

On 7 June, we tuned in again for Antoni van Leeuwenhoek - the continuing story... In April, Dr Lesley Robertson gave us a fascinating talk on van Leeuwenhoek, the 16th/17th century linen merchant from Delft who discovered “little animals” in water and other places. We know them as micro-organisms, including bacteria, yeast, algae, etc, and van Leeuwenhoek himself as the Father of Microbiology. In this episode, Lesley talked some more about his work, his life, and some of the mythology that has grown up around him during the centuries since his death - as well as the fun she is having shooting down some of those myths!