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H.M. The Queen, Patron of the Anglo-Danish Society and Sovereign Head of the Order of St John, painted in 1968 by Leonard Monro Boden (1911-1999).  
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## THE ANGLO-DANISH SOCIETY

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# Dear Members

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

### UNPAID AND PART PAID

First, thank you to all members who have already paid their 2016 subscription. And to those who may have overlooked it a reminder to do so at their earliest convenience.

There are still some members who have yet to pay both their 2014 and 2015 subscriptions. If you believe you may be among that number and wish to continue with your membership of the Anglo-Danish Society could you please pay the outstanding amounts (£15 per annum for Individual membership and £25 per annum for Family membership) to the address below failing which I will be obliged to remove those persons from the list of members.

As a result of the increase in subscriptions this year (to £25 for Individuals and £40 for Family membership) there is a problem which I ask members to assist with. Over 50% of annual subscriptions for 2016 paid by standing order have been paid at the former subscription rates. If you have not amended or cancelled and replaced your standing order, could you please do so and send a cheque payable to The Anglo-Danish Society to the address below for the shortfall for 2016 (£10 for Individuals and £15 for Family members). If you are setting up a new standing order could you please use your postcode as a reference to ensure I credit your subscription to the correct member.

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# Scholarship News

This year we are awarding as many as nine scholarships, totalling £18,000. Due to our membership's generosity during the Fundraising Appeal and from the Anniversary Gala Dinner in December 2014, we have been able to increase the allocation.

A few weeks ago the Scholarship Committee finished the selection process and noted again a very high quality of applications including a larger than usual number of excellent British candidates wanting to or already studying postgraduate in Denmark.

The following candidates have been proposed as recipients of an award of £2,000 each:

**BRYONY BISHOP**, MSc Business Administration & Bio Entrepreneurship, University of Copenhagen and Copenhagen Business School.

**AGNES TULSTRUP HENRIKSEN**, PhD History, Collaborative Doctoral Award with the British Museum, University College London.

**MIKKEL BJØRN**, DPhil Particle Physics Experiment at CERN, University of Oxford.

**VICTORIA PONCE HARDY**, MSc Global Health, University of Copenhagen.

**JULIET DAVIES-HORN**, PhD Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge/Aarhus University Hospital.

**SIGURD KØLSTER**, MA Directing Fiction, National Film & Television School, Royal College of Art.

**CIARAN MCLAVERTY**, PhD Marine Fisheries Ecology, Technical University of Denmark (DTU) Aqua (National Institute of Aquatic Resources).

**HELENE HOLM OLSEN**, PhD War Studies, King's College London.

One award - generously sponsored by the Ove Arup Foundation - will be given to **NICHOLAS THOMAS LEE**, PhD in Architecture, the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts (School of Architecture) in Copenhagen.

A more detailed and illustrated presentation of each winner will be given at the forthcoming AGM - we look forward to seeing you there on 26th May 2016.

Margit Staehr

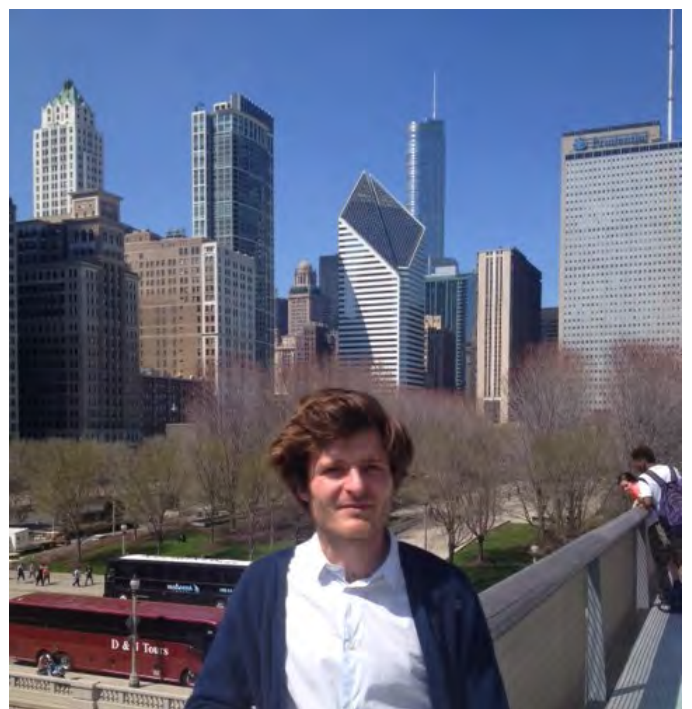
## Pelle Valentin Olsen, A-DS Scholar 2012-13

