

**SEA VIEW** an exhibition of paintings by Anne-Catherine Phillips  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

The **MENIER GALLERY**  
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## Press Release



These are paintings about people by the sea. You can smell the sea and feel the light – the extra light that radiates from the sea, in any weather. People are illuminated by this light: having picnics, bathing, walking, fishing, chatting and looking after their children. The paintings have a narrative quality. At their centre are groups of people, helping each other at work or relaxing with each other at leisure – all of them bound to one another in relationships that amuse and intrigue the observer.

Anne-Catherine spent much of 2008-2011 roaming the beaches of North Cornwall, Norfolk, the south coast of England and Cap d'Antibes in the south of France. She filled her sketch books with pencil drawings accompanied by colour notes, snatches of conversation, names heard, comments on the weather ...

In the studio she has used these drawings and notes to create a series of evocative beach scenes. The results, though essentially figurative, are paintings that mix reality with imagination and invention. On show are more than forty canvases.

For more information and an online preview of this exhibition please visit [www.annecatherine-phillips.co.uk](http://www.annecatherine-phillips.co.uk)

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