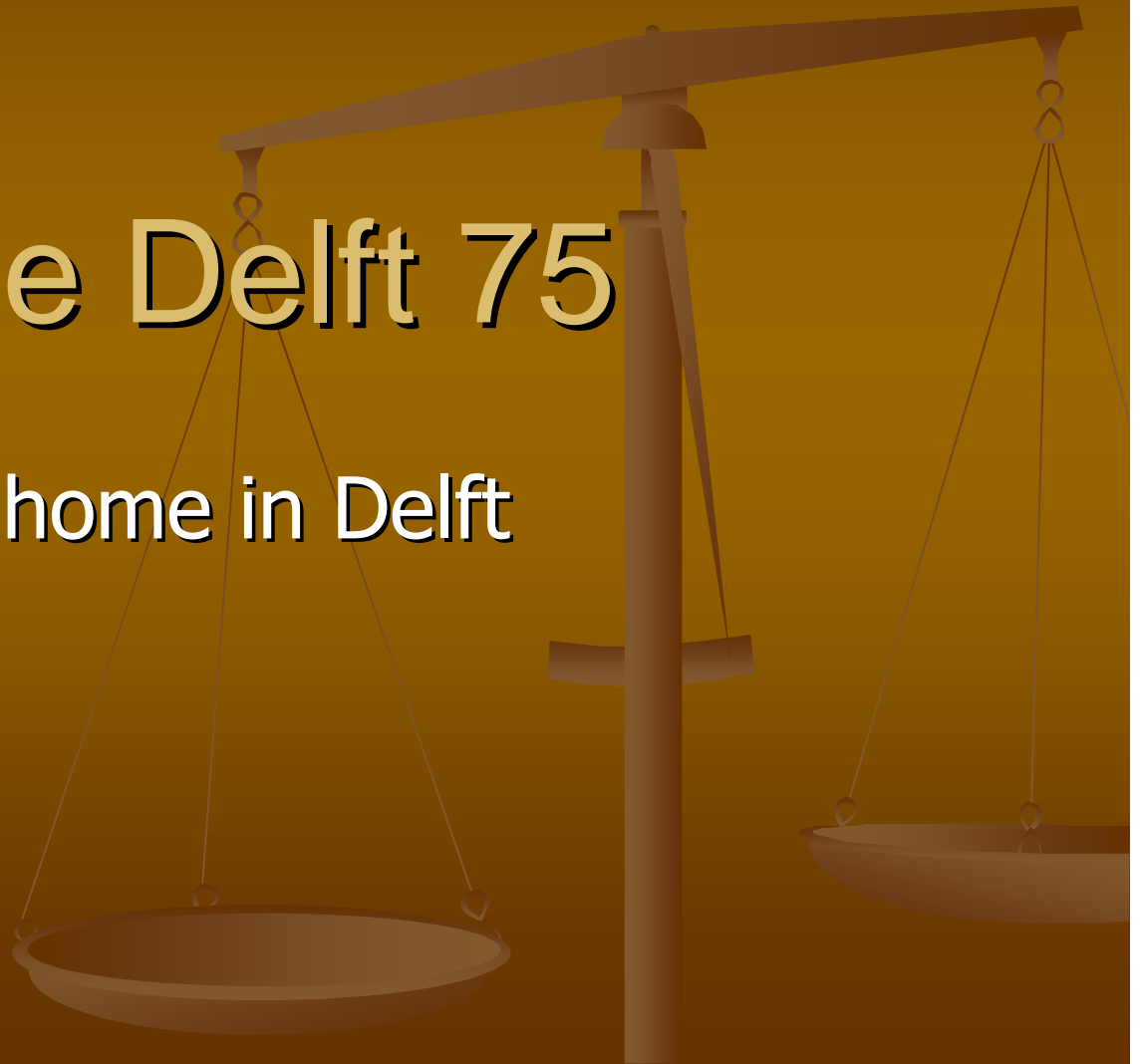


Oude Delft 75

Our home in Delft





Oude Delft is located in the historic core of the city. [Jan Vermeer](#) the famous Dutch painter ([1628-1691](#)) lived nearby. This is what we see when we open our door. But we need to watch out for the bikes!



Our bedroom. The building dates back to the 1550s; even before Vermeer lived in the neighborhood.



Living room/ Dining room. Of course the new furniture comes from Ikea. Holland has over 20 including one in Delft.



This door is probably several hundred years old.