After finishing my MPhil in Modern Middle Eastern Studies at Oxford in the summer of 2014 I crossed the Atlantic in order to pursue a PhD, in the same field, at the University of Chicago. Funded by a Fulbright Fellowship I arrived in Chicago in September 2014 and was immediately charmed by Chicago's Hyde Park neighbourhood and the mild autumnal weather of the Midwest. The autumnal charm did not last long, however, and winter in Chicago is a different story altogether - even for a native Dane such as me. While I miss the atmosphere and mild winters of Oxford and St. Antony's College, Chicago has become a home away from home, and I have found here a unique intellectual and convivial environment as well as enthusiastic and inspiring colleagues, many of whom I now count as friends.

Last year I presented some of my preliminary findings at conferences in Denver, Austin, and Los Angeles. During the summer of 2015 I was fortunate enough to receive funding from the University of Chicago and I spent two months working in archives across Israel. I'm currently organizing a year-long lecture series on the challenges of studying gender and sexuality in Middle Eastern history. In November 2016 I will present a paper on masculinity and

sexuality in interwar Iraq at the annual Middle Eastern Studies Conference in Boston.

I have remained in close contact with St. Antony's College and I'm happy to be returning to London and Oxford this summer, thanks to a generous research fellowship, to do archival research at The British Library, The National Archives, and the Middle East Centre at St. Antony's College. I would like to once again thank the Anglo-Danish Society for always taking an interest in my work and for making my postgraduate work at Oxford possible with a generous scholarship. Without this scholarship I wouldn't be where I am today. The financial support and generous encouragement I received from the Anglo-Danish Society during my time at Oxford convinced me that I have what it takes to make it in academia.





## Past Events : Easter Lunch

KFUK did us really proud and provided a traditional Danish lunch with all the much loved dishes associated with feasting at Easter or Christmas – and then some more!

Lene Orchard, former editor of our Newsletter reports on Lone's talk:



In between our delicious courses Lone Hørlyck, one of our Scholarship 2015-2016 Awardees, told us how she had never imagined she would end up as a neuroscientist living in London, for although she had always been interested in research she was so keen on playing the violin that after leaving school she started a preparatory course for the music conservatoire.



However, after a few years she decided that studying at university would be a better path for her, so she embarked on a new course in Molecular Medicine at Aarhus University and after a year she transferred to Psychology since she thought “do I really want to get a job staring into petri dishes for the rest of my career?”

When she went abroad for a semester to study Neuroscience it was at the University of Nottingham where she studied the brain in more depth. She had a wonderful time there and felt really immersed in English culture. A very inspiring Professor Wigmore worked on a brain structure called the Hippocampus which is very involved in memory - new brain cells are created throughout life, but this process can break down during depression or during chemotherapy causing memory problems.

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When returning to Aarhus she decided to write her bachelor thesis on the Hippocampus and as she longed to learn more she went back to the UK for her Master's Degree and applied for a course in Clinical Neuroscience at UCL which is one of the best and biggest places for that discipline in the world employing more than 200 people in Neuroscience alone. For her Master's she did a project studying mouse

brains under the microscope. Then it was back to Copenhagen where she did a second Master's programme to qualify as a clinical psychologist in Denmark. At the end of the year when she started applying for PhDs



she suddenly discovered there was one at the UCL on how emotions can affect how and what we remember and how this is related to the Hippocampus. She applied, was





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accepted and hurried back to the UK where she has now spent 3 years.

She enjoys living in London where at first she was lucky to get into one of the Queen Ingrid Scholarship flats and she now lives in a house owned by the Danish Church with the assistants and the organist at the church. Apart from her PhD work Lone has been a teaching assistant at UCL and also written articles for UCL and the Newsletter BioNews.

