcburney/>

Glyndebourne Encore, extraordinary opera on demand.
Access to all newly filmed productions and highlights from the archive. Plus, get personal insights and introductions to a featured opera every month. <https://encore.glyndebourne.com/browse>

DutchNews.nl.
Daily news from the Netherlands in English for an international audience.
<https://www.dutchnews.nl/>

Verkiezingen leden van het kiescollege voor de Eerste Kamer voor kiezers buiten Nederland.
<https://www.denhaag.nl/nl/bestuur-en-organisatie/verkiezingen/kiezers-buiten-nederland/nieuwe-verkiezing-kiescollege-niet-ingezetenen-voor-de-eerste-kamer.htm>

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: **member2023** and password: **annual2023**
<http://www.anglo-netherlands.org.uk/members-page/>

Instagram

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<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.