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You must give to get,
You must sow the seed,
before you can reap the harvest.

Scott Reed



Harvest in Suffolk
August 2014

THE ANGLO-DANISH SOCIETY

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Dear Members,

October 2014

I was watching my neighbour bringing in his rich harvest one late grey afternoon; all of a sudden the sun started to shine, and my iPhone took the picture on the Front page.

But the hive of harvest activity around me during these last many weeks has become symbolic of what the Society is attempting to do and also echoes the many and varied activities up to our 90th Anniversary Royal Banquet on December 3rd.

We have welcomed two new council members who are already very active and brimming with ideas; their profiles are found on a later page. The second Edition of Scholarship Reports has been skillfully put together by the Scholarship Team and is being published as I write. It will already have reached you together with our scholarship appeals letter.

We are busy keeping track of all the acceptances for the Royal Banquet and are delighted to see that so many of our scholars, past and present, will be joining us on December 3rd.

Together with the catering manager at Drapers' Hall the programme is being worked out, the menu decided upon, floral decorations selected, and every tiny detail discussed. I feel we are in good hands.

On behalf of Council I wish to thank everybody who is putting an enormous amount of work into preparing for this great event.

Lisbeth Ehlers
Honorary Secretary

Event of the Year

The Anglo-Danish Society's 90th Anniversary

A ROYAL BANQUET
FOR THE SOCIETY'S 90th ANNIVERSARY
WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2014
18.30 – 19.30 RECEPTION
19.45 3-course-DINNER
23.00 Carriages

in the Gracious Presence of

H.M. QUEEN MARGRETHE II OF DENMARK

The Programme will be revealed on the evening



DRAPERS' HALL
THROGMORTON STREET, THE CITY OF LONDON

DRESS CODE: Black Tie/Decorations
Main sponsor: Nordea Private Banking, Luxembourg



Please note that there are a few tickets left for this prestigious event. For further information, please contact the Honorary Secretary by e-mail ehlerslisbeth@me.com. Members who have booked will receive official invitation cards at the end of October after which date no refunds will be made.

Scholarship News

FORMER ANGLO-DANISH SOCIETY SCHOLAR PLAYS KEY ROLE IN AUTHENTICATING REMBRANDT SELF-PORTRAIT

You will be especially aware if you watched the fascinating BBC programmes “Fake or Fortune” that the attribution of paintings, which may change their value from thousands of pounds to millions or vice versa, can hang on slender threads. Historically these threads were the essentially subjective opinions of one or perhaps a group of experts whose particular authority was recognised by the art world.

This story, like those in the TV series, is about how modern technology is helping to make the process much

more objective. For many years a “Rembrandt” self-portrait, belonging to the National Trust, had been accepted and presented as genuine but then in 1968 the first doubts were sown by Rembrandt specialist Horst Gerson and the Rembrandt Research Group. However in 2005 van de Wetering, one of the experts in the Rembrandt Research Group, on seeing an X-radiograph and some other circumstantial evidence, began to think that Horst Gerson and his other fellow experts might have got it wrong. This opinion was reinforced by a visit to Buckland Abbey, where the painting was on display, in the year 2012.

The National Trust fortified by this



Christine Slottved Kimbriel doing analysis at the HKI. Photo © Brian Cleckner.

Scholarship News

response decided to send the painting to the Hamilton Kerr Institute for an in depth examination. And this is where our former scholar Christine Slottved Kimbriel (nee Reelsbo) comes into the picture. We helped to support her initial time at the Hamilton Kerr Institute, a leading centre for painting conservation attached to the University of Cambridge. Since then she has become part of the permanent staff at the Institute and was charged with working on the analysis of the painting.

