

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS members,

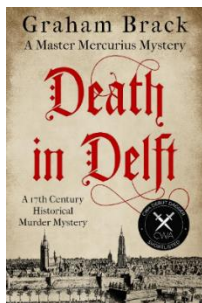
June 2021

Welcome to the latest E-NEWS edition. It would be wonderful if this month will bring us the end of lockdown restrictions and the beginning of a return to some kind of normality. We hope to be able to organise some live events again this summer but we will continue to maintain suitable online events as this format seems to be working very well.

No passports were necessary for our virtual trip to the Netherlands as we enjoyed an online guided tour of Panorama Mesdag of Scheveningen last month. The ANS book club had a lively and interesting discussion on *Humankind* by Rutger Bregman. Last week, members were treated to a fascinating and informative lecture on the *History of Dutch Delftware* by Robert Aronson, live from his Gallery in Amsterdam. Next week, you will have a chance to meet crime novelist and Society member Graham Brack. There are still a few places available for this online interview. Why not invite a friend to watch this free talk? Later this month, art historian Hattie Bennet will be exploring the *English Impressionists* and in July the Book club will discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell, winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2020. We have plenty of interesting links and events to share with you this month. We hope there's something for you to enjoy !

ANS ZOOM EVENTS

Meet crime novelist Graham Brack – Thursday 10 June 7.30pm



Join us for a Zoom interview with award winning mystery author and ANS member Graham Brack. Graham is a retired pharmacist with a Masters of Philosophy degree in Medical Law and Ethics. After a holiday in Prague he wrote the award winning *Josef Slonsky* series. He then went to Amsterdam on holiday and the result was the *Master Mercurius Mystery* series, a historical fictional murder mystery series set in The Netherlands, published in 2020. Find out about Master Mercurius, what inspires Graham, why the historical setting, the role of religion and the events of the time. Graham will be interviewed by Marina Mathon-Clark. This interview will be about 60 minutes with Q&A. Potential members and guests are welcome. <https://grahambrackauthor.com/> Please register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

The English Impressionists – Lecture – Wednesday 23 June 7.30pm



Described as the English Impressionists the group of artists who settled in Newlyn, Cornwall, at the end of the 19th century were inspired by the French artistic colonies flourishing in rural and coastal France. Painting outside in the glorious Cornish light, they captured the everyday, groups of fisherman, weddings and funerals and giggling school children. Art historian Hattie Bennett will introduce us to several artists and their particular focus and technique including Stanhope Forbes and his wife Elizabeth, Frank Branwyn and Henry Tuke. Finally we will move to Lamorna and the younger generation of artists, Alfred Munnings and Harold and Laura Knight.

The talk will last about 60 minutes with Q&A. Cost £10 per screen. Potential members and guests are welcome. Members who are not able to join can register to get access to an exclusive recording after the event. Payment into the usual ANS bank account. Register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

ANS Book club *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell – July date and time tbc



Join us for our online book discussion on *Hamnet*, a short, piercing, deeply moving new novel about the death of Shakespeare's eleven-year-old son Hamnet. The winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction 2020 and a Sunday Times bestseller, Maggie O'Farrell's *Hamnet* is a tender and unforgettable reimagining of a boy whose life has been all but forgotten, but whose name was given to one of the most celebrated plays ever written. Please register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Payment for events via Internet Banking, Anglo-Netherlands Society, account 0540 98 45, sort code (NatWest) 50-41-02, ref your name/event. If not using IB, email the administrator for alternatives.

You will receive your Zoom invitation and easy joining instructions a few days prior to the event. If it is your first time using Zoom you will be asked to download the Zoom App.

