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Dear Members

We wish you a very happy and healthy new year and hope to see you at some of the events planned for the next few months.

Some are perennial favourites, others a new departure, but in all, the main aim is to further the enjoyment and understanding of the two cultures we represent.

The Copenhagen Boys' Choir will be visiting London in May and the Anglo-Danish Society is delighted to be involved in several ways. Perhaps you feel able to offer accommodation to a couple of choir members for their 5-day visit? Or you might like to attend some of their concerts in London or Cambridge. The visit culminates with a special Evensong at Westminster Abbey. The choirboys will sing and the event will be followed by a reception for the choir, host families and invited guests.

Lastly, we would like to welcome our new Honorary President, HE Lars Thuesen, Danish Ambassador to UK since September. You will have several opportunities to meet Lars Thuesen. There will be a welcome dinner in his honour in February and in May Lars Thuesen is kindly inviting all Anglo-Danish members attending the AGM at the Embassy to a drinks reception at his residence in Sloane Street.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy new year.

Bette Petersen Broyd



Scholarship News

NFTS First Film School to Win Queen's Anniversary

Prize for Higher Education

The National Film and Television School (NFTS) in Beaconsfield is the first ever film school to win a Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education. Judges commented that the NFTS was chosen to receive the prestigious award, as they were "impressed by the reach and influence of the school in a hugely important sector." Jon Wardle, NFTS Director said: "Winning a Queen's Anniversary Prize is a huge honour for the NFTS and is a fitting testament to the fantastic work our students and staff put in to make the school such a success both nationally and on a global scale."

The Prizes are part of the honours system and are awarded every two years by The Queen on the Prime Minister's advice.

The Anglo-Danish Society has recurrently awarded scholarships to promising Danish filmmakers, who have been accepted to the NFTS after a fiercely competitive selection process. One of our awardees - aspiring Danish director Sigurd Kølster - is currently in his final year of the MA Directing Fiction programme at NFTS. He came with extensive professional experience working as a Runner, Assistant Director, Director of Photography, and in other roles, including on Danish television drama familiar to British audiences: *Forbrydelsen* (*The Killing*), *Borgen*, and *Arvingerne* (*The Legacy*).

Skipper is the title of Sigurd Kølster's graduation film from the National Film & Television School. The film is written by Kølster and co-writer Kasper Schlüter and is based on a short story by Danish author and filmmaker Daniel Dencik. It stars the young Scottish talent Sorcha Groundsell, and the experienced Swedish actor Simon Berger.



THE QUEEN'S
ANNIVERSARY PRIZES
FOR HIGHER AND FURTHER EDUCATION
2017



Sigurd says, "I wish to send my warm thanks to the Anglo-Danish Society for their support in making my education at the film school possible. Studying at the NFTS has been a most wonderful and rewarding experience. It is one of the world's leading film schools, and it attracts highly gifted students from all over the world. In a more and more globalised world it is incredibly important to share and exchange between our cultures, and the NFTS is a whirlwind in that sense. Studying and working with such talented people with each their different cultural backgrounds and unique artistic voices has given me the best challenge, and I think, inspired me even more than I am yet aware of. *Skipper* premieres in Spring 2018.



Sigurd Kølster & lead actor Simon Berger on the set of *Skipper*

Margit Stæhr

Scholarship Applications 2018

The Anglo-Danish Society's Scholarships & The Ove Arup Foundation Scholarship.

The closing date for submission of scholarship applications is Thursday 1st March 2018. These grants will be for studies during the academic year from Oct 2018 to July 2019.

You are eligible to apply if you are a Danish graduate with a first degree from a Danish university planning to or already studying postgraduate at a university in the UK - or vice-versa - if you are a British graduate planning to do postgraduate research at a university in Denmark. For guidelines, criteria and an application form please visit our webpage

<http://www.anglo-danishsociety.org.uk/scholarships>
Email contact: scholars@anglo-danishsociety.org.uk
Margit Stæhr, Hon. Scholarship Secretary

Membership News

New Honorary President

We extend a warm welcome to our new Honorary President, the Danish Ambassador to the UK, HE Lars Thuesen.

