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Dear Members

We wish all our members a happy and healthy New Year and thank you for the support you gave the Society in 2015. We attracted an increasing number of new members who joined us for a programme of enjoyable and informative events which have all been covered in pictures on our website and in newsletters.

So what is happening in 2016 ?

The absolute highlight of the year will be the gigantic STREET PARTY on Sunday, June 12th for our Royal Patron, H.M. Queen Elizabeth who celebrates her 90th birthday on 21 April. More details about the celebrations and how to apply for places are found on our events pages.

Whilst contemplating our own events in the past and for the year ahead I have again thought a lot about what it is like to run a Society without a home of one's own; and how dependent we are upon the goodwill and hospitality of others for our existence. Here the Danish Embassy and, thanks to our council member, Peter Davis, the Athenaeum Club spring easily to mind. Events this year will take place at Drapers' Hall, KFUK, the Embassy and the Tower of London, HQ of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, and I wish to thank you all very much for making us so welcome.

Lisbeth Ehlers
Honorary Secretary

Scholarship News

JAMES BLACK, Anglo-Danish Soc. musical scholar, will compose a piece for this year's PULSAR festival. The premiere will be on 10 March 2016 at 19.30 in the Royal Danish Academy of Music's Concert Hall, Julius Thomsen's Gade, Copenhagen. Everybody is welcome.

PULSAR is the Royal Danish Academy of Music's annual festival of new music. The programme consists of young student composers and guest composers from home and abroad. The festival is centred around one or more themes.

James received an Anglo-Danish Society scholarship award last spring to support his studies in Copenhagen for an Advanced Postgraduate Diploma in musical composition (Solistklassen).

During the Carl Nielsen International Chamber Music Competition last autumn James was invited to write the test piece for the second round of the wind quintet competition. It was performed six times by the 6 different ensembles that advanced to the second round including Denmark's own Carl Nielsen Quintet, who went on to win the final.



Dr. Janet Taylor : Cambodia



At a council meeting in late 2015 Graham Hughes, our honorary treasurer, produced an envelope from Cambodia:- the very first response to the Society's invitation to renew the annual subscription. I was so fascinated by this envelope that I contacted the sender, Dr Janet Taylor, and asked her if she would like to write an article about her work in this far-away-country, and Janet kindly obliged:



When I applied to the University of Newcastle upon Tyne more than 40 years ago to pursue a Bachelors degree in Danish my reasons were embarrassingly superficial. I had no Danish relatives, no links with Denmark and could speak not a word of the language. What I did have was a passion for the fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen and a fascination with the Vikings: both of these have endured. I still treasure the fact that I can still read those wonderful eventyr in the original, and remain a firm supporter of those fearless warriors who might not have been the gentlest of creatures, but could certainly spin a gripping yarn. And I still love Denmark.

My Danish was subsequently rarely used, but I did resurrect my rusty competence when I completed a PhD

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15 years ago. My thesis involved an analysis of why the British and Danish newspapers at the time were taking such a different approach to reports about the EU, despite the fact that both countries were equally Eurosceptic. I learnt a lot about the way in which politicians and journalists interact, but little suspected how useful this knowledge would be - many years later, and in the strikingly different context of Cambodia.

I came to Cambodia in 2007 as a two-year VSO volunteer to be a communications advisor for a small organisation focusing on environmental issues. But, like so many others, I found the country and its people so fascinating that I am still here! The horrors Cambodia suffered at the hands of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge are well documented and the trauma lingers. It remains a poor country. But what is so entrancing about Cambodia and its people is that, whatever grief is being experienced under the surface, the people are warm and welcoming. It is a country full of colour, and of people who try to see humour in even the most difficult circumstances. It has a fascinating culture and a rich heritage. But what is most impressive is the rapid progress Cambodia has been making. From the devastation left by the Khmer Rouge (the fighting did not

stop until the 1990s), Cambodia has achieved record increases in its Gross Domestic Product, year after year. Access to health services and education has improved dramatically, and poverty levels continue to drop as do indicators such as child and maternal mortality rates. Admittedly, there is still a long way to go. But when one remembers that up to a third of the Cambodian population was executed, tortured or starved to death during the Pol Pot years, that people were driven from their homes to work as slaves on the fields, that education was banned, that there was no access to health facilities, that forced marriage was common and that children were taken from their families to be indoctrinated as child soldiers – just to mention some of the worst abuses – this progress is astounding.

