

# ANGLO-NETHERLANDS SOCIETY



## E-NEWS

Dear ANS Members,

May 2023

Welcome May! A historic month for the nation with the Royal Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla making the start of a new reign and a new era for the Royal Family. We hope you had the opportunity to enjoy and witness this historic occasion blending ancient traditions with a look towards the future. Although Coronation Day has passed, there are still lots of activities going on to mark the occasion.

Looking forward, there is still time to register for our new social evening event "After Six", a great way for networking and meeting other Members. You don't need to travel far to discover destinations that are truly inspiring. Some of the most exciting places are close to home. Don't miss out and invite a guest to our private guided tour of Chiswick House and Gardens, one of the most glorious examples of 18<sup>th</sup> century British architecture and landscaped gardens. Our events team is planning a summer visit to Hampton Court Palace, the spectacular baroque palace built for William III and Mary II. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday September as we invite Members to step into the heart of the British democracy for a private visit to the House of Lords most kindly hosted by our President Lord Taylor of Holbeach, and Thursday September for a drinks reception and a presentation for Members generously offered by Shell, one of our Corporate Patrons. More details to follow soon. We cannot wait to welcome you at one of our events. Please keep an eye on your inbox!

## ANS LIVE EVENTS

### After Six - \*new event\* - Vagabond Victoria wine bar - Thursday June – 6.00-8.30pm



Don't miss out on our new "After Six" event after work. Join us at Vagabond, a wine bar conveniently located next to Victoria Station. We encourage working Members in particular to come to this new social event as it is a great way for networking and meeting other Members. Have fun choosing from the dispensers or bottles from the fridge (on your own tab) with over 100 different types of vino available to try by the glass or even a sampler. Cost: £10 p.p. which includes some nibbles and admin fee. Please register at [events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk)

### Chiswick House & Gardens private guided tour - Tuesday June – 11.00am-3.00pm



Chiswick House and Gardens is one of the most glorious examples of 18<sup>th</sup>-century British architecture and landscaped gardens. Two Georgian trendsetters, the architect and designer William Kent and his friend and patron Richard Boyle, the third Earl of Burlington, created the House and Gardens between 1725 and about 1738. Influenced by their travels on the Grand Tour, they favoured the classical, Palladian style. A guided tour of the House starts at 11.00am followed by a (self-pay) lunch break at the Café at 12.15pm. At 1.45pm we will join our guide for a tour of the spectacular garden. Cost: £25.00 p.p. which includes a private tour of the House, a tour of the Gardens and admin fee. Still a few places available. Please register before 18<sup>th</sup> May at [events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk)

Image: 'A View of Chiswick House from the South-West', about 1729, by Pieter Andreas Rysbrack. ©

## Visit to the House of Lords – SAVE THE DATE - Tuesday September – 11.00am-3.00pm



Join us and explore the House of Lords and Westminster Hall during a private inside UK Parliament tour, led by an expert guide. We will get a sneak peek behind the scenes at Westminster, in what is not only a stunning historical site but also a fast-paced modern workplace. After our tour and a light lunch we will visit the Peers' Lobby prior to attending and watching some Question Time in the Lords. The event is hosted by our President Lord Taylor of Holbeach. More detail on this to follow in our next Newsletter and E-NEWS.

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.

## Society News

The programme for our visit this coming week to the Arnhem area in the Netherlands is now firmly established and includes a special programme in coordination with the Council of Renkum-Oosterbeek, a major contributor to the organisation of the annual commemoration of operation "Market Garden" towards the end of WWII. You will already have read about some interesting events in September, but you may also wish to make a note of dates for our popular annual Members' dinner in the Reform Club ( November) and our AGM ( December), the latter usually being combined with a visit to a place of interest in the area.

We lose every year some 25-30 members for reasons such as leaving the UK, health conditions and some others, but we were very pleased with some 20 new members signing up for membership at the recent King's Day celebrations at the Dutch Church where we had our own stall again. A warm welcome to them.

Our recently established contact with Maastricht University has resulted in another essay award being established for students at that University. We are eagerly awaiting the initial responses to this new initiative.

Finally, we are in the process of "modernising" our website and any suggestions and help with this exercise would be much appreciated. Do not hesitate to come forward with ideas!

## Council ANS

## Books

**Maggie O'Farrell**, *The Marriage Portrait* (2022).

The author of *Hamnet* brings the world of Renaissance Italy to jewel-bright life in this unforgettable fictional portrait of the captivating young duchess Lucrezia de' Medici as she makes her way in a troubled court. <https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-marriage-portrait/maggie-ofarrell/9781472297624>

**Bonnie Garmus**, *Lessons in Chemistry* (2022).

A 1960s-set story of an unconventional female scientist with a quiet game-plan to change the world. Smart, funny, joyous and powerful, Garmus' superb debut novel has won the hearts and minds of many booksellers. <https://www.waterstones.com/author/bonnie-garmus/5216171>

## Art, Culture & Tips

**The Coronation of Their Majesties King Charles III and Queen Camilla.**

Watch as King Charles III and Queen Camilla are crowned in Westminster Abbey.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8HVnAXZ11>

