

ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



E-NEWS

Dear ANS members,

September 2021

With September here, and autumn on its way, we begin a new season with various events and interesting links for you to enjoy. One of the good things to come out of the last 18 months has been the trial and now ongoing programme of online lectures and events. We intend to keep them going but are also very excited about a return of our in-person events and social interaction now that restrictions have been lifted. We have started this month with a fascinating online presentation *Making a Mark* at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts in Birmingham by talented student-curators. Only a few places are left for the guided Mayflower Walk and pub lunch on Wednesday 15 September. We are looking forward to a joint presentation by National Grid and TenneT on their unique North Sea grid project.

In October we will welcome Dutch maritime historian Dr Anne Doedens for an online talk on *Two navies: the Dutch and their English counterparts on the North Sea*. Alice Taatgen, curator at the Royal Palace Amsterdam will talk about the fascinating past, present and future of one of the most iconic buildings of the Dutch Golden Age. Rooms have been reserved at one of London's finest private members clubs for our annual Members' dinner. Read all this and more below. We cannot wait to welcome you back !

ANS ZOOM EVENTS

Trading Renewable Energy - New Anglo-Dutch Partnership - Thursday 30 September 6.00pm



The Society will break new ground with a virtual presentation to us by National Grid (UK) and their counterpart TenneT (NL) on their collaboration in a new project to link the two countries' electricity grids. This talk should be of wide interest to our corporate and individual members alike. The story will be about how the interconnection of the two grids will work. This is designed to improve trade in electricity generated from the renewable energy in the British offshore wind farms in the North Sea. The presentation will be given by Mark Tunney, Senior Business Development Manager and Project Director at National Grid, with his colleague, Jörn Ceh, Business Development Manager at TenneT. As the North Sea is likely to become the new powerhouse of north-western Europe, the project is a significant example of new bilateral Dutch-British collaboration. The talk is timed ahead of the major UN COP26 Climate Change Conference in Glasgow in November. The presentation will last about 45 minutes with time for Q&A. Please register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Two navies: the Dutch and their English counterparts on the North Sea - 13 October 7.30pm



In 2020 Dr Anne Doedens and Vice-Admiral Matthieu Borsboom published the book *Canon of the Royal Navy – History of the Naval Forces*, about the Dutch Royal Navy. The Canon consists of 50 sections detailing the main feats and actions of the Dutch Navy, from the period of the Republic to the present day. England, the English and Great Britain appear over 220 times in this narrative, which calls for an explanation. Join us for this lecture by Dutch maritime historian Dr Anne Doedens to find out more. The talk will last about 60 minutes with time for Q&A. 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. Please register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk <https://www.annedoedens.com/>

ANS Book club *The Son and Heir* by Alexander Munninghoff – November date and time tbc



Join us for our online book discussion on *The Son and Heir: A Memoir*, a prize-winning Dutch journalist's unsparing memoir of growing up amid the excesses, triumphs, and devastation of post-World War II Europe. What can a son say upon discovering that his father wore a Nazi uniform? Reporter Alexander Munninghoff was only four when he found this mortifying relic from his father's recent past in his attic. In this revelatory memoir, the author confronts his parents' complex past as he reconstructs the fortunes and disillusionments of an entire family upheaved during the changes of twentieth-century Europe. Please register for this free event at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

ANS LIVE EVENTS

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. 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). **Only a few places available.** More details on this walk after registration. Payment into the usual ANS bank account. Register at events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk

Members' Dinner - Reform Club



We have again reserved rooms at the Reform Club for our annual dinner 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 and haven't sent us a message yet, please contact 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 is very pleased that our first live event since September 2020 is now firmly established in our forward calendar of events. Our annual Members' dinner planned for November in the Reform Club looks firmer every day and we are very pleased that H.E. Karel van Oosterom has accepted our invitation to be our guest speaker that evening. Ambassador van Oosterom took up his assignment in August 2020 and his initial experiences will be worth listening to. Well over forty members have already indicated their "definite interest to attend". If you would like to reserve a place for this event a short e-mail to events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk would be appreciated.

Last but certainly not least, a warm welcome to our new Members Mr Nicolaas Houwert and Mrs Ingrid Houwert, Mrs Meta Wells-Thorpe.

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Books

Stefano Sandrone, *Nobel Life* (2021).

