

“And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays “
From *The Vision of Sir Launful* by James Russel Lowell

Well, I hope that your summer days were perfect and if the weather was not always true to us, that at least you enjoyed pleasure filled times with friends and relatives. And so to Autumn. The tell tale signs are upon us, for with the schools opening the beaches and hills are cleared of the young, and the shadows grow longer a little earlier each day. But we, in Anglo Norse, know the end of summer presages the opening of the second half of the annual program. A time to renew friendships, have fun and be enlightened and entertained by our speakers. As is now our tradition we open the Autumn with our social Wine and Cheese evening. I have been working on that Quiz again, and have a veritable list of teasers and dead easy questions to put you to the test and get those minds up and working again after the long summer of idleness. Don't forget that we will have our raffle, and donations on the evening to the prizes are always welcome, as indeed are friends to swell the numbers. Who knows, with a taste of our company, they may even join up!

On page 2 (overleaf or scroll down depending on how modern you are when reading this) there is the program for the rest of the year. Display it somewhere prominent. The fridge door comes to mind. I would draw your attention to the visit to the Cunard cruise vessel Queen Mary, in November. There are limited places, and it does cost, but lunch on board after a tour is well worth it. So, if this is for you, please respond to our Deputy Chairman Elisabeth Solem (you will find the details and sign up letter in a separate file in this e-mail).

So much for the future. How went the Spring?. For those who find the AGM not the most exciting event of the year, you missed a treat for immediately following was a fascinating talk on the development of the English language. Of course we all speak it (some better than others), but how it became the rich and culturally diverse language that it is, borrowing, stealing and adapting from whatever source available was delivered in a talk both erudite and entertaining by Professor Kristin Bech from Oslo University. Exciting too was Eirik Brazier, historian and advisor to the Norwegian Ministry of Defence, who spoke of “Mad British Generals”. Luckily they were all the dead ones, so no risk of slander arose from his presentation. Outside, we enjoyed a tour of Gamlebyen with Iori Roberts revealing just how ignorant many of us are of the city we call home. Still, now we can all show off our new found knowledge to the next batch of visitors we have, and be thought truly educated. I hope that is not a novelty for any of you!. To round off the season, Cunard invited us to their office to regale us with a history of that great shipping line. With canapes and wine we experienced just a little of the hospitality that made the company a by word for luxury travel. Ryanair it was not! See you all soon.

Michael Brooks; Chairman, Anglo Norse Society, Oslo.

ANGLO-NORSE 2017 EVENTS – AUTUMN/ WINTER SEASON

SEPTEMBER * Tuesday 5th at Frogner Kirkestue 7 pm. Cheese/ Wine/Quiz/Raffle

The immensely popular event opens the Autumn/Winter season. Please bring donations to the raffle, large or small, new or old will be gratefully appreciated, as will the buying of lots of raffle tickets and of course your sharp brains to contend with Chairman Michael's prize winning, deviously clever quiz questions. The cheese and wine are as always free of charge.

OCTOBER * Tuesday 17th at Frogner Kirkestue 7pm. Berit Nøkleby "Hitlers Norge".

Berit Nøkleby is an historian, author and specialist in the history of Norway during the German occupation years-1940-1945. Berit has worked in collaboration with the Norwegian Resistance Museum and has written over 10 books on the subject including a biography on Karl.A.Martinsen and Josef Terboven in addition to two volumes in the series "Norway at War". Berit will give a talk on her latest book "Hitler i Norge- med urett og diktatur", published by Cappelen Damm in 2016 .

NOVEMBER * Wednesday 1st. meeting at 09.30 am outside Oslo Town Hall (harbour side).

The earlier announced November event : Einar Berle's " The History of Medicine depicted in Art " has unfortunately had to be postponed until 2018 due to unforeseen circumstances for Einar and his family. However, a new and exciting offer for a tour around the Cunard cruise ship "Queen Mary 2" followed by a three course lunch, with drinks included has been offered to ANS members on Wednesday November 1st, for the modest price of kr.350,-per head. Unfortunately there is limited room. We will be sending out a separate letter about this together with our Autumn Newsletter (e-mail and regular post), with sign-up information and deadline date. The ANS contact person for this event is our Deputy Chairman Elisabeth Solem: elisabeth.solem@getmail.no : 98464586. **Members only.**

NOVEMBER / Remembrance Day.

Notice of this event will not appear before late Autumn.

NOVEMBER/ The Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree felling.

As always the notice for this event will not be disclosed by the Oslo Municipal Council before approximately one week in advance. Information as to the whereabouts of the tree location (map), date and time of the felling will be sent out immediately by e-mail. Our post members will receive information by regular mail. We are grateful to hear from any of our members who have room for others in their car. Please contact Sybil 41510840.

DECEMBER Tuesday 5th. 7 pm (arriving by 18.45) Christmas Party- at the Ambassador's Residence - -Drammensveien entrance.

This is as always the most popular event of the year for our members and is a sign-up event. Payment and deadline information will be sent shortly. The entertainment this year will be a concert to celebrate **Dame Vera Lynn's 100th Birthday** which took place on March 20th when, in appreciation and gratitude Great Britain lit up the White Cliffs of Dover with a portrait of Dame Vera. Sybil Richardson will present her critic acclaimed "We'll Meet Again" program which has been on tour all over Norway. Tales from Vera Lynn's life and all her top hit songs, especially those from the Second World War. The popular pianist Bill Spade will also be joining us. Our Chairman Michael will as always be suprising us with bumper hidden Christmas presents. The concert will be followed by the serving of English Christmas fare, mince pies etc, and drinks and the traditional sing song of Christmas carols around the piano will round off the evening. A wonderful way to enter the spirit of Christmas!. **Guests are most welcome !**



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Dear Member/s

CHANGE OF ANS NOVEMBER EVENT

The November 7th event will unfortunately have to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances for our speaker, Einar Berle, who we had booked to give his talk on: "The History of Medicine depicted in Art". The talk will however be rescheduled in our 2018 program.

NEW NOVEMBER EVENT:

The new November event has however been moved to **Wednesday November 1st**, when our members will be given the special opportunity to board the Cunard "Queen Mary2" cruise ship in Oslo for a guided tour of this magnificent ship and a three course lunch, wine included for the special price offer of **Kr. 350,-** per person. Cunard can unfortunately only accommodate **20** places, so it will be "first come first served". Once the limit has been reached we will be informing the 20 on the list. Please note that this is a members only event.

Please let our Deputy Chairman: Elisabeth Solem know as soon as possible if you wish to attend. The **deadline** for the binding sign-up and **payment** for the Cunard event is **September 15th**. In accordance with the Cunard regulations everyone attending **must** have a valid passport on hand to be able to board the ship. Meeting point: Oslo Town Hall-harbour side. 9.30am. Wednesday. November 1st. Check in 10.am, boarding and tour 10.30 – 12.30 am. To be followed by lunch in the Britannica Restaurant. Disembark 14.30 pm. A four hour wonderful experience !.

Please supply Elisabeth Solem elisabeth.solem@getmail.no/ 98464586 with the following information:

CUNARD- EVENT- WEDNESDAY. 1ST.NOVEMBER - DEADLINE 15/9

Full name/s _____

Passport number/s _____

Kr:- _____

Payment to be made to:

Norsk-britisk forening

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