

# ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



## E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

March 2023

It's March! Spring is just around the corner and we hope some sun is on the way too. As always, a new month brings the announcement of new events. This month we're going to be taking you up to Unilever House for our traditional Unilever lecture on *The Van de Veldes: Greenwich, Art and the Sea*. For those lovers of maritime history and 17<sup>th</sup> century art that will have to miss out this lecture due to the train strike situation, or those who just want to experience the art of the Van de Veldes in-person, a visit to this well-considered exhibition at the Queen's House in Greenwich is a must. Don't miss out this opportunity and join us in exploring the life and work of these world-renowned Dutch artists on Wednesday 19 April. Planning is well underway for our tailor-made spring tour to the eastern part of the Netherlands. It is not too late to join and immerse yourself in some of the most pivotal moments of the Battle of Arnhem and visit other highlights of the Veluwe located in the province of Gelderland.

Later in spring we are taking you on a tour of Chiswick House and Gardens, one of the most glorious examples of 18<sup>th</sup> century British architecture and landscaped gardens, with over 300 years of discovery, inspiration and delight. Kenwood House and a private tour of the House of Lords are still on our programme. We are also looking into a new format for our working Members particularly to come to a social evening "After Six" as this is a great way for networking and meeting other Members. More information will be available in our next E-NEWS. We have much to look forward to. Full spring ahead!

## 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. Our guest speaker will be Dr Imogen Tedbury, who will talk about the exciting new exhibition on father and son Van de Velde. Due to some last-minute cancellations a very few spaces are still available so please get in touch as soon as possible. Cost: £37.50 p.p.. Contact the administrator at [events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk)

### The Van de Veldes, Greenwich, Art and the Sea, Queen's House - Wednesday April 2pm



After our Unilever Lecture it is time to set sail for Greenwich and experience the world's largest collection of two leading Golden Age marine artists. 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. For those who would like to meet up for lunch (own expense), we will meet from \_\_\_\_\_, a historic landmark where the past lives on in the present. \_\_\_\_\_ From the Tavern it is a 6 mins walk to the Queen's House. Cost: £12.50 p.p. including entry to the exhibition and admin fee. Please register at [events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk)

## Kings' Day – Vrijmarkt- Saturday 29 April – Dutch Centre - Austin Friars, 1.00pm-6.00pm



Join us on 29<sup>th</sup> of April to celebrate Dutch King Willem Alexander's birthday. A number of Dutch organisations in the UK have joined forces again and are organising a proper birthday party around the Dutch Centre and Dutch Church in London for all to join. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a fun experience. Dutch food and drinks, flea market, book stall, children's activities, charity auctions and much more. The ANS will be present with an information stall. For more details <https://dutchcentre.com/eventer/koningsdag-2023-in-austin-friars/edate/2023-04-29>

## Visit to the Netherlands - Thursday - Friday May 2023



All preparations are in full swing for a two-day visit 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 group booking for 3 nights (17-20 May) at the Bilderberg hotel in Oosterbeek has been made. A few more rooms might be available for later applications but not guaranteed. In case you still have a serious interest in joining please contact us as soon as possible at [administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:administrator@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.

## Society News

With the most interesting presentation via Zoom in January by art historian Mrs Clare Ford-Wille on Carel Fabritius and the guided visit to Harrow School in February behind us, it is now time for our very popular Unilever lecture on March . This will be the 30<sup>th</sup> lecture, the last one being held in 2019 after which we had to postpone these for reasons well known. Rail strikes, on or off (?), have made it difficult for a fair number of Members to attend this year, so a few places have become available again.

Our visit to the Arnhem area in the Netherlands in May is taking full shape with a special invitation by the mayor of Renkum-Oosterbeek to visit some of the WWII places in the area for which she is responsible. A few places are still available; an outline of the programme can be found above.

As part of our "outreach programme" in the Netherlands we have established contacts with the University of Maastricht which may well lead to a certain programme being developed with students at that University. More details hopefully in later communications. This would be in addition to our popular Awards Scheme for students in Dutch Studies at Sheffield University and UCL which again is programmed for this year.

A warm welcome to new Members Dr Margaret M , Ms Alice O and Mr Harry R -S .

## Council ANS

## Books

**Simon Schama, *Foreign Bodies* (2023).**

Bestselling author, historian and broadcaster Simon Schama introduces *Foreign Bodies*, his new and vibrant cultural history of pandemics and vaccines and their tangled and complex history.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/foreign-bodies/simon-schama/9781471169892>

**Elle van Rijn, *The Orphans of Amsterdam* (2022).**

Based on a heart-wrenching true story of an ordinary young woman who risked everything to save countless children from the Nazis.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Orphans-Amsterdam-heartbreaking-gripping-historical-ebook/dp/B0B1MFXC81>

**Remmelt Daalder**, *Van de Velde & Son marine painters*.

This book is not merely about the art of painting, but also tells the story of the people behind the artefacts, the way in which the firm coped with the stormy circumstances and the importance of family ties.

