

# ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



## E-NEWS

Dear ANS members,

July 2021

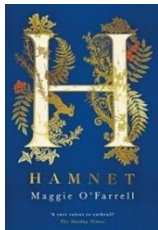
Summer is here at last ! We hope you are keeping well, enjoying a little more freedom and making the most of the beautiful sunshine we are getting now. In line with the latest Government guidance most remaining Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted very soon and the road ahead seems promising for a return to some in-person events again. However we continue to invite you to our online programme as well. It's always nice to connect and see new and familiar faces.

Last month an interview by Marina Mathon-Clark with mystery author and Society member Graham Brack turned into a fascinating evening. A link to watch a recording of this event is included in this E-NEWS. Members and guests were treated to an excellent and engaging lecture with art historian Hattie Bennett speaking about her specialist subject *The English Impressionists*. The wonderful images reminded us of the spectacular Cornish light we much enjoyed on our ANS trip to Cornwall a few years ago. This month the book club will discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell and we are heading northbound to The Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham for an exclusive ANS event on their latest exhibition entitled *Making a Mark: Dutch and Flemish Drawings from the Royal Collection*. In September we hope to finally be able to welcome you for our first post-lockdown live event: a guided *Mayflower Walk* and pub lunch with Blue Badge Guide Emily Baker. For more information on all of these events, and the registration links please see below.

Whether you're planning on taking a summer break or a staycation at home, we've got just some interesting events and links for you. We wish you an enjoyable summer whatever your plans are.

## ANS ZOOM EVENTS

### ANS Book club *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell - Thursday 22 July 8.00pm



There are only a few places left 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](mailto:events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk)

### *Making a Mark* - Curators in Conversation - Monday 26 July 7.30pm



Join talented student-curators for an illustrated talk on *Making a Mark, Dutch and Flemish Drawings from the Royal Collection* at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham. This fascinating exhibition includes 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century drawings by artists such as Rubens, Rembrandt and Van Dyck, lent by Her Majesty the Queen. Hear directly from four of the students along with Curator Rosie Razzall and Marketing Manager Andrew Davies, how the exhibition was devised and organised. Hear about the choices and challenges involved in creating this art show, entirely in lockdown. The presentation will last about 60 minutes with Q&A. <https://barber.org.uk/making-a-mark>. 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. Please register at [events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk) [Image from the Royal Collection Trust / © Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2021]

## ANS LIVE EVENT

### Mayflower Pilgrims in London Walk & Lunch – Wednesday 15 September 11.00am



Following a successful virtual walk last November, Blue Badge Guide Emily Laurence Baker, descendent of four passengers on the Mayflower, is excited to celebrate the origins of the Mayflower in Rotherhithe. Join Emily for a live walking tour along the River Thames that explains the background of the ship's passengers, presenting them as incredibly brave pioneers and possibly shattering myths that many Americans have been taught in school. We'll get some Instagram-worthy views of the City of London and explore this area's history of shipping and the docks. We will conclude with a drink or lunch at the Mayflower Pub. The walk will last about 60 minutes. Cost £15 per person (lunch not included). More details on this walk after registration. Payment into the usual ANS bank account. Register at [events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto: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

As you will have read in this E-NEWS we have continued with our Zoom events, attracting good attendances. Closely following Government regulations on Covid-19 we have started setting up our first live event as well. We hope soon to be able to announce some more substantial ones, including a reception for potential new members and perhaps even a Members' Dinner in the Reform Club, albeit with reduced numbers.

Elsewhere in this E-NEWS you will read about the successful Awards ceremony at the University of Sheffield and we are planning to publish the winning essay and podcast in a separate communication later this quarter. The Awards at UCL will be announced later in September.

Having set up an Instagram account about a year ago, we have reviewed the initial responses. A more extensive use of this communication channel has now been arranged and we hope this will further enhance its use.

Finally, in our June E-NEWS we mentioned our intention to start a review of our IT requirements and our website, asking for any (volunteer) IT experts in our membership to assist us with this exercise. Just a short e-mail to [administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk) will be followed up with pleasure and thanks.

## Council ANS

## Books

**Andrew Pettegree and Arthur der Weduwen** *The Bookshop of the World – Making and Trading Books in the Dutch Golden Age* (2020). The untold story of how the Dutch conquered the European book market and became the World's greatest bibliophiles.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-bookshop-of-the-world/andrew-pettegree/arthur-der-weduwen/9780300254792>

**Connie Palmen** *Your Story, My Story* (2021)

From the Dutch award-winning author of *The Friendship* comes a shattering, brilliantly inventive novel based on the volatile true love story of literary icons Sylvia Plath and Ted Hughes.

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/Your-Story-My-Connie-Palmen/dp/1542022401>

## Art, Culture & Tips

### Operation Night Watch.

For the first time in 300 years, the public can see Rembrandt's dynamic painting of The Night Watch as the painter intended it, now that artificial intelligence has been used to reconstruct four missing panels. Operation Night Watch is the largest and most wide-ranging research project in the history of this masterpiece. <https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/stories/operation-night-watch/story/night-watch-the-missing-pieces>

### Grinling Gibbons, "Michelangelo of Woodcarving".

2021 marks the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Grinling Gibbons, England's greatest woodcarver and the inspiration for today's craftsmen. This British artist was born in Rotterdam in 1648, where he was inspired by the shipbuilding industry in the area. Watch a film about the legendary woodcarver and his work at St James's Piccadilly. <https://grinlinggibbons.uk/videos/grinling-gibbons-the-michelangelo-of-woodcarving/> <https://grinlinggibbons.uk/>

