

NEWSLETTER No. 1/2018

And so the year has rolled round yet again and I find myself in deepest winter penning the first Newsletter of the year. That being the case we need some cheer:

*When that the chill Charocco blows
And winter tells a heavy tale,
When pies and daws and rooks and crows
Do sit and curse in frost and snows,
Then give me ale.*

From "In Praise of Ale" by Thomas Bonham

Given the heavy snows over the last week many may appreciate the idea of a glass of something warming by the fire, and I hope that the turn of the year led to much merriment and joy in your households. Could it however match the merriment we enjoyed at the Christmas Party? A really splendid evening with record numbers attending at the British Embassy Residence. Sadly, the Ambassador was called back to a Brexit meeting in London and was one of those who missed the event, but one woman's loss was her Deputy's gain with Mark Bensberg welcoming us with stories of his personal ties to Norway, starting with his first ever job in the Foreign Office, that of getting the Christmas Tree to Trafalgar Square. With that start who would have known that the hand of sickness had descended on the staff at the Residence on the day of the party, leaving them rather short staffed and with key people missing? No sign was evident as the canapes were circulated and the wine flowed. Many long time members were delighted to see our previous Chairman Stephen Constant join us for the evening, fortuitously visiting from the UK. My special thanks to Sybil Richardson aka Vera Lynn, who with the able support of pianist Bill Spade treated us to a walk down memory lane, marking the centenary of Dame Vera's birth with songs we all knew and loved. I cannot recall when the audience joined in so enthusiastically, nor made so much noise as the familiar tunes rolled out across the ballroom from under Bill's fingers. This poses us with a giant problem: What to do in 2018? Well just as Vera herself puts it "Just you wait and see".

Looking forward to 2018, the first thing to get off my chest is the reminder that Annual Subscriptions are now due: Please 1) note the current subscription rates- NOK 350 for individuals and NOK 500 for a family, and 2) pay as promptly as you can. Payment details are on page 4.

As to what is in store for the year, the Committee is well advanced and on page 2 you will see the program so far. Note the dates and I look forward to seeing all of you at sometime over the year. In addition to the Christmas party we do have some rather fine, fun and interesting events in store.

Michael Brooks
Chairman Anglo Norse Society



Anglo-Norse Events 2018

Spring Season

February 6th Tuesday	Schafteløkken 7 pm. The season starts with what will undoubtedly be a very interesting talk on : Richard Herrmann M.B.E , the famous London correspondent and popular author of many British related books. The talk will be given by senior lecturer in British History and Politics - Øivind Bratberg and Anders Heger who is a well known author and publisher for Cappelen Damm. The topic being the one and only Richard Hermann! Please note the change of venue.
March 27th Tuesday	Frogner Kirkestue 7 pm. AGM followed by “ Wenche in the Daylight and the Limelight ”, a film documentary about the legendary Norwegian actress and diva: Wenche Foss . Glimpses from her life both on stage and off, with all its drama, comedy, grief and glorious moments. The well known film maker Jannike M. Falk has woven video cuts from the NRK archives into an intimate, personal story on the life of Wenche Foss. Jannike will narrate the film in English.
April 17th Tuesday	Frogner Kirkestue. 7 pm. Talks over breakfast in my kitchen ” with Norway’s former Foreign Minister Thorvald Stoltenberg. No introduction is necessary for our prominent speaker and “man for all seasons”, who will be giving a talk on a multitude of different stories and reflections from his long life and diverse career.
May 8th Tuesday	Mogens Thorsens Stiftelse 7pm. Niels Juels gate 19. We are delighted to be able to present one of Norway’s rising stars Jonas Aune who we will be sharing his piano talent with us. Jonas, master student at the Norwegian Academy of Music has already made his mark by being chosen out of many other candidates to play at the Aldeburgh Music Festival in 2016 (founded by Benjamin Britten in 1948). He has also played in Spain, Holland & Austria.
June 5th Tuesday	“ Beste Vestkant ”- a guided tour around Embassies, Swiss style villas, old and new buildings in the Frogner area with the well known historian and editor of the Oslo City Encyclopedia Knut Are Tvedt will round off the first half of the season. We will be meeting outside Frogner Church at 5pm . A fee of kr 50,- will be collected prior to the tour. The traditional sparkling wine and strawberries will be served at a suitable location after the tour.

*There have been changes made on the calendar for the first half of 2018, so we please ask you to **DELETE** the previous one which we sent out prior to Christmas.*

Any changes in the ANS calendar will be announced immediately. Should you have any enquiries, please don’t hesitate to contact ANS Secretary Sybil Richardson:
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Cover charge for guests kr 50,-. Members have free admission, unless otherwise stated.



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Autumn Season

<u>September 4th</u> Tuesday	<u>Cheese & Wine – Raffle-Quiz at 7 pm. Frogner Kirkestue</u> Always a great turn out for this popular event which opens the Autumn/Winter season. Please bring donations for the Raffle, be they large, small, antique or new, all will be gratefully appreciated, as will the buying of Raffle tickets. Chairman Michael's Master Mind Quiz questions will as always demand our full attention and possibly an extra glass of wine to stimulate our grey cells!. The cheese and wine are as always free of charge.
<u>October 2nd</u> Tuesday	<u>Frogner Kirkestue. 7 pm. Einar Berle “The History of Medicine depicted In Art”, a closer look at divine conceptions and obstetrics!</u> Einar is a long standing ANS member and a man of many talents who has worked both in Norway and abroad as a doctor, art historian and archaeologist. Einar will be giving us a talk on the unusual subject of art in medicine. He is renowned for his enthusiasm and keen wit as a speaker and will undoubtedly take us on an exciting journey, sharing his great knowledge with us along the way.
<u>November 6th</u> Tuesday	<u>Frogner Kirkestue. 7 pm. Frogner Kirkestue.7 pm.</u> By request of quite a few members we will be showing a British film. More details to follow.
<u>November</u>	<u>Remembrance Day.</u> Notice of this event will not appear before Autumn.
<u>November</u>	<u>The Trafalger Square Christmas Tree felling-</u> as always the location and date of this event will not be disclosed by the Oslo Municipal Council before approximately one week in advance. Notice will be given.
<u>December 4th</u> Tuesday	<u>Christmas Party</u> . Details to follow.

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Dear Member

Your annual subscription to the Anglo-Norse Society is highly valued as the sole source of support in keeping our Society afloat.

Gone, unfortunately are the days when we were offered the use of free venues for the society's events and support from the British Embassy for our Christmas Party and other Anglo-Norse events and the closing down of The British Council Office in Oslo.

However, we must move with the times and we look forward to an exciting 2018 and are very happy to have registered an increase in members who attended our monthly events last year.

The Anglo-Norse Committee consists of a group of six devoted members. Their voluntary work entails attending meetings and further dedication in organizing all the events and catering.

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ANGLO-NORSE SOCIETY

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