<https://shop.rmg.co.uk/collections/the-van-de-veldes-greenwich-art-and-the-sea-gifts/products/van-de-velde-son-marine-painters>

## Art, Culture & Tips

**The Queen and her Corgis**, Wallace Collection, 8 March-25 June.

<https://www.wallacecollection.org/art/exhibitions-displays/the-queen-and-her-corgis/>

**A Little Life**, directed by Ivo van Hove, Harold Pinter Theatre, 25 March-18 June.

<https://www.haroldpintertheatre.co.uk/shows/a-little-life>

**Thriplow**, Daffodil Weekend & Country Fair, 25 & 26 March 10am to 5pm.

Two days of fun activities for all the family with over 100 stalls to find that something special.

<https://www.thriplowdaffodils.org.uk/>

**Highgrove Gardens**, April-September.

Their Majesties The King Charles III and The Queen Consort welcome you to join one of their experienced guides on a tour to discover the history, inspiration and incredible series of gardens.

<https://www.highgrovegardens.com/products/garden-spring-walks-2023>

**Oxford Literary Festival**, 1, 2 & 19 April.

Flanders's finest writers and their books are crossing the Channel.

<https://www.flandersliterature.be/flip-through-flanders>

**André Rieu**, Wembley Park, 13 April, 6pm.

The Dutch "King of Waltz" who has made classical music accessible to ordinary people, will bring his Orchestra back to the UK. <https://wembleypark.com/whats-on/ovo-arena-andre-rieu-13-april-2023/>

**Dunsborough Park Tulip Festival**, 14-29 April.

For Dutch-born Baron Dolf and Baroness Caroline Sweerts de Landas Wyborgh, tulips are a must-have beauty in their spring garden at Dunsborough Park in Ripley. Every year they plant some 20,000 of these glorious bulbs and creating their famous Festival of Tulips each April. Bookings are now open.

<https://dunsboroughpark.com/>

**The London Book Fair**, 18-20 April, Olympia London.

<https://www.londonbookfair.co.uk/>

**Laura van der Heijden** cello & **Jams Coleman** piano, Kings Place, 20 April 8pm.

Kings Place Artist in Focus Dutch cellist Laura van der Heijden presents a captivating programme featuring Beethoven, Debussy, Boulanger, Britten and Walker with pianist Jams Coleman.

<https://www.kingsplace.co.uk/whats-on/classical/laura-van-der-heijden-jams-coleman/>

**Hilma af Klint & Piet Mondrian**, Tate Modern 20 April-3 September.

This is a unique chance to discover the visionary work of Swedish painter Hilma af Klint and experience Dutch painter Piet Mondrian's influential art in a new light.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/hilma-af-klint-piet-mondrian>

**The Essential Vermeer** – a personal view - Dutch Centre, 26 April 7pm.

<https://dutchcentre.com/eventer/highlights-from-the-vermeer-exhibition/edate/2023-04-26>

**Bach vs Beethoven:** The Battle of the Great Composers, Cadogan Hall, 26 April 7-8:30pm.  
Live on stage with world-renowned cellist Steven Isserlis for Bach and acclaimed music critic Norman Lebrecht for Beethoven. <https://www.intelligencesquared.com/events/bach-vs-beethoven-the-battle-of-the-great-composers-with-steven-isserlis-and-norman-lebrecht/>

**Agatha Christie**, British Library, in-person and online, Sun 30 April 5.00-6:15pm.  
Lucy Worsley explores the life of the Queen of Crime.  
<https://www.bl.uk/events/agatha-christie-lucy-worsley-on-the-trail-of-the-queen-of-crime>

**Coronation Weekend**, Saturday 6 and Monday 8 May.  
Coronation of His Majesty The King & Her Majesty The Queen Consort.  
<https://coronation.gov.uk/>

**Simon Schama:** Foreign Bodies, British Library in-person and online, 19 May 7:00-8.30pm.  
Investigation the tangled and complex history of pandemics and vaccines.  
<https://www.bl.uk/events/simon-schama-foreign-bodies>

**Frans Hals**, National Gallery London, 30 September-21 January 2024.  
<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/exhibitions/the-credit-suisse-exhibition-frans-hals>

**Dutch Centre**, upcoming events.  
<https://dutchcentre.com/upcoming>

**Dutch Embassy support for cultural projects in the UK.**  
Cultural organisations in the UK that want to provide a platform to artists from the Netherlands, thereby giving audiences in the UK access to Dutch Culture, can apply for financial support from the Dutch Embassy in London. <https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/your-country-and-the-netherlands/united-kingdom/culture/applying-for-culture-funds>

## 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](mailto: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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