



# Special Interest Day

**Tuesday 29 April 2025**

**'The Dutch Golden Age'**

**Rupert Dickens**

**10.00-15.30**

**Diss Corn Hall, St Nicholas Street, Diss, IP22 4LB**

Our speaker, Rupert Dickens, will introduce us to The Dutch Golden Age of the 17th century, one of the most vibrant periods of western art. It encompassed the talents of Rembrandt, Vermeer and Hals among many much-loved artists. The series of three lectures will show how an economic miracle, religious toleration and scientific revolution formed the backdrop to an



upsurge in creativity in the visual arts. Familiar masterpieces will be seen in a new light and lesser known works will be unveiled as we explore the themes of trade, tolerance and technology to



reveal the foundations of the Dutch Golden Age.

**10.00 Arrival and coffee**

**10.30 Session 1**

**11.30 Break**

**12.00 Session 2**

**1.00 Lunch**

**2.15 Session 3. The day will end at approximately 3.30.**

The cost is £44 to include morning tea/coffee and a two-course lunch with wine/soft drinks. Parking is available at Gaze's Auction Rooms, Roydon Road, Diss, IP22 4LN, for a donation. Please see the following page for booking information, including details of the lunch.



**Rupert Dickens** is an art historian based in south London with a special interest in Dutch and Flemish 16th and 17th century painting. He works at the Wallace Collection as a guide conducting public and private tours and lecturing on aspects of the collection, and has accompanied groups on art-themed tours around Europe. He studied art history at Birkbeck College before undertaking a Masters in Dutch Golden Age Studies at University College London. Before that Rupert had a 26-year career as a BBC journalist ending as an editor in radio news.

Images: Vermeer, *The Astronomer*, 1668; Willem Claesz Heda, *Still Life*, 1635 ; Rembrandt, *Syndics*, 1662.

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Please print and complete this booking form, or send a note with your details, and return as soon as possible to:

**Diane Freeborn, 1 Selwyn Gardens, Pulham Market, IP21 4TR.**

**Tel. 07541551286**

Alternatively, you can scan or photograph your completed form and email to: **dianefreeborn1@gmail.com** Priority will be given to members of Diss Arts Society.

**Name(s):** (1).....(2).....

**Telephone** .....**Email**.....

**LUNCH: Please tick your preferred warm tart ✓**

Smoked salmon with courgette and cheese (Gouda) ☐

Gouda and Ham Tart - with onion, mushrooms ☐

Gouda and Artichoke Tart - with onion, mushrooms (vegetarian) ☐

**Sides:** Dutch Potato Salad (Huzarensalade) (small pieces of potato, gherkins, grated carrot, peas) with a dressing of mayonnaise mixed with the juice from the gherkins; Watercress, sliced boiled egg, cherry tomatoes and parsley.

**DESSERT:** Dutch Apple Cake with whipped cream; Tompouce (a Dutch version of a millefeuille) 2 layers of puff pastry with pastry cream, topped with pink icing; and Fresh fruit salad.

**Special dietary requirements**.....

**If paying by Bank Transfer, please tick here** ☐

Transfer to our Community Account: **The Arts Society Diss** (£44 per person)

**SORT CODE: 40-19-18 ACCOUNT: 81080237**, with surname and initials in the reference box.

**If paying by cheque, please tick here** ☐

I/We enclose a cheque payable to **The Arts Society Diss** (£44 per person)

£..... for ..... ticket(s).

Those on email will receive an acknowledgment on receipt of the booking form. For those not on email, please enclose a S.A.E. if a receipt is required.

**Please note: after 22 April refunds will be given only in exceptional circumstances, and cheques may be banked that day.**

**Insurance disclaimer.**

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