Conversations with 24 Nobel Laureates on their life stories, advice for future generations and what remains to be discovered by ANS member Stefano Sandrone.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/nobel-life/stefano-sandrone/9781108838283>

Marc Morris, *The Anglo-Saxons: A History of the Beginnings of England* (2021).

A fascinating journey into the world of Anglo-Saxon Britain.

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/books/111/1113795/the-anglo-saxons/9781786330994.html>

Oud Holland - Journal for Art of the Low Countries (2021).

Oud Holland is the oldest surviving art-historical periodical in the world.

<https://brill.com/view/journals/oh/oh-overview.xml>

Art, Culture & Tips

Rijksmuseum Amsterdam.

What makes the Rijksmuseum one of the world's most famous museums? Sit back and enjoy the revealing stories. <https://www.rijksmuseum.nl/en/stories/one-hundred-masterpieces>

Van Gogh House London *Life and its most trivial particulars* (Sept-Dec 2021).

This exhibition, by artists **Brian Griffiths** and **Frank Kent**, is the first in a new annual programme at Van Gogh House, marking 50 years since 87 Hackford Road was found to be the London residence of the renowned Dutch artist. <http://www.vangoghhouse.co.uk/life-and-its-most-trivial-particulars/>

Dutch Women Artists in the time of Frans Hals (12,19 and 26 October, Zoom Webinar).

Over three evening sessions, discover the rich and vibrant work of 17th-century Dutch women artists.

<https://www.wallacecollection.org/whats-on/dutch-women-artists-in-the-time-of-frans-hals/>

Private Palaces: The Mansions of the Marlboroughs by Professor Simon Thurley.

Due to the Duke of Marlborough's military genius and the crush that Queen Anne had on his wife, the duchess, the Marlboroughs were presented with two of the greatest houses of the age.

<https://www.gresham.ac.uk/lectures-and-events/marlborough-mansions>

Grinling Gibbons Tercentenary, events and updates.

2021 marks the 300th anniversary of the death 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. <https://grinlinggibbons.uk/>

Janine Jansen: Falling for Stradivari.

A new documentary profiling Janine Jansen and her relationship with 12 Stradivari violins. The film follows the Dutch virtuoso from Stockholm, where she lives and teaches, to London, where she spends ten days becoming acquainted with the violins in preparation for recording her new album.

<https://www.thestrads.com/news/new-documentary-profiles-janine-jansen-and-her-relationship-with-12-stradivari-violins/13013.article>

Fidelio Orchestra, 91-95 Clerkenwell Rd, London.

Fidelio is an artistic project that brings together the magic of great music and authentic culinary creations into an informal, friendly and captivating environment. <https://fideliorchestracafe.com/mission>

My Best Friend Anne Frank, worldwide release on Netflix (2021).

The first Dutch cinema film about Anne Frank tells the moving true story of Hannah Goslar and the special friendship with Anne. <http://www.talentunitedfilm.tv/portfolio/mijn-beste-vriendin-anne-frank/>

Trentham Gardens and Piet Oudolf.

Looking for a garden with peace and quiet, you will find a great day out at Trentham Gardens. Dutch landscape gardener and Chelsea gold-medal winner Piet Oudolf designed two flanking borders in het Italian garden and a magnificent perennial meadow in an adjacent area. <https://oudolf.com/>
<https://trentham.co.uk/estate-gardens/about-trentham-gardens/>

Strawberry Hill Flower Festival Twickenham (8-10 October).

<https://www.strawberryhillhouse.org.uk/flower-festival/>

Christmas at Kew 2021.

Explore a botanical world filled with seasonal cheer at Kew Gardens this winter.
<https://www.kew.org/about-us/press-media/christmas-at-kew-2021-kew-gardens>

Eurostar, new direct trains to the Netherlands and back.

<https://www.eurostar.com/uk-en/train/netherlands>

Reisadvies Verenigd Koninkrijk.

<https://www.nederlandwereldwijd.nl/landen/verenigd-koninkrijk/reizen/reisadvies>

Travelling to the Netherlands from abroad.

<https://www.government.nl/topics/coronavirus-covid-19/visiting-the-netherlands-from-abroad>

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_px3gaNoaKMuNhCqgUNIUSRHVD1GCvX.zFN88ouHnpsSHSDY Access 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

ANS Website

Members can login to the Member's Page with username and password.

<http://www.anglo-netherlands.org.uk/members-page/>

Instagram

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

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