What are her plans for the future ? After finishing her PhD shortly and then obtaining her qualification as a Danish psychologist she will be looking for new opportunities such as combining a post doctorate research position with clinical work in Denmark. Time will tell what it will all lead to.





# Past Events : Museum of the Order of St John

Based in a 16<sup>th</sup> century gatehouse and former medieval priory in Clerkenwell, the Museum of the Order of St John tells the story of the Order of Knights founded in Jerusalem during the Crusades. We learnt of its colourful past, which involved the great and the good from Shakespeare and Hogarth to Dr Johnson, Dickens and royalty. The buildings, including a Norman crypt and a 16<sup>th</sup> century church, are beautifully decorated with heraldry, stained glass, gilding and carvings to create glowing interiors with fine furniture and paintings. The museum richly illustrates the current commitment by the St John Ambulance Brigade of providing first aid and care in the community.

More than 20 of us enjoyed the fascinating guided tour of this historical jewel. It was followed by lunch at the nearby pub, The Dovetail, which served some excellent traditional Belgian fare and a wide variety of beers – and wine!





# Queen Ingrid's College in London

This spring it is 10 years since we at The Danish YWCA celebrated our latest development: Queen Ingrid's College in London was officially opened with a grand dinner for 75 friends and sponsors in the presence of HRH Princess Benedikte accompanied by her sister Queen Anne-Marie.

At the Danish YWCA our main purpose has always been to be 'an open door' for young Danes staying in or coming through London. This also includes offering short or medium term accommodation.

As a member of the Anglo-Danish Society you will know that during the last 20 years more and more Danes are coming to London to study as part of their university education. Finding

somewhere suitable to live and study can be quite a problem and very expensive.

At the hostel in Hampstead most rooms are shared with 2 – 5 others and therefore not ideal for serious students in their mid to late twenties.

During the 1990s the idea of a Danish college took form and was a natural extension to our work at the Danish YWCA.

But the road to realisation proved to be a long one!

The first step was an 'opinion poll', conducted amongst Danish universities, to find out how many of their students went abroad as part of their studies. The survey showed that in



HRH Princess Benedikte with Queen Ingrid College Scholars at the official opening party, March 2006.

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1998 over 1500 Danes came to the UK for further studies. So a good base for our idea.

Next was funding, of course! A very welcome first donation came from Queen Ingrid and King Frederik's Fund and set us well on the way for the next – and obvious – application: The A.P. Møller Fund. The fund committee showed an interest, and a representative came to London to inspect a property we by then had on our hands. The building was located in NW London – a handy 10 minutes walk from the YWCA in Hampstead and could be converted into 8 bedsits. The fund committee did not like the location. They were of the opinion it was too far out of London. And turned down the application.



Chairman of The Danish YWCA, Karen Maibom, with the keys for flat number 8 which was bought in June 2015 for £ 357.000.

We did, however, persist with the project. We looked for other ways of funding and also did battle with the planners at Camden Council. Many months later all the plans and a lot of

hard work fell to the ground.

It was quite a blow! But we still had our first fund-money plus other funds had shown interest.



Flat number 8 located at Fellows Road in Swiss Cottage.

We changed direction and started looking for small flats or studios. It was a fortunate decision! It proved much easier to find one flat instead of a whole house, it is easier to manage – and it met with the approval of The Oak Foundation Fund.

In 2003 the first one-bedroom flat was purchased and by September 2003 occupied by the first scholar.

By 2006 we had four flats and we felt we could call them a 'college' and permission was given by HM Queen Margrethe to name the college in honour of HM Queen Ingrid who for decades was Patron for The Danish YWCA.

The thinking behind the project has been to give Danish students who are



# Queen Ingrid's College in London



Minister of Higher Education and Science, Esben Lunde Larsen, with Lea Becker, Karen Maibom, Palle Baggesgaard Pedersen and Marie Møller.

enrolled at a London university  
decent housing at a subsidised rent.

To have accommodation organised  
before arriving in London saves a lot  
of time and energy at the beginning  
of the academic year and the very  
affordable rent represents a type of  
grant in the order of £ 5-6.000 for a  
12 month period.

This is all possible with the help of  
donations from Danish funds topped  
up with proceeds from the hostel.