Both the national and specialised press covered the story and in their articles it was Christine who was quoted on behalf of the Institute. She described how the self-portrait went through a series of analyses including infra-red reflectography, raking light photography, x-radiography as well as

pigment and medium analysis. Cleaning also revealed the original colours and painting style beneath. What then helped to convince van de Wetering was the quality of painting revealed especially in Rembrandt's cloak. The scientific proof that the signature was contemporaneous with the painting and not added later, as the experts had previously thought, was the final element that has once again restored the painting's status as a genuine work by the master.

The National Trust will once again show it with pride and as they say "give us a great story to tell as we bring the mystery of its authorship to life for our visitors to enjoy".

Birger Jensen
Vice Chairman

Membership News

We welcome new members:
Kirsten & Noel Yeates, Shenfield
Claus & Rachel Ring Andersen, Surrey
Dorte & Thorkild Stamp, London
Johan Ulrich Kudahl, Cambridge
Kai Worsoe Jensen, Suffolk
Pia Pernille Søgaaard, Headington
Martin Lytje, Cambridge
Daniel M A Petersen, Copenhagen
Vagn & Annette Brøndholt Sørensen,
London

Sir Anthony Quilter, Life Member of the Anglo-Danish Society from 1974, passed away on 28 August 2014 aged 77.

Mr. Richard Wells CBE, Life Member of the Anglo-Danish Society from 1978, passed away on 24 July 2014 aged 70.

New Council Members

NIELS RING ANDERSEN MBA (SURREY)

Niels was born and educated in Denmark. Following national service in the Danish Ministry of Defence Niels and his family spent several years in the USA, gaining an MBA and starting his career at the World HQ of Ford Motor Company. Joining McKinsey in London for some years, he has since been a board director in several large multinationals, typically responsible for finance and strategy. Niels was responsible for the renovation of the administrative systems of the BBC in London. He has also been Chairman of several smaller technology companies. Niels joined as a member of The Anglo-Danish Society in 1985 and was co-opted to the Council in June 2014.



PETER DAVIS OBE FRSA (SURREY)

Peter is British (half Danish - his late mother was Danish). His wife Anne is Danish. Peter has been the Director General of the British Plastics Federation from 1997 to 2014.

Amongst his previous positions are: Special advisor to Secretary of State



Kenneth Baker (now Lord Baker of Dorking); Head of Home Affairs in the Conservative Research Dept; Director of the Royal Institute of British Architects; Chief Executive of the Industry Council for Packaging and the Environment; Goodwill Ambassador for the City of Copenhagen. He joined The Anglo-Danish Society in 1996 and was co-opted to the Council in June 2014.

Danish Christmas Bazaar

This years Christmas Bazaar will take place on Saturday 29th November from 11 - 17 and Sunday 30th November from 11 - 16

Address: Danish YWCA, 43 Maresfield Gdns., London NW3 5TF

Please feel free to bring your family and friends for this great Danish Christmas Event.

Admission £ 2.



An Evening steeped in History

TOWER OF LONDON

Colonel Wayne Harber, Secretary of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment hosted a most memorable dinner in their new home which forms part of the HQ of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. As part of this year's celebration of the Society's 90th Anniversary we were joined by members of the Danish Guards Association in England. Through H.M. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark strong links exist between the PWRR, our Society, and the Danish Guards.

On arrival, greeted by the Danish Flag, we were treated to a champagne



reception in the Fusilier Museum, a fascinating space to catch up with History and meet fellow members and guests. We were joined by distinguished Officers of the Regiment, and to mention but one: Lance-Sergeant Johnson Beharry,



An Evening steeped in History



holder of the Victoria Cross. Dinner was exquisite, served on a long table decorated with regimental silverware and Danish flags, and welcoming words were exchanged between the Colonel and our Chairman.

Towards the end of a most successful meal a Yeoman Warder of the Tower



arrived to explain the evening's concluding event "the Ceremony of the Keys", which has been carried out, come rain or shine, every night at seven minutes to ten, since 1340 when King Edward III held court at Tower.

The evening was such a success that

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we have been invited back next year.
We are trying to find an evening in
October.