Since the United Nations imposed democracy on Cambodia in the early 1990s, progress has been made in government, too. And that is where my studies are now paying off. I currently work for an independent organization called the Parliamentary Institute of Cambodia. Established at the request of the Cambodian Parliament, the Institute exists to build the skills and knowledge of Parliamentarians and their staff. More recently, the leaders of Cambodia's two Houses of Parliament

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– the Senate and the National Assembly – have been focusing on communications. There is a genuine commitment now to link Cambodian people with their Parliament as a vital step in deepening democracy and ensuring that all the Cambodian people have a say in the way their country is run. An important element of this is the nurturing of productive links between politicians and journalists: a topic closely related to my PhD studies! Of course there are significant differences between the parliamentary systems of the UK and Denmark, and of Cambodia. Furthermore, Cambodia's current record for press freedom is poor, and

recent history means that the trust people have in each other, and especially in the politicians who lead them, has to be rebuilt. But the principles of good communication are universal. So, too, are many of the complexities that challenge the relationships between Parliament and the media. Here, too, there is a long way for Cambodia to go. But here, too, there is a will and determination to progress.

To me, Cambodia represents the triumph of the human spirit over adversity: and to anyone looking for a fascinating holiday destination, it is well worth a visit!

Danish Summer Bazaar

The Danish Summer Bazaar will take place in the Danish Church on Saturday 21st of May from 11—17. Please reserve the date and bring family and friends for a fantastic day filled with Danish delights. For more information: www.danskekirke.org



Danish 'Kulturfilm' : 1930s — 1960s



On 10 November 2015 Dr Claire Thomson, Senior Lecturer in Scandinavian Film at UCL and a valued member of the Society's Scholarship Committee gave a talk on Danish "Kulturfilm" from the 1930s – 1960s accompanied by film clips which was highly appreciated by over thirty members and guests. Those of us who can remember these short films from our Danish childhood were fascinated and hope that we can persuade Claire to come and give another free talk on more recent developments in the art of Danish film-making.

We enjoyed the hospitality of the Danish Embassy and afterwards were treated to refreshments by Marianne Christiansen of Geranium in the Barbican, a treasure trove of Scandinavian delicacies (M.Christiansen@Live.co.uk).

Photos: Ole Hviid Jensen



Christmas Party 2015



“a winning formula” is how Graham Hughes, our honorary treasurer, described the Society’s Christmas Party which took place on 7 December 2015 in the exquisite rooms of the Athenaeum Club in Pall Mall, where 50 members and their guests enjoyed an evening of delicious refreshments and festive drinks. We owe much gratitude to violinist, Gina McCormack, whose idea it was to play for our scholarships, to Catherine Yates (viola) and Nicholas Trygstad (cello) who came down from the high North to perform trios by Schubert and Mozart.

The Evening was generously sponsored by Nordea and the photos are by A-DS Member, D.W.F. Hallett.