A year ago the 8th flat was acquired  
and, like the previous 7, it is within  
walking distance of the Danish YWCA.  
Over the 13 years more than 85  
students, with a great variation of  
subjects, have stayed in our flats.  
The applicants for Queen Ingrid's  
College are chosen by an independ-  
ent sub-committee in Copenhagen,  
and we aim to select people with a  
wide range of subjects. From the list  
of past beneficiaries a few examples :

- M.Sc. Program in Philosophy,  
Policy and Social Value : LSE
- MA in Astrophysics : University  
College
- Phd in Byzantine Art : Courtauld  
Institute
- M.Sc. In Middle East Politics :  
London School of Oriental and  
African Studies
- MSc in Music, Mind & Brain at  
Dept. of Psychology : Goldsmiths  
College

For more information, please visit  
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Karen Maibom  
Chairman, Danish YWCA



The Danish Minister of Higher  
Education and Science, Mr Esben  
Lunde Larsen, meets with Queen  
Ingrid College Scholars in Jan. '16.

# Other Events in the Anglo-Danish Community



## SUMMER BAZAAR

**SAT. 21. MAY FROM 11AM TO 5PM**

The Danish Church and Danish Women's Association once again put on their joint grand summer bazaar in May. Thanks to many willing hands the church and the church hall will be transformed into an exotically Danish bazaar with stands and stalls selling the latest designs or familiar old favorites.

For weeks and months ahead of the bazaar, orders are placed and transportation from Denmark arranged for huge consignments of herring, licorices, cheese and rye bread. More loads with candles, glassware and the latest design 'must haves' from Denmark continue to arrive. All need sorting and pricing whilst the transformation of the premises takes place. Marquees are erected in the gardens, furniture and signs appear from nowhere and there is a lively buzz as preparations reach fever pitch during the weeks leading up to the bazaar.

On the day there is plenty for young and old to gaze at and be tempted by. It is lovely to see several generations of Anglo-Danish families making this an enjoyable day out.

The children's stalls with lucky dips, ice creams and face painting will keep the youngsters happy while others scrutinize the vast array on offer from household names such as Georg Jensen, Trip Trap, Holmegaard, Flora Danica and Flensted Mobiles. The book, embroidery and garden stalls are always popular while some prefer to leave it all to chance and support the raffle hoping for prizes from Copenhagen GetAways, Snaps and Rye, Tivoli, The Opera House or Mash.

If you plan on visiting the bazaar then do swing by the restaurant in the garden to say 'Goddaw' in Jutlandish. I will be selling smørrebrød and frikadeller as usual.

Bette Petersen Broyd





# Other Events in the Anglo-Danish Community

## 1000TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF ASSANDUN

To remember those slain King Canute let build a tiny church overlooking the Crouch valley in Essex where the Battle took place. It was dedicated in 1020 and rebuilt in C13 and C14. I visited St Andrew's last summer and found not only a model of a Viking ship hanging in the nave, but also the Dannebrog in red and white folds in the chancel. By chance I also found an article about the 1952 restoration in DENMARK, a monthly review of Anglo-Danish Relations which I shall be happy to send our readers (ehlerslisbeth@me.com). The Church is open with a guide from 2 – 5pm every afternoon except Sundays from Easter to the end of September. It is an absolute treasure trove of "matters King Canute".

This year marks the 1000th anniversary of the Battle of Assandun, and the Parish Council in conjunction with Ashingdon Primary Academy have arranged an event for Saturday 25th June 2016. The event will be held at Ashingdon Primary Academy from 12pm – 5pm. There will be a re-enactment at 12.30pm and at 4pm along with a Viking Village which will be available to view throughout the event. There will also be a falconry display, archery and axe throwing as well as a variety of stalls and refreshments.



The Parish Council have arranged for a local historian, Steve Pollington, to hold a historical talk about the Battle on Friday 10th June 2016 at 7.30pm in Ashingdon Memorial Hall.

The Parish Council have commissioned local historian, Ian Yearsley and local artist, Graham Larwood to produce a keepsake booklet to commemorate the Battle. Booklets will be available free of charge at the historical talk and at the event on 25th June 2016.

A company that specialises in Viking history will be visiting Ashingdon Primary Academy and Canewdon Primary School to do a range of activities from making a shield to a weapons display.

