

Membership

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For further information please contact the secretary by email on secretariat@anglo-norse.org.uk or telephone on 020 8452 4843

Meetings

Our regular meetings are held at the
Norwegian Embassy, 25 Belgrave Square, London SW1 8QD
Underground: Hyde Park Corner or Victoria Station

Booking for events

For security reasons and in order to provide catering, members are asked to book for all events. This can be done either by telephone (020 84524843), e-mail. to: secretariat@anglo-norse.org.uk or by using the Booking slips. However, when using the postal service, please mail in good time before the event.

Where payments are required, kindly use the bookings slips.

PLEASE NOTE that guests at regular meetings are welcome provided there is space. They are asked to contribute **£ 5** to the Society. Some events/meetings are restricted to Members Only.

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NEWSLETTER AND PROGRAMME

Overview

2015

Jan 29, 6.15 pm	Film Evening; Embassy
Feb 4, 6 pm	Concert and Dinner at Drapers' Hall, City of London
Mar 12, 6.45	Jan Baalsrud, ill talk, Embassy
Apr 23, 6.45	Norwegian Tapestry Tradition, ill talk, Embassy
June 9	Musical Evening, Ambassador's residence
Autumn	
September 24	Film Evening; "Kon-Tiki", Embassy

Other Events

For other cultural events of interest to the Norwegian Community
See also: http://www.norway.org.uk/News_and_events/culture/Event-Calendar/

24 – 28 February, 11.00 -1800 hrs.

54 The Gallery, Shepherd Market, London. Exhibition of paintings inspired by Svalbard. Artist Louise Pilditch MA. Entrance free.

20 – 21 June: Scandinavian Midsummer Feast at Harptree Court near Bristol. For further information see <http://www.scandifeast.co.uk/>

PROGRAMME DETAILS 2015

Wednesday 4 February 2015. Concert and Dinner, Drapers' Hall. Dinner 6.00 pm, concert 7.15 pm, finishing at about 9.00 pm.

The historic Drapers' Hall, owned by the Worshipful Company of Drapers, provides a magnificent setting for this event. The present site was purchased from Henry VIII, but the Mansion was destroyed in the Great Fire and rebuilt in 1667. A fire in 1772 led to the front being rebuilt by the Adam brothers. Herbert William remodelled the Hall in 1868 and later alterations were carried out in 1898. The building is lavishly decorated with some outstanding works of art and there are some spectacular Victorian chandeliers which is why it is frequently used in films.

Cost: Dinner and Concert £ 50 pp for members.

Venue: Drapers Hall, Throgmorton St, London EC2N 2DQ.

Thursday 12 March, 6.45 for 7.30 : Illustrated talk by Seán Ó Cearrúlláin: "Jan Baalsrud, Norway's Greatest War Hero; A tribute to an incredible inspiration."

This presentation deals with the events around Operation Martin in 1943 where Jan Baalsrud was the sole survivor. It will discuss what happened, and the importance of the mission Jan and his fellow Norwegians were on using maps, photographs and a video with in-depth detail of events leading to one of the greatest survival stories of the war. It is a tale that showcases the bravery, kindness and strength of the Norwegian people under extreme duress during the WWII occupation.

Venue: Norwegian Embassy, 25 Belgrave Sq., SW1

Thursday 23 April, 6.45 for 7.30 pm: Illustrated talk by Irene Garland. "Saviour of the Norwegian Tapestry Tradition".

Kjerstina Vangasnes, who died 100 years ago, is recognised as the link between the old hand-woven figurative tapestry tradition in Sogn and the modern weavers who started a renaissance at the end of the 1800s. Kjerstina had been taught the old "smettverksteknikk", believed to have died out, by her mother. Among those attending the weaving courses were Frida Hansen, who alongside Gerhard Munthe, received a gold medal at the World Fair in Paris in 1900 launching them on the international stage. Their works are represented in leading

galleries around the world, and Kjerstina herself counted the German Emperor and the King of Siam as her customers.

This talk charts the historical background of those involved in passing the traditions on to a new generation and shows some of the works produced by of artists such as Frida Hansen, Gerhard Munthe and Hannah Ryggen.

Venue: Norwegian Embassy, 25 Belgrave Sq., SW1

Tuesday 9 June, 6 for 6.15 Musical Evening with Buffet at the Ambassador's Residence

The Society is delighted that ambassador, Mona Juul, is able to continue the tradition of hosting a Musical Evening at the Residence.

We will start with pre-concert drinks at **6.00 pm** for **6.15 pm** and the concert is followed by a buffet reception lasting till **9 pm**.

We are asking members to contribute **£ 15** per person, which is not refundable, towards the cost of the concert.

Venue: 10 Palace Green, London W8.

Please note that cars may only enter from Notting Hill Gate, and, that while you can arrive by taxi, an empty taxi is not allowed into Place Green for security reason; this means that you cannot order a taxi to pick you up.

Thursday 24 September, 6.15 for 7 pm: Film Evening: Kon-Tiki Rescheduled from January 29th

This is the new film, based on a dramatisation of the journey in 1947. The film will be introduced by a digital message from Thor Heyerdahl jr. The Norwegian ethnographer and explorer, Thor Heyerdahl, became an international sensation after embarking on what was then considered to be a foolhardy 5,000-mile expedition from Peru to Polynesia by raft. The raft was named Kon-Tiki after the Incan sun god said to have guided ancient sailors. Heyerdahl's book about the voyage sold more than 50 million copies and a 1951 documentary earned the Academy Award. This 2012 dramatization of the journey offers a sense of wonder, with scenes of flying fish, electric eels, and beautiful panoramic views of the tiny craft as a speck on the vast ocean seascape. Even though the outcome is known, it does not diminish the suspense or excitement of witnessing how Heyerdahl and crew accomplished their own best bad idea. English subtitles. Duration 118 min.

Venue: Norwegian Embassy, 25 Belgrave Sq., SW1.

BOOKING SLIPS

I/we wish to attend the Film Evening on **25 September 2015**

Name(s).....

Tel./email.....

I/we wish to attend the Musical Evening and Buffet at the Residence on **9 June 2015 at 6 pm**

Name(s).....

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Tel./email.....

I enclose a cheque for £15 per person – total £

Also enclosed is a stamped – self addressed envelope

I/we wish to attend the talk on **23 April 2015.**

Name(s).....

Tel./email.....

I/we wish to attend the talk on **12 March 2015.**

Name(s).....

Tel./email.....

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- 2015 Payment by cheque for £Enclosed

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Date.....