

## Membership

Membership is open to anyone with an interest in Norway and there is an annual subscription which includes the cost of the magazine, Anglo-Norse Review, published twice a year.

Subscription costs are as follows:

<i>Members under 25 and over 60.</i>	<i>£ 20</i>
<i>Members aged 26 to 59.</i>	<i>£ 25</i>
<i>Family membership</i>	<i>£ 35</i>
<i>Corporate membership</i>	<i>£100</i>

For further information please contact the secretary by email on [secretariat@anglo-norse.org.uk](mailto:secretariat@anglo-norse.org.uk) or telephone on 020 8452 4843

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## 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](mailto: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.

### **NOTICE to Members living near Manchester**

The Secretariat has had an email from [lbevanger@gmail.com](mailto:lbevanger@gmail.com) who is clearing out his library. If interested in Norwegian books, please contact him directly.

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## NEWSLETTER AND PROGRAMME

### *Overview*

#### **2015**

Sep 24, 6.15 pm Film Evening; "Kon-Tiki", Embassy

Oct 22, 6.15 pm AGM; Talk about Green, Lowry and Grieg, Embassy

Nov 12, 1 pm Literary Lunch w/Dr M Wells, KFUK, Holland Park

Dec 10, 6.00 pm Carol Service, St Olave's, Hart Street,

#### **2016**

Jan 28, 6.15 pm Film Evening; "Letter to the King", Embassy

Feb 18, 1.30 pm Guided Tour with Tea, Royal Hospital Chelsea

### *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/](http://www.norway.org.uk/News_and_events/culture/Event-Calendar/)

Till 18 October: Frida Hansen, Art Nouveau in Full Bloom at Stavanger

Art Museum: <http://www.museumstavanger.no/museums/stavanger-art-museum/>

## PROGRAMME DETAILS 2015

**Thursday 24 September, 6.15 for 7 pm: Film Evening: “Kon-Tiki”**

**Rescheduled from January 29th**

This is the new film from 2012, based on 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 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 new version 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.**

**Thursday 22 October, 6.15 for 7.00; AGM followed by illustrated talk *Greene, Lowry and Grieg: two English authors and their Norwegian hero Nordahl Grieg*, one of 20<sup>th</sup>-century Norway's most celebrated poets, died in a British bomber shot down over Berlin in 1943. He lived an adventurous life and his legacy in Norway remains controversial. But he also made a profound impression on two major English writers: Malcolm Lowry and Graham Greene. The two men met him at the start of their careers but responded to him in very different ways. This talk explores Nordahl Grieg's influence on their lives and writing up to and beyond his death in the Second World War.**

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

**Thursday 12 April, 12.45 for 1 pm; Literary Lunch. Dr Marie Wells will talk about Jonas Lies' book “*The Family at Gilje*” which is set in the Norwegian countryside of the 1840s. The novel tells a traditional story of an army captain and his wife in straitened circumstances trying to find suitable husbands for their two daughters. What makes it a much-loved classic is the intimate and vivid description of family life in winter and summer and the great empathy and affection Lie has for each member of the family in this ultimately tragic story of hopes dashed by harsh social and economic realities.**

**We will be served a buffet lunch with sandwiches and cakes. Cost per person £ 9.**

**Venue: KFUK, 52 Holland Park Road, London W11 3RS**

Underground: Holland Park

**Thursday 10 December, Carol Service at 6 pm for 7 pm, at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, EC3R 7NB, City of London.**

We will meet for our traditional English Christmas celebration in this historic church. Refreshments include mulled wine, mince pies, and some nibbles with coffee, tea or juice. Members are asked to contribute **£ 8 per person.**

**Venue; St. Olave's Church, 8 Hart Street, London EC3R 7NB.**

Underground: Tower Hill or Aldgate. Please use the booking slip attached to the Newsletter and enclose your cheque and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to be received by **30 November**. Your tickets will posted by return. Unused tickets cannot be refunded.

**Thursday 28 January, 6.15 for 7 pm Film Evening “*Letter to the King*”**

Letter to the King portrays five Kurdish refugees on a day trip from a refugee camp to Oslo, a welcome change in an otherwise monotonous life. But we soon realize that each and every one of them has an agenda for this trip. All five are dreaming of a new and different life and will make decisive choices on this day, as they discover happiness, humiliation, love or the fulfilment of a long-awaited revenge. The five stories are tied together by a letter, written by eighty-three year old Mirza who wants to hand over the letter to the King personally. This low budget film, produced by a Kurdish-Norwegian film maker, received the Amanda Prize for best film in 2014 at the Haugesund film festival and won the top award at the film festival in Gothenburg the same year.

**English subtitles. Duration 113 min**

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

**Thursday 18 February, 1.15 for 1.30 pm. Guided tour of Royal Hospital Chelsea, lasting ca 90 minutes followed by Afternoon tea from 15.30 – 16.30.**

The Royal Hospital Chelsea was established over 300 years ago by King Charles II and the architect is no other than Sir Christopher Wren, whose elegant buildings still stand majestically on the banks of the River Thames in the very heart of 21st century London. At the centre of this grandeur are the residents of the Hospital, known as Chelsea Pensioners, who all have served as ordinary soldiers in the Armed Forces at some point in their lives. While the buildings themselves can be seen as a museum, there is also a dedicated museum which is included in the tour, as is a visit to the newly renovated Grand Hall, the State Apartments and the magnificent gardens. After the tour we have booked afternoon tea at the Café.

**Cost incl. tea; £ 21. Max number: 25**

**Venue: Royal Hospital Chelsea, Royal Hospital Road, London SW3 4SR.**

Underground: Sloane Square.

Please meet at 13.15. at Chelsea Gate which is the second entrance on your left when approaching from Sloane Sq tube station.