The Parish Council have also secured funding for a wooden information board in commemoration of the Battle. This will be installed at St Andrews Minster later in the year.

[www.essexinfo.net/ashingdonparish](http://www.essexinfo.net/ashingdonparish)

# Membership

We are sorry to report the death of long-standing members:

## **THE HON JOHN VINCENT WEIR**

1935 – 2014, a trustee of the Lord Inverforth Endowment Fund that had a central role in funding the Anglo-Danish Society's Scholarships.

## **KJELD JACOBSEN, R**

8.12.1937 – 8.3.2016, former chairman of the Danish Club in London and a loyal supporter of the Anglo-Danish Society.

At Kjeld's funeral in the Danish Church on 30 March, Kaj Abrahamsen paid a moving tribute to a good, generous and popular friend who was

always interested in the people he met. Kjeld was known for his endearing, teasing smile and attitude. A very hospitable man, he loved parties, games and sport; golf and bridge being his absolute favourites. During a business career spanning 40 years within the same company in Nigeria and the UK, Kjeld was a successful and dedicated Managing Director in Shipping. He was awarded the Order of the Dannebrog as an excellent ambassador for Denmark. Kaj Abrahamsen concluded that Kjeld would be much missed, not only by Aase, but by his many friends all over the World.

# Anglo-Danish Society on Facebook

If you are a Facebook member and would like to be kept up to date with news and events, or see what we have been up to of late, then please seek us out.

The easiest way to link up is to go to [www.anglo-danishsociety.org.uk](http://www.anglo-danishsociety.org.uk)

In the top right hand corner you will see the blue F logo. Click it and you will be on the Anglo-Danish Society's Facebook page. Please click 'like' and you will be part of the community for updates.





# Anglo-Danish Society Events : 2016

**THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2016 AT 18.00**  
**CARRIAGES AT APPROX. 20.45**  
**THE ANGLO-DANISH SOCIETY'S**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**THE DANISH EMBASSY,**  
**55 SLOANE STREET, LONDON SW1X**

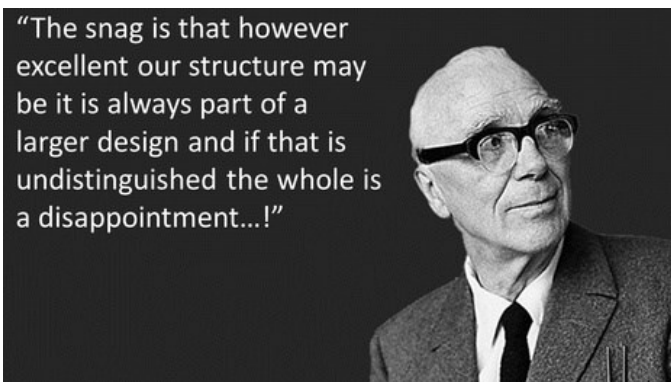
Official proceedings will be followed by an illustrated talk by the 2015/2016 Ove Arup Scholar, Kaare Stokholm Poulsen, MSc: Creativity, Form and Materiality in Digital Architecture. Refreshments will be served. For further details about Kaare Stokholm Poulsen's talk, please see the AGM invitation.

**SUNDAY, 12 JUNE 2016**

The Patron's lunch in the Mall in London to celebrate H. M. the Queen's 90th birthday. This event is fully booked.

**SEPTEMBER EVENT**  
**DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED**

The Victoria and Albert Museum will be holding a special exhibition called 'Ove Arup and the Philosophy of Total Design' from 18. June to 6. November. The exhibition will focus on Ove Arup's philosophy of total design and



will feature unseen archival materials for projects such as the Sydney Opera House alongside recent prototypes and digital animations by Arup, the now renamed global engineering consultancy. We hope to arrange an Anglo-Danish Society visit with an illustrated talk and a possible lunch or afternoon tea to follow.

**TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2016 AT 18.30**  
**THE TOWER OF LONDON**

The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment hosts the traditional dinner for the Anglo-Danish Society and the Danish Royal Guards Society. Further details to follow.



**WEDNESDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2016**  
**FROM 18.00 – 20.00**  
**THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE,**  
**THE DANISH EMBASSY,**  
**SLOANE STREET, LONDON SW1X**

A Christmas Reception for the Anglo-Danish Society.

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