Society News

With the ongoing limited access to our office at the Netherlands Embassy our various committees continue their activities from their respective homes, so please bear this in mind when contacting us. An email to administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk should be your main channel of communication. Meanwhile, our programme of Zoom events continues to attract large numbers of our members, which is pleasing. Notwithstanding this successful route to involve a larger number of our members in a wider geographical area, our forward programme includes some interesting live events which will be firmed up and announced when circumstances permit. Regarding our postponed Centenary reception we have now received confirmation from our Royal guests from both sides of the North Sea of their willingness to attend and from Kensington Palace of its availability for a date during the second half of March 2022. More details towards the end of this year, early next year.

Regarding our annual Awards scheme for students in Dutch studies, this year the tenth in this much appreciated ANS initiative, we are about to receive from Sheffield University a combination of essays and podcasts which will be judged by our ANS panel of judges. Prize winner(s) will be announced in later communications including references to the winning essay and podcast.

In the meantime, Council has been looking at various ways to enlarge our membership, realising that the potential interests in the apolitical Aims and Objects of the Society are wide-spread, not only in the United Kingdom, but potentially also in the Netherlands. Our recent experiences with the Society's online events have reinforced this view and we are now following up on these ideas along different channels.

We have also started thinking about our IT requirements for the coming years and we will probably set up a working party to consider what we should be aiming for. Any (volunteer) input from IT experts amongst our members would be most welcome. Both in respect of our website at the front end and other communication channels surrounding it, how we should run it and at what likely cost. Just send a brief email to our usual address (see above) and we will contact you.

Council ANS

Books

Maggie O'Farrell *Hamnet* (2020)

The moving historical novel *Hamnet*, is a story of deep loss, the death of a child, struck down by an incomprehensibly virulent epidemic and its impact upon a marriage

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/hamnet/maggie-ofarrell/9781472223821>

<https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/maggie-ofarrell-the-life-of-hamnet-shakespeare/id1298460455?i=1000522921977>

Willem-Jan Verlinden, *The Van Gogh Sisters* (April 2021)

Many people are familiar with the life and art of Vincent van Gogh, and his extensive correspondence with his brother Theo. But their sisters, Ana, Lies, and Wil van Gogh, have gone overlooked until now. In this compelling group biography based on extensive primary resources, art historian Willem-Jan Verlinden brings Vincent's three sisters into the spotlight. <http://thevangoghsisters.com/en/>
<https://thamesandhudson.com/the-van-gogh-sisters-9780500023600#gallery>

Codart Canon, *100 Masterpieces Dutch and Flemish Art* (May 2021)

In this well-illustrated book, each painting, drawing, sculpture of print on the list is profiled, with commentary by 100 different curators from twenty countries. <https://canon.codart.nl/book/>

Art, Culture & Tips

TEFAF, meet the experts.

Established in 1988, The European Fine Art Foundation (TEFAF) is widely regarded as the world's pre-eminent organization for fine art, antiques, and design. Join the experts in a virtual visit at their magnificent galleries. <https://www.tefaf.com/stories/explore/2-meet-the-experts>

Delftware by Robert Aronson, <https://www.tefaf.com/stories/story/70-aronson-antiquairs>

Chintz : Cotton in Bloom, Fashion and Textile Museum London.

Originally curated by the Fries Museum in the Netherlands, the fantastic exhibition *Chintz: Cotton in Bloom* can now be visited in London. The exquisite garments and textiles are on display.

<https://www.ftmlondon.org/ftm-exhibitions/chintz-cotton-in-bloom/>

Hansken, Rembrandt's Elephant, watch the talkshow.

She was famous across Europe: the Asian elephant Hansken. In the middle of the 17th century, she was the only living elephant on the continent and was toured to markets, fairs and courts. When Hansken was in Amsterdam, Rembrandt drew her. The exhibition, with works of art by Rembrandt and his contemporaries is on view at the Rembrandt House Museum until 25th July.

<https://www.rembrandthuis.nl/en/current/now-on-view-2/>

The Dutch Centre, events <https://dutchcentre.com/>

Music and Paintings of Johannes Vermeer, lecture by art historian and author Dr Richard Stemp.

