

# ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



## E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

April 2023

Welcome to our April E-NEWS. As the weather warms, days get longer, flowers bloom, and birds sing, finally spring has arrived. History will be made this spring by the coronation of King Charles III. We hope you will be able to join in some of the celebrations.

After a four-year absence it was wonderful to see so many of you at our 30<sup>th</sup> Unilever Lecture on 16 March. Despite the train strike, the auditorium was almost fully packed with many Members and guests enjoying Dr Imogen Tedbury's presentation on the fascinating new exhibition on father and son Van de Velde at the Queen's house in Greenwich. The reception and lecture were followed by a lovely buffet supper with stunning views over the city. A huge thank you to Unilever for their generous hospitality and turning this lecture into a delightful and memorable evening.

Due to some last-minute cancellations a few remaining places have become available for our visit to the Netherlands. Last chance to make your booking and explore this fascinating eastern part of the country. As mentioned last month, we kindly invite our working Members in particular to come to our social evening "After Six". A great way for networking and meeting other Members. We will kick-off this new event at a quirky wine bar conveniently located next to Victoria Station.

In June a private guided tour of Chiswick House and Gardens, one of the earliest examples of Neo-Classical design in England, is on our programme. Step inside to see architecture inspired by ancient Rome with key items of designer furniture as well as a rich collection of Old Master paintings. After lunch step outside into the 65 acres of gardens, from classical vistas to ponds, fountains and an 18<sup>th</sup> century wilderness. The months ahead are the ideal time to explore some hidden gems. Enjoy the issue.

## ANS LIVE EVENTS

### **The Van de Veldes, Greenwich, Art and the Sea, Queen's House - Wednesday 19 April 2pm**



After our successful 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. For those who would like to meet up for lunch (own expense), we will meet from 12.00pm at the Trafalgar Tavern, a 6 mins walk to the Queen's House. Our entry time is 2pm for this self-guided tour. Cost: £12.50 p.p. which includes entry, a donation to the exhibition and admin fee. Only a few places available. 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 have joined forces again and are organising a proper birthday party around the Dutch Centre and Dutch Church. 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 info:

<https://dutchcentre.com/eventer/koningsdag-2023-in-austin-friars/edate/2023-04-29>

## Visit to the Netherlands -

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. Last chance to book the visit to the Netherlands. Please contact us soonest at [administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk)

## After Six - \*new event\* - Vagabond Victoria wine bar - Thursday June – 6.00-8.30pm



Don't miss out on our new "After Six" event after work. Join us at Vagabond, a wine bar conveniently located next to Victoria Station. We encourage working Members in particular to come to this new social event as it is a great way for networking and meeting other Members. Have fun choosing from the dispensers or bottles from the fridge (on your own tab) with over 100 different types of vino available to try by the glass or even a sampler. We have reserved a table for our group. Cost: £10 p.p. which includes some nibbles and admin fee. Please register at [events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk)

## Chiswick House & Gardens private guided tour - Tuesday June – 11.00am-3pm



Chiswick House and Gardens is one of the most glorious examples of 18th-century British architecture and landscaped gardens. Two Georgian trendsetters, the architect and designer William Kent and his friend and patron Richard Boyle, the third Earl of Burlington, created the House and Gardens between 1725 and about 1738. Influenced by their travels on the Grand Tour, they favoured the classical, Palladian style. A guided tour of the House starts at 11.00am followed by a (self-pay) lunch break at the Café at 12.15pm. At 1.45pm we will join our guide for a tour of the spectacular garden. Cost: £25.00 p.p. which includes a private tour of the House, a tour of the Gardens and admin fee. Please register at [events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk)

Image: 'A View of Chiswick House from the South-West', about 1729, by Pieter Andreas Rysbrack. ©

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.

## Society News

We were delighted to welcome so many Members, old and new, at the 30<sup>th</sup> Unilever Lecture in March after a four-year interlude for reasons well-known. We are most grateful to Unilever for offering such fantastic hospitality again.

The programme for our visit to the Arnhem area in the Netherlands in May is now cast in stone. Because of a few cancellations there are some places available again, so if you have a last minute interest in joining our group, please contact us soonest and we will provide you with a full programme and some costings. Some firm dates for events during the summer and autumn have already been established, including one for a drinks reception with a presentation at Shell and for our popular annual Members' dinner in the Reform Club.

Thanks to the kind introduction and advice of one of our Members, the Society has made progress since last month in our contact with Maastricht University. We have now agreed with the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences there the framework for an ANS Essay Competition along the lines of those we have run for over ten years with UCL and the University of Sheffield. This will represent our first collaborative outreach into the Netherlands.