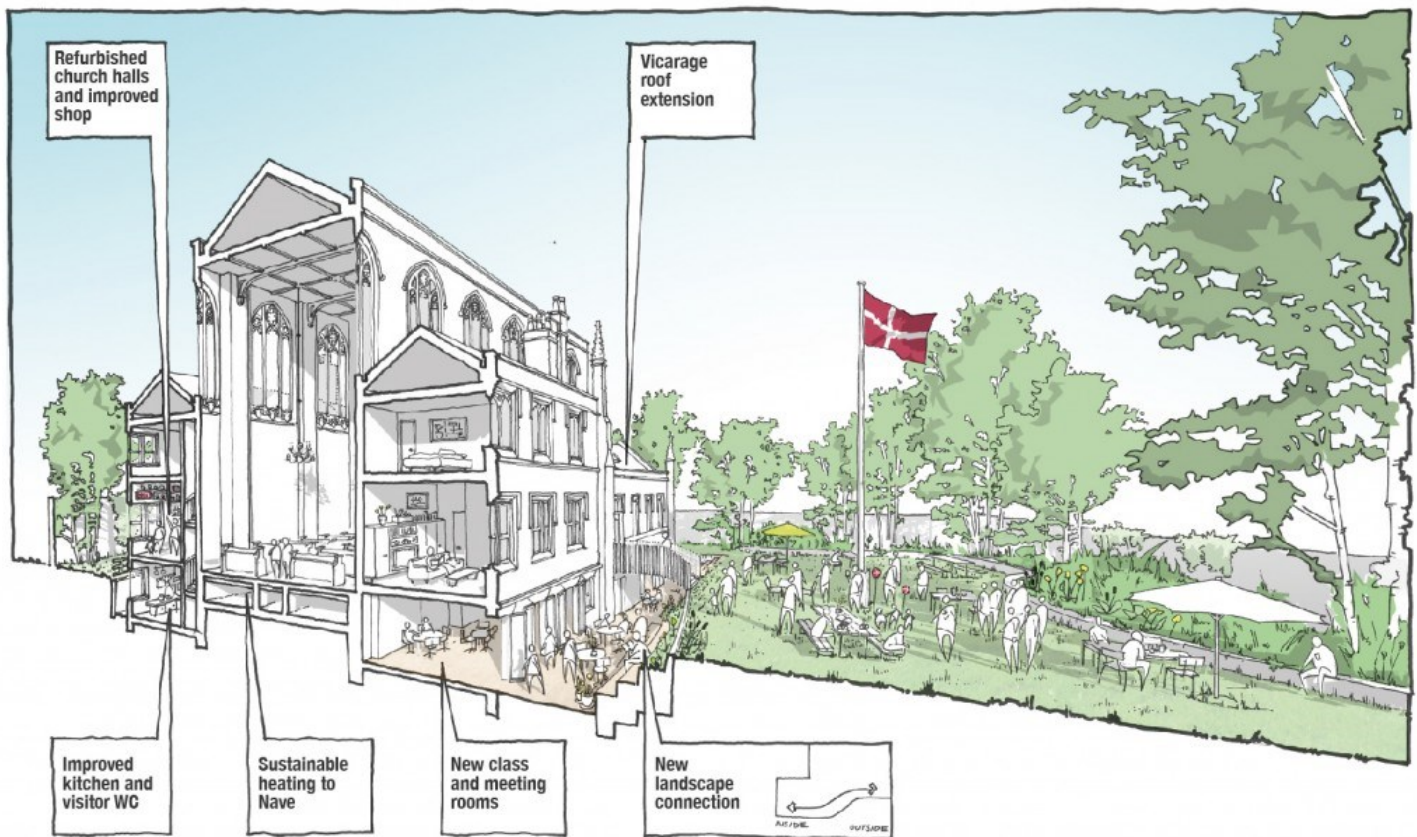


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Christmas Party 2015



The Danish Church in London



THE DANISH CHURCH IN LONDON IS TO BE RESTORED

The Danish Church has launched an extremely exciting building project. The heating system will be updated to enable us to stay warm in the church and use the space in the church, even in the colder months. The project also aims to renovate the facilities and increase the space available. It is a large project, but we are in good hands with CF Møller's architects and their advisers.

FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS ON WWW.DANISHCHURCH.CO.UK

We have set up a website especially for the building project. You can read in more detail, see the drawings and the budget and you can follow what

is happening, and how far we have come. If you have any questions, you are always welcome to come to the church, pick up a prospectus and hear more. Alternatively, you can write to us.

WHAT IS IT GOING TO COST?

The project is going to cost £2.5 million. The AP Møller Fund has shown a great interest in the project from the very start and has promised to pay half of the total, so we need to find £1.2 million ourselves. We aim to achieve this through Danish foundations, Danish companies and private individuals. On the building project's website and in the church hall, it is possible to follow how far we have come, and who has supported us. At

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the time of writing, we have received £157,000.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The church has approximately 700 members, and we hope that all the members of the church will want to support the project. But we also want to reach out to all the Danes that do not use the church that frequently, but are grateful that the church exists, also as a place you meet Danish culture in words and music, art and teaching, traditions and food.



We have already received support from a couple of Danish companies. We have received small amounts, larger amounts and one very large amount. It is the responsibility of the Danes as much as it is the companies. There is a difference in the amounts that can be given, but all donations are gratefully received, large or small. If you have the possibility of making a

contribution, you are welcome to send a cheque, or receive bank details or pay via the website.

If you are able to contribute a larger amount, you can be included in the following groups:

SUPPORTER : if your donation is a minimum of £500

PATRON : if your donation is a minimum of £2000

BENEFACTOR : if your donation is a minimum of £5000

We publicise the names of all those that support us, unless they wish to remain anonymous.

We hope that the Anglo-Danish Society's members will also support us. Thanks in advance.

Else Hviid, Pastor



Dinner at the Tower of London



The Display of the Drummers of the 3rd Battalion was the absolute highlight of a successful black-tie dinner on 8 October 2015 at the HQ of the Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment when we were joined by members of the Association of the Royal Danish Guards.

Photos: D.W.F. Hallett



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**OUR ROYAL PATRON,
H.M. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S 90TH
BIRTHDAY PICNIC IN THE MALL,
LONDON
SUNDAY, 12TH JUNE 2016 – ALL DAY**

From the official website: On Sunday 12th June 2016 The Mall will be home to a truly magnificent event, The Patron's Lunch; a classic British 'street party' lunch for 10,000 guests, the first of its kind ever to be held on The Mall. With the vast majority of tickets made available to the 'Patron's Organisations', this event will provide a very special opportunity for all who have been touched by Her Majesty The Queen to publicly thank her and to be proud of the work and service that their own charity or organisation has provided to this nation or those nations across the Commonwealth.

