

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

February 2023

It may still be winter outside but some of us will already have noticed snowdrops starting to peek out from the bare cold ground reminding us that spring isn't too far away. Once the days get longer, the weather begins to warm up, and colourful flowers start popping up, it is the time of plans and projects. Preparations for our next month's thirtieth Unilever Lecture are in full swing. Our guest speaker Dr Imogen Tedbury will talk about the new exhibition *The Van de Veldes: Greenwich, Art and the Sea* and will take us "behind the scenes" at Greenwich, presenting some of research that has gone into making the exhibition's displays and evocation of the Van de Velde Studio. Due to overwhelming response, only a few places are left for this event. Don't miss out our book club discussion in April on *Your Story, My Story* by Connie Palmen about the tumultuous love affair between the poets Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes. We are looking forward to our full two-day spring tour to the eastern part of the Netherlands. Highlights will include iconic locations of the Battle of Arnhem, and the recently restored Paleis Het Loo, the palace that tells the history of their first occupants William & Mary. In case you still have an interest in taking part in this fascinating tour, please contact us as soon as possible.

We have much more for you in store. We are planning a guided tour of Kenwood House, one of London's gems, with its breath-taking interiors and world-class art collection of paintings by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Turner and Constable. A private tour of the House of Lords is also on our programme. There are great things ahead for us this year and we look forward to seeing many of you at our events. Please keep an eye on your inbox for the latest updates.

ANS LIVE EVENTS

Unilever Lecture – Thursday March 6.00-9.45pm



Our traditional Unilever Lecture 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 will be Dr Imogen Tedbury, Curator of Art at the Royal Museum Greenwich, who will talk about the exciting new exhibition which will open on 2 March 2023. Only a few places available and a waiting list is expected. 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

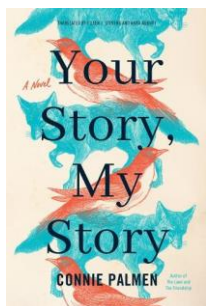
Visit to the Netherlands - Thursday 18 - Friday 19 May 2023



Preparations are underway for a full two-day trip to the Netherlands that includes visits to the Commonwealth War Graves, the Airborne Museum, the Kröller-Müller Museum, Palace Het Loo in Apeldoorn and a guided tour followed by dinner in the historic centre of the former Hanseatic town of Doesburg. A reservation for 3 nights (17 - 20 May) at the Bilderberg hotel in Oosterbeek will be made soon. In case you still have a serious interest in joining 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

ANS Book club *Your Story, My Story* by Connie Palmen, April - date and time tbc



Connie Palmen, the award-winning author of *The Friendship*, created a shattering, brilliantly inventive novel based on the volatile true love story of two literary icons. This enthralling novel digs into the tumultuous marriage of Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath from Hughes's point of view. In 1963 Sylvia Plath took her own life in her London flat. Her death was the culmination of a brief, brilliant life lived in the shadow of clinical depression. For decades, Hughes never bore witness to the truth of their marriage. Until now. In this mesmerizing fictional work, Connie tells his side of the story, previously untold, delivered in Ted Hughes's own uncompromising voice. It will forever change the way we think about these two literary icons. 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.

Society News

In our January edition we announced the re-staging of our popular annual Unilever Lecture and the need for sorting out the allocation of tickets, giving priority for a limited period to those Members who had applied and paid for this Lecture in 2020, but which had to be postponed. This sorting process was recently concluded and we are now able to offer some places to Members who were not on this priority list. Particularly Members who joined the Society since April 2020 might well be interested in experiencing this very special annual event. Details can be found on page 1.

You will also have read about our visit in May to the Arnhem area in the Netherlands which is now certain. A first batch of rooms at the well-known Bilderberg hotel in Oosterbeek near Arnhem will have to be confirmed this coming week; a few more rooms might be available for later applications but not guaranteed. The programme is for an informal dinner at the hotel on May 17, depending on individual travel arrangements, followed by two days of visiting a number of interesting locations in the Gelderland area, travelling with a private-hire bus. Before the start of our visit or after the break-up on the morning of Saturday May 20 you may well wish to add other places of interest to your programme such as the acclaimed Vermeer exhibition in Amsterdam (bookings are reported to be brisk so don't delay). It is suggested to make your (own) travel arrangements to the Netherlands as early as possible to avoid rising prices. More details can be found on page 1.

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Books

Santa Montefiore, *Wait for me* (2023).