A warm welcome to new Members Mr Rowan and Mrs Davina F and Dr Imogen T and Mr Nicholas B

## Council ANS

### Books

**John Boyne**, *All The Broken Places* (2022).

From the author of the globally bestselling, multi-million-copy classic, *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas*, comes its astonishing and powerful sequel. *All The Broken Places* is a devastating, beautiful story about a woman who must confront the sins of her past and a present in which it is never too late for bravery.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/all-the-broken-places/john-boyne/9780857528858>

**Laura Cumming**, *Thunderclap: A memoir of art and life & sudden death* (2023).

Bestselling author and art critic Laura Cumming reveals the fascinating, little-known story of the Thunderclap - the massive explosion at a gunpowder store in Delft that killed Carel Fabritius, renowned painter of *The Goldfinch* and nearly killer Johannes Vermeer - two of the greatest artists of the 17<sup>th</sup> century. <https://www.waterstones.com/book/thunderclap/laura-cumming/9781784744526>

**Chris Jackson**, *King Charles III – A King and his Queen* (2023).

This book commemorates the start of a new reign and documents more than twenty years of tours, engagements, celebrations, historical moments, and royal family gatherings in a single volume that demonstrates how relevant the British royal family remains today.

<https://www.highgrovegardens.com/collections/coronation/products/charles-iii-a-king-and-his-queen>

### Art, Culture & Tips

**Portraits of Dogs:** From Gainsborough to Hockney, Wallace Collection, 29 March-15 October.

This new major exhibition explores our devotion to four-legged friends across the centuries.

<https://www.wallacecollection.org/whats-on/portraits-of-dogs-from-gainsborough-to-hockney/>

**Klein Hollandia** – Warship from the Dutch Golden Age of Sail (lecture) 18 April 7.15pm Queens House.

Learn about the historic wreck found off the Sussex coast with chief investigator Mark Beattie-Edwards.

<https://www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on/great-hall/discovering-klein-hollandia-warship-dutch-golden-age-sail>

**Exhibition on Screen – Vermeer**, Phoenix Cinema, London, 18, 22, 26 April.

This spring the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam opened its doors to the largest Vermeer exhibition in history.

The new Exhibition on Screen film invites audiences to a private view of the exhibition. A truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity! <https://phoenixcinema.co.uk/PhoenixCinema.dll/WhatsOn?f=14651126>

**Bluebell Spectacular**, Hole Park, Rolvenden-Cranbrook, April and early May.

One of the most spectacular displays of UK's favourite native flowers in the South East of England.

<https://www.holepark.com/bluebell-spectacular/>

**Highgrove Events and Garden tours**, April-September.

Their Majesties The King Charles III and The Queen Consort welcome you to join an evening with Alis Huws, royal harpist on 28<sup>th</sup> April. <https://www.highgrovegardens.com/products/an-evening-with-alis-huws-royal-harpist>

For more info on guided garden tours and coronation collection

<https://www.highgrovegardens.com/collections/coronation>

**In Vincent's Footsteps: from Covent Garden to Stockwell**, walking tour, 29 April 11am.

Vincent van Gogh lived in Stockwell for a year in 1873. Follow his likely walk home from work and learn about 1870s London. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/walking-tour-in-vincents-footsteps-from-covent-garden-to-stockwell-tickets-566894906927?aff=erelexpmit>

**Nederlandse Nationale Herdenking**, 4 May 7.00pm.for 7.45pm

Annual ceremony at the Netherlands Field of Honour at Mill Hill Cemetery London, 89 Milespit Hill, London NW7 2RR. More details on National Comite 4 & 5 mei <https://www.4en5mei.nl/english>

**Coronation Weekend**, Saturday 6 and Monday 8 May.

Coronation of His Majesty The King & Her Majesty The Queen Consort. <https://coronation.gov.uk/>

**“Door de ogen van de Koning” Podcast.**

On the occasion of his tenth anniversary as King, King Willem-Alexander will speak in ten podcast episodes with former radio maker Edwin Evers. <https://feeds.acast.com/public/shows/door-de-ogen>

**Norfolk & Norwich Festival**, 12-28 May.

Unmissable performance, music, literature, art & free outdoor events. <https://nnfestival.org.uk/>

**WOW!house**, Design Centre Chelsea Harbour, 5 June-6 July.

A unique opportunity to view the work of world-class designers at first hand work that is not always shown to the public. For tickets see <https://www.dcch.co.uk/wowhouse/tickets/>

**Art and society in the early modern Netherlands**, CityLit, Keeley Street, London, 5 June-10 July.

This course focuses on Flemish and Dutch (Netherlandish) art of the late 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries.

<https://www.citylit.ac.uk/courses/art-and-society-in-the-early-modern-netherlands/vb911-2223>

**The UK’s first Stolperstein stone installed in Soho.**

A small brass plaque “stumbling stone” was laid in Golden Square, Soho to commemorate the life of former Dutch-Jewish resident Ada van Dantzig.

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/news/uks-first-stolperstein-stone-installed-soho>

**Cornish Gouda Cheese in Cornwall.**

<https://www.cornishgouda.co.uk/about-us/>

## 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

Members can login to the Member's Page with username: **member2023** and password: **annual2023**

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

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

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