Her Majesty The Queen will be joined by the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the Royal Family to celebrate the occasion. Their Royal Highnesses, The Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry will reside as Joint-Presidents of The Patron's Lunch; honouring the dedication shown by Her Majesty to so many charities and organisations. The day itself promises to deliver an electric festival-themed atmosphere that can be enjoyed not only by the guests on The Mall, but also by the general public who will be

able to soak up the festivities at large screens situated in the Royal Parks, Green Park and St James's Park.

The Anglo-Danish Society is happy to announce that a table for 10 has been reserved for us at this very special, once in a lifetime, celebration.

Our Chairman, Mr Christian Williams and his wife, Riitta will host the table and invite members of the Society to join them.

Price per couple: £300 (non refundable, once your places have been confirmed). It should be mentioned that the price is the cost price to the Society and is understood to include a profit to benefit charitable causes to be selected by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II.

Places will be allocated on a first come/first saved basis. Please apply on the attached coupon by 15 February, 2016, attaching your cheque made payable to the Anglo-Danish Society:

Lisbeth Ehlers (honorary secretary)
The Mill House
Dennington
Suffolk IP13 8JF

For further information you are welcome to ring me on 01728 638345/ 07785975648

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**WEDNESDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2016 AT
18.00 / CARRIAGES AT CA. 21.15
DRAPERS' HALL, THROGMORTON
STREET, THE CITY OF LONDON**

True to tradition the Drapers' Company welcome us as well as members of the Anglo-Finnish Society to the first concert of the season. The programme is as follows:

Royal Academy of Music Baroque Ensemble

BACH

Brandenburg Concerto No.5 (Flute, Violin, (Harpsichord & Strings - 7 players)

Coffee Cantata BWV 211 (Soprano, Tenor, Bass , Flute, 5 strings, harpsichord)

Singers include the current Drapers' de Turkheim Scholar, Nicholas Mogg (Baritone)

Price per person: £50 members/£60 non-members to include dinner, concert and interval drinks. Dress code: Lounge Suit.

Please apply on the coupon enclosed.

**WEDNESDAY, 16 MARCH 2016 AT
12.00 FOR 12.30 –
A DANISH EASTER LUNCH
AT “K” : DANISH YWCA,
43 MARESFIELD GARDENS,
LONDON NW3 5TF**

Special Guest and Speaker: LONE HØRLYCK, Scholarship Awardee 2015-2016



We are delighted that Palle, General Manager of “K” - and a most supportive member on the A-DS Council - has invited us for a true Danish Lunch consisting of

- fiskebuffet med sild, karrysalat, rejer, røget laks, rødspættefilet, hjemmebagt rugbrød m.m.
- små lune retter: flæskesteg med

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rødkål, leverpostej med bacon og champignon, frikadeller med garniture, grøntsagstærte, tarteletter med fyld osv.

- Kaffe med dansk wienerbrød og kransekage.

Price per person: £40 including drinks. Numbers are limited, so we urge you to apply for tickets without delay.

Lone Hørlyck : With a background in Molecular Medical Studies and Psychology from Aarhus and Copenhagen Universities Lone has established herself as a Neuroscientist of great distinction. Her Master's in Clinical Neuroscience was achieved at UCL with the highest marks for the year.

She is now well advanced with a PhD at UCL. It focuses on how memory works and how negative emotions can affect it. This greater understanding can create opportunities for new treatments of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The subject is of great interest to researchers in Denmark where this work is less developed.

NEW MEMBERS

Curtis, Andrew and Lone Mohr
Hough, Dr Jensine
Loevgren Madsen, Jan and Dyrum,
Kirsten
Pedersen, Lisbeth Hedelund

MEMBERS AND COUNCIL OF THE ANGLO-DANISH SOCIETY SEND HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONORARY PRESIDENT,

H.E. Claus Grube, K1, Denmark's Ambassador to the Court of St James who has been appointed Kammerherre to H.M. Queen Margrethe II.

In his capacity of Chamberlain at the Danish Royal Court, Claus Grube will be assisting at official functions at the Danish Court, such as Ambassadors' presentation of credentials to Her Majesty.

THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2016 AT 18.00 AGM, 19.00 RECEPTION THE DANISH EMBASSY, SLOANE STREET, LONDON SW1X

The Society's Annual General Meeting at 18.00 followed by a Reception in the Ambassador's Residence by the kind invitation of H.E. Mr Claus Grube and Mrs Susanne Fournais Grube.

Separate information to be sent out in late April

TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2016 AT 18.30 TOWER OF LONDON:

The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment, Black Tie dinner

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