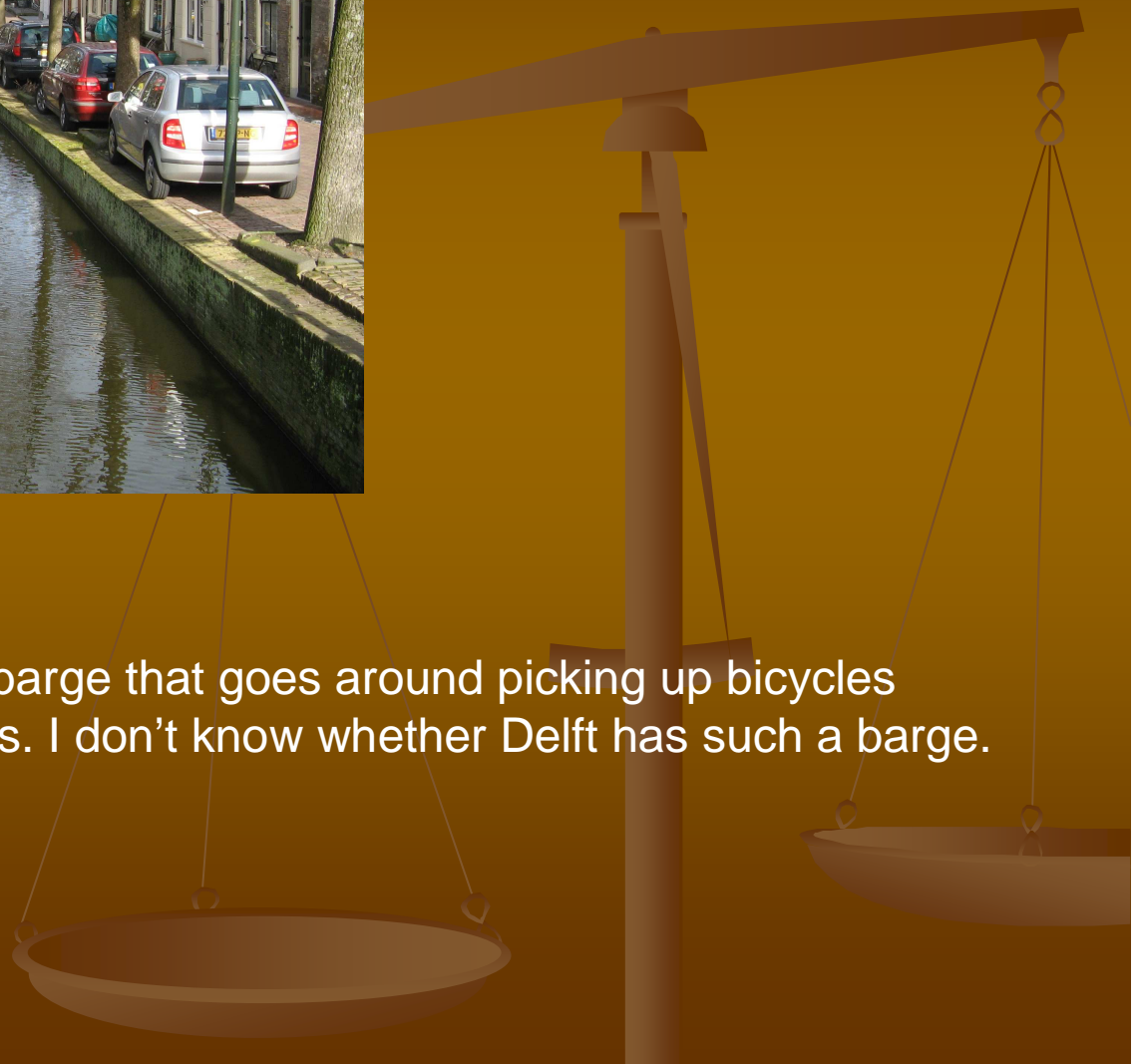


Now to our neighborhood. Apartments above shops makes for a healthy street life.





Amsterdam has a special barge that goes around picking up bicycles (and cars?) from the canals. I don't know whether Delft has such a barge.





We are a few minutes (two canals) away for New Kirk (Church) and the Market Square, the heart of the city.

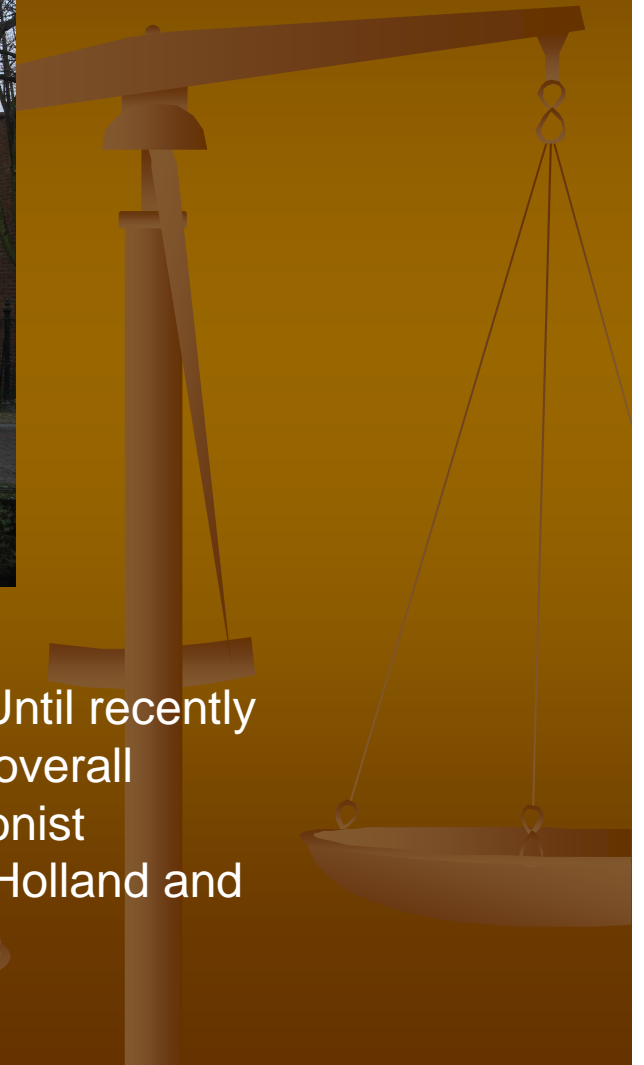




This was March and café sitting was for the brave and hardy; during the summer and for major cultural and recreational events, the square is packed.



Most of Delft's Jews perished during the Holocaust. Until recently the building was only used for cultural events for the overall community. The building now houses a Reconstructionist congregation which draws Jews from a wide area in Holland and Belgium



Although Delft is a fairly small city it has many of the qualities to be found only in large cities. This is a working city that benefits from tourism and bike riding makes it a very sustainable place. American planners have a lot to learn from Delft.