Could a stranger on the other side of the world possibly be Florence's missing wartime husband, presumed dead during the Battle of Arnhem, in this sweeping romance from the author of *An Italian Girl in Brooklyn*? <https://www.waterstones.com/book/wait-for-me/santa-montefiore/9781398513952>

Caroline Cauchi, *Mrs Van Gogh* (2023).

The breath-taking historical novel inspired by the true story of the woman who made Van Gogh famous. <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Mrs-Van-Gogh-Caroline-Cauchi/dp/0008524521>

Simon Sebag Montefiore, *The World: A Family History* (2022).

Recounting nothing less than the history of humanity through the overarching theme of family, Montefiore weaves an epic, page-turning story that features everyone from the Leopard-King of Benin to Margaret Thatcher and includes several sections on the Netherlands and the Dutch Empire. <https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-world/simon-sebag-montefiore/9781399607872>

Elke Wiss, *How to know everything* (translator David Doherty 2021).

Ancient wisdom for modern life, from Socrates to Sherlock Holmes. The international bestseller that will sharpen your mind, broaden your perspective and transform your relationships.

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/authors/283764/elke-wiss>

Art, Culture & Tips

Vermeer, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam 10 February- 4 June.

Never before have so many Vermeers been brought together. Works never before shown to the public in the Netherlands will include the newly restored *Girl Reading a Letter at the Open Window* from the Gemaldegalerie Alte Meister in Dresden. <https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/whats-on/exhibitions/vermeer>

The Van de Veldes: Greenwich, Art and the Sea, Queen's House Greenwich, 2 March-14 Jan 2024.

The exhibition marks 350 years since Willem van de Velde the Elder and Willem van de Velde the Younger moved to England and were granted a studio at the Queen's House by Charles II. It celebrates the Anglo-Dutch cultural exchange that continued in the late seventeenth century.

It shows how two Dutch artists could establish the 'English' school of marine painting that would inspire J.M.W. Turner. <https://www.rmq.co.uk/whats-on/queens-house/van-de-veldes-art-exhibition>

An Embarrassment of Riches – The Golden Age of Dutch Paintings, Honiton, 6 March 10:30pm.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-embarrassment-of-riches-the-golden-age-of-dutch-painting-tickets-477194871707?aff=odcleoeventsincollection>

The Jordan (Caro Emerald,) Bush Hall, 17 March 7:30pm

<https://link.dice.fm/K8b37a2e3c8c>

Simone Lamsma (violin), Beatrice Rana (piano), Wigmore Hall, 27 March 7:30pm

Brahms, Lera Auerbach, Prokofiev and Respighi.

<https://wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on/beatrice-rana-simone-lamsma-202303271930>

BBC Earth Experience, The Daikin Centre, Earls Court, London, from 30 March.

Travel the world and journey through the seven continents in one epic experience narrated by David Attenborough <https://bbcearthexperience.com/>

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/>

FOCUS (Thijs van Leer)+ Edgar Broughton, Bush Hall London, 20 April 7:30pm.

<https://link.dice.fm/q7d901a24d68>

The World: A Family History, British Library, in-person and online, 29 April 5:00pm.

Simon Sebag Montefiore in conversation with V&A East director Gus Casely-Hayford.

<https://www.bl.uk/events/the-world-a-family-history>

Royal Windsor Horse Show, 11-14 May.

Royal Windsor Horse Show is the UK's largest outdoor premier Show and takes place in the private ground of Windsor Castle. <https://rwhs.co.uk/>

A Night of Disaster, 1 February 1953.

A personal account of the 1953 North Sea flood that struck the Netherlands, north-west Belgium, England and Scotland. <https://www.the-low-countries.com/article/1953>

Klein Hollandia, shipwreck off English coast is Dutch Warship.

Scientists and Archaeologists confirm identify of 17th-century Dutch Warship off the Coast of Sussex. Built in 1656 and owned by the Admiralty of Rotterdam, the ship was involved in all major battles in the second Anglo-Dutch war (1665-1667).

<https://historicensland.org.uk/whats-new/news/identity-17th-century-dutch-warship-confirmed/>

The Leiden Collection.

Founded by Thomas S. Kaplan and Daphne Recanati Kaplan, The Leiden Collection is among the largest and most important collections of seventeenth-century Dutch art in private hands.

Explore the collection catalogue. <https://www.theleidencollection.com/>

Master Chef Bart van der Lee, masterclass collection.

Helping you cook amazing meals at home. <https://bartvanderlee.co.uk/the-masterclass-collection/>

Friends of Kenwood lectures & events.

<https://friendsofkenwood.org.uk/lectures-events/>

Dutch Centre, upcoming events.

<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

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

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<https://www.instagram.com/anglonetherlandsociety/?hl=en>

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