

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS members,

August 2021

We hope that you enjoy connecting with friends and family and are comfortable in getting out and about. Summer is in full swing and so is our events programme, offering new and interesting activities as we are heading into the autumn. You will be amazed what is waiting for you !

Last month *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell was discussed at our book club and proved to be an excellent choice. We had to reschedule the presentation *Making a Mark* at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham from 26 July to a **new date, Thursday 9 September 7.30pm**. There is also still time to register for our live guided *Mayflower Walk* and pub lunch on Wednesday 15 September 11.30am.

We have much more in-store for you this autumn. A joint online lecture by National Grid and Dutch transmission system operator TenneT about a unique North Sea grid project linking the Dutch and British offshore wind farms with the distribution systems of both countries. Dutch historian Anne Doedens will talk about the book, *the Canon of the Royal Netherlands Navy*, that he recently published with Vice-Admiral Matthieu Borsboom. Alice Taatgen, curator of the Royal Palace Amsterdam, will give us a virtual tour of one of the Netherlands' most important monumental buildings.

Whether in-person or online, we look forward to seeing you again soon. Enjoy your E-NEWS !

ANS ZOOM EVENTS

***Making a Mark* - Curators in Conversation - NEW DATE - Thursday 9 September 7.30pm**



Join Robert Wenley, Head of Collections and Deputy Director at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham and talented student-curators for an introduction and illustrated talk on *Making a Mark, Dutch and Flemish Drawings from the Royal Collection*. This fascinating exhibition includes 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 Rosie Razzall, Curator of Prints and Drawings Royal Collection Trust, and Andrew Davies Marketing Manager, how the exhibition was devised and organised entirely in lockdown. The presentation will last about 60 minutes with Q&A. Cost £10 per screen <https://barber.org.uk/making-a-mark>. 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 [Image from the Royal Collection Trust / © Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II 2021]

Presentation by National Grid and TenneT – date and time tbc



Last autumn, National Grid (NG) announced an agreement with TenneT, its opposite number in the Netherlands, to co-operate in the establishment of a link between the Dutch and British offshore wind farms and the energy distribution systems of both countries. This will involve the simultaneous interconnection of 4GW of offshore wind to trade spare transmission capacity. The Society has been in discussion with NG since the announcement and they have agreed in principle to give us a joint NG/TenneT virtual presentation on the project this autumn. The whole subject will be quite topical as all prepare for the major COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow in November. We have yet to agree a date for this event but will keep members informed.

ANS LIVE EVENT

Mayflower Pilgrims in London Walk & Lunch – Wednesday 15 September 11.30am



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 lunch at the Mayflower, the oldest pub on the Thames with stunning river views. The walk will last about two hours. Cost £15 per person (lunch not included). Meeting point: south side of Tower Bridge. More details on this walk after registration. Payment into the usual ANS bank account. Register 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

Council and the Events Committee continue to monitor closely Government regulations regarding Covid-19 which might have an impact on what the Society can plan in terms of live events. Prospects for these look more promising at present and let us hope our first live event on 15 September can go ahead. In September last year we had similar hopes which did not last long, regrettably.

We have again reserved rooms at the Reform Club for our annual dinner, now provisionally booked for November. We may well have to limit the number of participants for this event for social distancing reasons. If you have a definite interest in attending this very special event, please send us a message. This will assist us with our planning, including for numbers. We are looking forward to the Awards ceremony for students in Dutch Studies at UCL which is expected to take place during the second half of September. You will read in this issue about a new type of event for the Society, namely a presentation by National Grid and TenneT on their planned large project to connect electricity networks between the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. Another example of close cooperation, on many fronts, between our two countries.

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Books

Ian Buruma, *The Churchill Complex* (2020).

The curse of being special from Winston and FDR to Trump and Brexit.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Ian-Buruma/e/B001IOBLRS?ref=dbs_p_pbk_r00_abau_000000

Why not read a book by a Dutch or Flemish author this summer?

A selection of books that are recently translated into English.

[15 Dutch Books You Need To Read This Summer \(2021\) - the low countries \(the-low-countries.com\)](https://www.the-low-countries.com/15-Dutch-Books-You-Need-To-Read-This-Summer-2021)

For a Chance to Forget by Donald Nicolson, interview (Podcast).

An interview with author and ANS member Donald Nicolson about his novel *For a Change to Forget*.

<https://yescowal.podbean.com/e/james-e-interviews-scottish-author-donald-nicolson/>

Art, Culture & Tips

Frans Hals, *The Male Portrait*, major exhibition at the Wallace Collection, (Sept 2021-Jan 2022).
<https://us7.campaign-archive.com/?e=d7e1bd1887&u=ee2d62f4a8315dfe633378745&id=eb94baea12>

Friends of Kenwood House online talks.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_mQasMb-eMa_3IZMIwM2JA/videos

Curator in the Spotlight : Robert Wenley, Head of Collections, Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham. <https://www.codart.nl/spotlights/robert-wenley/>

Prince Philip: A celebration

exhibition Windsor Castle.
This summer, Windsor Castle will host a special display to commemorate the remarkable life and legacy of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, Britain's longest-serving consort.
https://www.rct.uk/collection/themes/exhibitions/prince-philip-a-celebration/windsor-castle?utm_campaign=867215_2021_06_doe_wc_epc&utm_medium=email&utm_source=email_marketing&dm_i=4SVR,IL5B,SRAKV,27E4P,1

La Traviata, full opera for free, Glyndebourne.

Watch Verdi's La Traviata for free until Sunday 29 August.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwivpipDHAYT-jKVi7rdWJA>

The Song Project – Wende Snijders

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. ANS members may enjoy a special discount; code: Wende12 <https://royalcourttheatre.com/whats-on/thesongproject/>

Recordings

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

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

Interview with Graham Brack on 10 June 2021

https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/VnrQPf0KvFKAMiXRnI4p5VZ2umKTMHNSy_px3gaNoaKMuNhC0qUNIUSRHVD1GCvX.zFN88ouHnpsSHSDY Access for members only.

ANS Centenary book

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