(recorded version 30 March 2021). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwvbAmH31cs>

Rubens: Reuniting the Great Landscapes – Lecture - Thursday 17 June at 1pm online free event.

Join Dr. Lucy Davis, curator at the Wallace Collection, who will discuss the current exhibition.

<https://www.wallacecollection.org/whats-on/meet-the-expert-rubens-reuniting-the-great-landscapes/>

The Society of Botanical Artists, annual exhibition Plantae online 4-18 June.

An amazing range of botanical work, with Tanja Mödersheim.

<https://www.soc-botanical-artists.org/>

Operation Manna Memorial sculpture complete at IBCC, Lincoln.

Documentary *Memories of Manna* tells the story of Operation Manna. In 1945 with much of The Netherlands cut off and food supplies at critically low levels, Royal Air Force Bomber Command alongside the USAAF (Operation Chowhound) dropped food and medical supplies to the starving Dutch. A grand unveiling event will be held in June.

<https://thelincolnite.co.uk/2021/05/flying-high-operation-manna-memorial-sculpture-complete-at-ibcc/>

The Barber of Seville, Glyndebourne Open House.

Watch Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* online for free from Sunday 13 June until Sunday 27 June.

https://www.glyndebourne.com/events/the-barber-of-seville/?utm_source=wordfly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Members%26PublicDigest28.05.21&utm_content=version_A&sourceNumber=32606

Stochelo Rosenberg, Saturday 17 July 7.30pm, live at Kingsplace London.

Without doubt the most celebrated gypsy jazz guitarist since Django Reinhardt and arguably the finest jazz guitarist in Europe right now, the Dutch Sinti Gypsy Stochelo Rosenberg. The Rosenberg Trio features the British guitar virtuoso and master accompanist Chris Quinn and Dutch double bassist Arnoud Vandenberg. <https://www.kingsplace.co.uk/whats-on/jazz/stochelo-rosenberg-trio/>

Humankind: a Radical New History of Our Species, Sunday 4 July 6.30pm online event.

Philip Sands meets Rutger Bregman, one of the greatest young thinkers of our time, to hear a new story of human nature that places our capacity for kindness, not selfishness, at its heart.

https://howtoacademy.com/events/humankind-a-radical-new-history-of-our-species-2/?mc_cid=60f52b1030&mc_eid=5247439301

The Queen's Green Canopy, The Platinum Jubilee 2022.

A unique tree planting campaign across the United Kingdom known as The Queen's Green Canopy will be created to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

Circular stories.

Awareness around circularity is growing all across Europe. In this interview series we shine a light on how the definition differs across countries and where the opportunities lie for Dutch entrepreneurs to go international. This episode an interview with Terence Speijer, Senior Commercial Attaché in London

<https://www.circularstories.org/stories/interview-dutch-embassy-london/>

Information on the EU settlement Scheme & Brexit.

<https://www.government.nl/topics/brexit>

Recordings

Lecture by Andrew Taylor on Dutch Landscape paintings.

https://zoom.us/rec/share/zJJ0CZKv5F50TYnDtkWGBYAaBdvUX6a82ydPrKAJyEvQZ_rG0zn7Z8X8wkPblo8o Access passcode for members only

Lecture by Tanja Mödersheim on Dutch Heritage Tulips.

https://zoom.us/rec/share/h6ozN9wV3N4_6i_LctiXdJIENITm5Fw7adrhIjvZcn6NKIJkTrpFS4wA_cQn1A4I.Um_XOSHLIuWxsBek Access passcode for members only

Interview with Selma van de Perre on her book *My name is Selma*.

https://zoom.us/rec/share/ztGICfLztHkAgAooiXA3q2NNPZT_BkthdOFtMhnHBMvpZH_R8w0afhAICr0yt7d4.DboQBB55hMGaJ8br Access passcode for members only

ANS Centenary book

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

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