

*In 1674, **Antoni van Leeuwenhoek** visited the Berkelsemeer, a lake near Delft, and took a water sample because the water was unusually cloudy. When he examined the sample with his simple microscope, he got the surprise of his life, and the biological world would never be the same. The water was full of “little animals” invisible to the naked eye.*

*Using original drawings, modern digital photos, and film clips taken through exact replicas of his microscopes, **Dr Lesley Robertson** gave us an overview of van Leeuwenhoek’s life and work: **the Man who discovered Micro-organisms.***

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