

## Newsletter 2/2013

*The fountains mingle with the river,  
And the rivers with the ocean;  
The winds of heaven mix forever,  
With a sweet emotion.  
Nothing in the world is single;  
All things by law divine  
In one another's being mingle  
Why not I with thine? "Love's Philosophy" by Percy Bysshe Shelley*

With these words written by Percy Bysshe Shelley, we welcome you to our next two events with The Anglo-Norse Society.

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 p.m., Frogner kirkestue: Bee Rowlatt: What Norway Taught the Foremother of Feminism—Mary Wollestonecraft.**

Bee Rowlatt is a writer and journalist for BBC World Services, Newsnight and BBC2. Her live broadcasts range from GMTV and BBC World TV to Woman's Hour. Public speaking appearances include the Oxford Literary Festival, London Book Fair and British Council literary events. She has written for the Telegraph, the Independent, the Times and BBC Online.

Bee is one of the writers featured in Virago's new anthology *Fifty Shades of Feminism*. "Brilliant, inspiring and still going strong." *Evening Standard*

Bee is the co-author of *Talking About Jane Austen in Baghdad* (Penguin, 2010), a moving story about how a BBC reporter on the job became involved in helping a teacher at a college in Baghdad escape as conditions in Afghanistan deteriorated.

In 1795 Mary Wollestonecraft travelled in Norway, Sweden and Denmark and produced a best-seller, "Letters from My Travels in Norway, Sweden and Denmark", a book that influenced a generation of Romantics. Bee has revisited the places immortalized in Wollestonecraft's writings, and will tell us about how her book came about.

We hope many of our members will use the opportunity to meet Bee and hear her fascinating story and hear more about her books.

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 6 p.m. Harald Hals and "English Quarter" in Halfdan Svartes gate**

**Dr. Truls Aslaksby**, an expert on architectural history, will take us on a walk in Halfdan Svartes gate and surrounding area. Truls Aslaksby has recently contributed to a book on this historically interesting area of Oslo and, of course, inspired by English models! The walking tour will not be very far, and we will end the walk at Kristinelundveien 22 for a social gathering with sparkling wine and strawberries. This will be our summer outing for this year.

Kristinelundveien 22 is interesting in its' own right. Built by ship owner Gottfred Mauritz "Fritz" Bryde in 1915, during the First World War years that were profitable for some, the villa was quickly named "forbrydelsen" because of its' ostentatious exterior. Bryde sold the house to Ludvig Braathen, who did not have a chance to live there very long since the German forces occupied it and turned it into a Martial Court. Many Norwegians have unfortunately been given their sentences in this house, among them Viggo Hansteen and Rolf Wickstrøm.

We will meet at **Olav Kyrres plass, Bygdøy alle at 6 p.m.**

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