### John Blakemore *Tulipomania* Exhibition at Argentea Gallery, Birmingham.

Blakemore is one of the most revered and influential figures in British photography. <https://www.discoverjq.co.uk/john-blakemore-exhibition-at-argentea-gallery/>

### Who was the real Beatrix Potter ? Patricia Routledge on Beatrix Potter.

Following in the footsteps of the Edwardian publishing sensation, the JK Rowling of her day, Patricia travels from London to Scotland and the Lake District to discover what fired Beatrix's imagination and where her love and understanding of animals was born.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z0ZVB\\_SzZoM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z0ZVB_SzZoM)

### Rijksmuseum Amsterdam, Stories of slavery and slave trade.

The Rijksmuseum will stage its first ever major exhibition dedicated to the subject of slavery this spring. The Slavery exhibition presents ten true stories. Ten personal stories about enslaved people and slave owners, people who resisted, and people who were brought to the Netherlands in slavery. <https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/whats-on/exhibitions/slavery>

### Dutch Centre, Narrative of slavery, online event Thursday 15 July 7.30pm.

For tickets see <http://dutchcentre.com/events/narrative-of-slavery-15-07-2021/>

### Bath-Alkmaar and Aletta Stevens.

Bath and Alkmaar are two historic cities, linked for over 75 years. To mark this anniversary Alkmaar hosted an online launch of the Dutch edition of ANS member Aletta Stevens' book *The Remarkable Journey of Mr Prins*. This edition *Ontsnaapping naar Bath – De gedenkwaardige reis van een Joodse vluchteling* – is now available from all Dutch bookshops and bol.com.

<https://bath-alkmaar.org.uk/origins/> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uyNcK7lt9wM>

### Around the world in 80 days. No steamer, railway or elephant required.

Join a virtual journey around the world this summer with a new programme by accredited lecturers of the Arts Society. Follow in the footsteps of Phileas Fogg and explore 24 destinations over 80 days from wherever you are. <https://www.connected.theartsociety.org/around-world-in-80-days>

### Unveil of the Alan Turing £50 polymer banknote.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Echol6eHdCs>

### The Song Project, live music at the Royal Court Theatre, 17-28 August.

*The Song Project* is an exclusive opportunity to see Wende, one of the Netherlands most successful artists, live in London for 10 performances. Wende has become renowned across Europe, selling out every one of her tours, winning multiple awards for both live performances and albums, and drawing comparisons with the likes of PJ Harvey. <https://royalcourttheatre.com/whats-on/thesongproject/>

**Dutch Academic Network in the UK (DANinUK)**, is an open network for Dutch nationals working in Higher Education and (academic) research institutions in the UK.

<http://www.dutchacademicnetwork.uk>

**Information on the EU settlement Scheme & Brexit.**

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

## **ANS AWARDS to Students at the University of Sheffield**

As scheduled, a virtual Prize ceremony was held for us by the University of Sheffield on 30 June for the announcement of the winners of their ANS Essay and Podcast Competitions 2021. A dozen students participated in the Competitions. The Essay Competition was won by Rebecca Nelsey for an essay on Zwarte Piet and the Podcast Competition by a team led by Daniel Corcoran on Rosie and Moussa by Michael De Cock. The ANS Adjudication team (to whom we are hugely grateful) were rewarded by some rich reading and listening experiences. We were able to congratulate the students and the Faculty for the high quality of the students' work, produced under such challenging circumstances of lockdown. The winning essay and a summary of the winning podcast, together with a link to it, will be published in the Newsletter in due course.

The Ambassador of the Netherlands, HE Mr Karel van Oosterom, kindly attended the event, as did our President, Lord Taylor of Holbeach, Chairman Dick van den Broek, other Council members and Judges. The University were represented by Professor Emeritus Michael Perraudin, Head of Germanic Studies Professor Henk de Berg, and of course Dr Henriette Louwerse and Filip de Ceuster of the Centre for Dutch and Flemish Studies, who were instrumental in arranging a highly successful event, attended by some 30 in total.

Paul Dimond

## **Recordings**

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

[https://zoom.us/rec/share/ztGICfLztHkAgAooiXA3q2NNPZT\\_BkthdOFtMhnHBMvpZH\\_R8w0afhAICr0yt7d4.DboQBB55hMGaJ8br](https://zoom.us/rec/share/ztGICfLztHkAgAooiXA3q2NNPZT_BkthdOFtMhnHBMvpZH_R8w0afhAICr0yt7d4.DboQBB55hMGaJ8br) Access passcode for members only.

**Interview with Graham Brack on 10 June 2021**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/VnrQPf0KvFKAMiXRnI4p5VZ2umKTMHNSy\\_px3gaNoaKMuNhCqgUNIUSRHVD1GCvX.zFN88ouHnpsSHSDY](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/VnrQPf0KvFKAMiXRnI4p5VZ2umKTMHNSy_px3gaNoaKMuNhCqgUNIUSRHVD1GCvX.zFN88ouHnpsSHSDY) Access passcode for members only.

## **ANS Centenary book**

An excellent present for your family members and friends waiting for you: a copy of our much appreciated Centenary book. Please contact [administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:administrator@anglo-netherlands.org.uk)

## **Instagram**

Please follow us on Instagram at AngloNetherlandsSociety

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

**If you have ideas or suggestions for ANS E-NEWS or for one of our ZOOM-Events, please let us know at [events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk).**