I owe a huge debt of gratitude to
Peter Laub, member of the A-DS and
former secretary of the Danish Guards
Association who has written a
fascinating and informative article
about the evening, the history of the
Tower and the PWRR. It can be read in
full on our website, but is also
available in hard copy from the
honorary secretary on
ehlerslisbeth@me.com.



Anglo-Danish Society Events : 2015

DRAPER'S HALL :

DINNER & CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, 4 FEBRUARY 18.00

Please already now put this date in your diary. We will be joined by members of the Anglo-Norse Society. Price per member £50, non members £60. We do not know yet which music academy will perform.



THE ATHENAEUM CLUB :

LUNCH AND EU DEBATE

THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2015

12.30 FOR 13.00

Membership of the EU—good or bad? H.E. Mr. Claus Grube, the Danish Ambassador and Sir Richard Ottaway, Chairman of the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee will be our guests of honour and speakers at a no doubt lively debate on Europe leading up to the General Election. Further details to follow, but please put this important date in your diary now.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THURSDAY, 28 MAY AT 18.00

**FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN THE
AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AT 19.00**

Arne Jacobsen (1902—1971) and Britain

The Royal Institute of British Architects hosted a most successful evening on September 17th to pay tribute to the life and work of Denmark's most famous architect with special emphasis on his two landmark designs in Britain: The Danish Embassy in Sloane Street and the grade I listed St Catherine's College in Oxford.

The guest speakers of the evening included Jacobsen's grandson, Tobias



Arne Jacobsen (1902—1971) and Britain

Jacobsen who told us about his awe of the Great Man and how, as a child, he lived in an Arne Jacobsen designed house which everybody thought looked like an “Ice Cream Parlour”; And how, only now, he had come to terms with this great heritage as a designer, a title AJ himself disliked.

H.E. Claus Grube, who lives and works in the Danish Embassy spoke about how it feels to reside in the first ever specially designed embassy building. I rather gathered that our Ambassador finds it an enjoyable experience.

Dr Rod Hackney, one of the Anglo-Danish Society's very first scholarship awardees (1972) who had worked with Arne Jacobsen in Copenhagen from 1967 until his death in 1971 started by paying tribute to the A-DS which was represented on the evening by Margit Staehr, hon. scholarship secretary, and the writer. Rod kindly said that without the Society's support he would never have gained a doctorate. Rod showed a number of drawings and pictures of the iconic buildings he had worked on together with Jacobsen.

Arne Jacobsen himself was of course much inspired by the Bauhaus Movement and especially by Mies van der Rohe; Stephen Hodder MBE,

President of RIBA, explained, during the concluding speech, how he had been influenced by Jacobsen during his career and especially when commissioned to design the extension to St Catherine's College.



The talks were accompanied by illustrations, drawings, and photographs of Arne Jacobsen's buildings, but also of his wonderful furniture, fabrics and cutlery which had been specially designed for the buildings, but which are today – probably – even more popular: The Egg, the Swan, the Ant and so on.

I should also mention the fascinating lecture given by Henrik Lund-Larsen, Partner of the Arne Jacobsen Society, who is currently writing a book 'Iconic Design – evolutions of Arne Jacobsen's design.

The evening concluded with a drinks reception. I am glad I came!

Lisbeth Ehlers



FORMUEPLANLÆGNING

Du ved, hvor du vil hen. Vi kan guide dig.

At flytte til udlandet kan måske virke kompliceret. Man skal forholde sig til mange ting – blandt andet regler og muligheder for formueplanlægning på tværs af grænserne. Lad os guide dig, for vi kan hjælpe dig med at undgå både papirarbejde og uvelkomne (og ofte dyre) overraskelser undervejs. Uanset hvor livet fører dig hen, kan Nordeas formuerådgivere sammen med vores netværk ruste dig til at møde eventuelle udfordringer, så flytningen til udlandet bliver en positiv og spændende oplevelse for hele familien.

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