**Highgrove Garden tours**, until September.

A garden tour is a memorable way to experience Highgrove. Join one of their experienced guides on a tour to discover the history, inspiration and unique organic management behind this incredible series of gardens. <https://www.highgrovegardens.com/products/garden-tour>

**Animals: Art, Science and Sound**, British Library, until 28 Aug.

In this major exhibition, you can see how documenting the animal world has resulted in some of humankind's most awe-inspiring art, science and sound recordings <https://www.bl.uk/events/animals>

**The Gin Tour: The Mother's Ruin**, walking tour, 16 May 2pm.

Discover the colourful history of the 18<sup>th</sup> century Gin Craze, its impact on Londoners and how they responded to it. <https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london/whats-on/event-detail?id=64809>

**Glyndebourne**, Festival, 19 May-27 August.

Glyndebourne is an opera house in the heart of Sussex countryside. It is one of the finest and most celebrated opera houses in the world, delivering performances across a summer Festival.

<https://www.glyndebourne.com/festival/>

**European Writers' Festival: The stories we tell**, British Library London, 20-21 May.

A unique opportunity to come together to enjoy some of the best European prose and poetry in English translation. <https://www.bl.uk/events/european-writers-festival-the-stories-we-tell>

**RHS Chelsea Flower Show**, 23-27 May.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/shows-events/rhs-chelsea-flower-show>

**Going Dutch: 17<sup>th</sup>-century paintings from the collection**, Leamington Spa, 26 May-10 September.

A rare opportunity to see the Gallery's significant collection of Dutch and Flemish paintings on display together. [https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms/events/event/453/going\\_dutch\\_seventeenth\\_century\\_painting\\_from\\_the\\_collection](https://www.warwickdc.gov.uk/royalpumprooms/events/event/453/going_dutch_seventeenth_century_painting_from_the_collection)

**London Design Biennale 2023**, Somerset House 1-25 June.

The theme for this year is The Global Game: Remapping Collaborations. The artistic director for 2023 is the Nieuwe Instituut, the Dutch National Museum and Institute for architecture, design and digital culture. <https://londondesignbiennale.com/>

**TV Chefs vs Fiction**: Bonnie Garmus and Nadiya Hussain with Sara Cox, British Library, 6 June.

What does it take to be a TV chef and does the reality live up to fiction?

<https://www.bl.uk/events/tv-chefs-fact-vs-fiction-bonnie-garmus-and-nadiya-hussain-with-sara-cox>

**London Symphony Orchestra**, a free open-air concert in Trafalgar Square, 10 June, 5pm.

<https://lso.co.uk/whats-on/bmw-classics.html>

**Literary Festival at Hampton Court Palace**, 11 June.

The Queen's Reading Room will stage its first festival this summer at the Hampton Court Palace, with speakers including Dame Judi Dench, Ben Macintyre and Ken Follet. <https://www.hrp.org.uk/hampton-court-palace/whats-on/the-queens-reading-room-festival-at-hampton-court-palace/#gs.xoec7p>

**Laura van der Heijden** cello, Francesca Deگو violin, Milena Simovic viola, 13 June, 6.30pm.

One hour concert followed by a three-course dinner, Fidelio Café London.

<https://fidelio.cafe/whats-on/francesca-dego-milena-simovic-laura-van-der-heijden/>

**Hamnet**, RSC, Stratford-Upon-Avon until 17 June, Garrick Theatre London from 30 September.

Based on Maggie O'Farrell's best-selling novel and adapted by award-winning playwright Lolita Chakrabarti. <https://www.rsc.org.uk/>

**Beyond Dutch: Multilingualism in the Neerlandophone World**, 15-16 June, London.

This Colloquium run by and for Postgraduate researchers brings together scholars whose work explores the Neerlandophone world "Beyond Dutch". Institute of Modern Languages Research.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beyond-dutch-multilingualism-in-the-neerlandophone-world-tickets-569847678747>

**The London Festival of Architecture (LFA) keynote lecture 2023**, RIBA, 22 June, 6.30pm to 8pm.

The internationally renowned architect, urbanist, landscape architect and co-founder of the Dutch practice **Prof Winy Maas** will delve into the ways in which design choices can shape our experiences of space and influence our behaviours.

<https://www.architecture.com/whats-on/riba-vitra-talks-winy-maas-mvrdiv>

**Royal Ascot**, 20-24 June.

<https://www.ascot.com/horse-races-and-events/royal-ascot/overview>

**Van Gogh Exhibit in London: The Immersive Experience**, Spitalfields, London.

Have you ever dreamt of stepping into a painting? Now you can with this exhibition.

<https://vangoghexpo.com/london/>

**London Bicycle tours in Dutch.**

<https://www.londonbicycle.com/node/38>

**Netherlands Embassy**, updates on art and culture.

<https://www.netherlandsandyou.nl/your-country-and-the-netherlands/united-kingdom/latest-news/news/2023/02/09/culture-update-dutch-embassy-uk---february-2023>

**FCDO: list of translators in the Netherlands**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/netherlands-list-of-translators-and-interpreters/netherlands-list-of-translators-2020>

## 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)

## ANS Website

Members can login to the Member's Page with username:

and password:

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

## 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 or in person events, please let us know at [events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk](mailto:events@anglo-netherlands.org.uk).**