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Can that glorious summer be at an end? The golden days stretched from early May to mid September, before the rains finally washed down the dusty streets of Oslo. With garden and park scorched brown with heat, and trees shedding leaves burnt by the brightening sun we left the Riviera to its soggy June, as mad dogs and Norsemen were out in the midday sun! Even as I write the sun is still in full bloom and the mercury above 20 C in my thermometer. But those winds of the past few days tell us it will not last for ever. Autumn is upon us:

“ Green upon the flooded Avon shone the after-storm-wet-sky
Quick the struggling withy branches let the leaves of Autumn fly
And a star shone over Bristol, wonderfully far and high.”

From “Bristol” by Sir John Betjeman.

And yes, Autumn is upon us, the telltale signs evident; not the least being the annual Anglo Norse Cheese and Wine evening complete with the Chairman’s devilish quiz, and a fantastic raffle. Congratulations this year go to the team led by Tom and Celia Syversen and Hanne Wong, who just pipped Pamela Brooks table. So popular was the evening that at one point we were in danger of overflowing into the street, and I noticed the catering team praying that the cheese and wine would prove as elastic as five loaves and two fishes. Many thanks to all who donated to our raffle. There were some very good prizes. I had my eye on a rather interesting book on Norwegian art, but my ticket just would not come up!

Looking forward, this November sees the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. It all ended at 11 am on 11 November, and this year that date falls on a Sunday. There will be a Service of remembrance at St. Edmunds at that our, and the wreath laying in the afternoon. I commend you to make this special event.

Our own programme is well set for the Autumn and into 2019. The program is attached which the Committee hope you will all find interesting, so come along to enjoy the company of like minded souls.

A reminder too of our annual Christmas Party, which is on **Tuesday 4 December**. As you know it is a very popular evening, so **PUT IT IN YOUR DIARY NOW!** The usual letter with full details and booking details will be circulated in November

Michael Brooks. Chairman