Lars Thuesen took up the position as Ambassador to the United Kingdom on 1 September 2017. He is an experienced diplomat with a strong background in the area of trade and investment.

As managing director of The Trade Council, the governmental export and investment organisation under The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he was in charge of 75 employees in Denmark and 230 employees abroad located at more than 100 embassies, general consulates and trade commissions. At the same time, Lars Thuesen was a member of the senior management of The Ministry.

In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Copenhagen, Lars Thuesen has held managerial positions in the departments of Communication, Press and Culture as well as Consular services. In his career he has on multiple occasions worked with EU affairs, such as treaty changes, EU enlargements, presidencies, trade policy and coordination of the Danish EU policy.

In the Foreign Service, Lars Thuesen was posted in Mexico and twice in Spain. Before he began his career at The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he was employed in the Research Department of the European Parliament in Luxembourg. Lars Thuesen has also lived in USA on several occasions.



He graduated in the field of Political Science specializing in international affairs from Aarhus University and University of Massachusetts in 1987.

Lars Thuesen, 57, is married to Jeanine A. Ayerdi and together they have a son.

New Members

We welcome the following new members to the Anglo Danish Society:

Birgit and Barry Stevens, Kent

Alan and Signe Reilly, Surrey

James Edmiston Smith, Kent

Colonel Wayne B. Harber OBE, Wimbledon

Peter Holdt Holsteen, London

Sharon Hodges, Surrey

Corporate members: Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (PWRR)

We are sorry to report the death of longstanding members:

M.J. Gamble RIP

Frans Boch RIP

Michael Stokvis RIP

New co-opted member of council

Col. Wayne Harber OBE K

Wayne was born in New Guinea and was educated in London. He spent 33 years in the Army with the



Queen's Regiment, Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (PWRR) and the Royal Irish Regiment. His career included a wide range of employment including battalion command, logistics, recruiting, officer selection and intelligence appointments, amongst others. He served in Gibraltar, England, Northern Ireland, Cyprus, Germany, Saudi Arabia, Kenya, South Sudan and Iraq. He retired from the Army in 2011 and spent a year as CEO of an investigations company before taking up the appointment of PWRR Regimental Secretary.

Past Events

Dinner at the Tower of London October 2017

The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment hosted another highly successful dinner in the Tower of London. Guests from the Anglo-Danish Society, Den Danske Bank, and the Danish Guards Association were treated to a champagne reception in the Fusilier Museum followed by an excellent dinner in the Officers Mess.

Colonel Wayne Harber OBE welcomed us with wit and warmth. He was recently co-opted onto the Council of the Anglo-Danish Society. The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment have become corporate members of our Society which we greatly welcome. HM Queen Margrethe II is Colonel in Chief of the Regiment and in his speech, Wayne Harber spoke of the challenge of having to quickly change arrangements at the presentation of new Colours to three battalions in Canterbury.

Past Events

He heard at 5.10 a.m. on 23rd September that the Queen was unwell and unable to attend as planned. Instead, the new Ambassador Lars Thuesen presented the colours. The Regiment's connection with the Danish monarchy originated in 1689 so, appropriately, toasts were made to the Queens of both Denmark and the UK. Guests were very pleased indeed to once again meet Sergeant Johnson Beharry VC from the Regiment.

In his reply Peter Davis OBE, Vice Chairman of the Anglo-Danish Society said the presentation of new Colours was a wonderful event with a parade, bands and skydivers. On behalf of the guests he thanked the Regiment for the dinner and explained how the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment is allied to the Danish Royal Guards, Den Kongelige Livgarde. They were founded in 1658 by King Frederik III and celebrate their 360th year anniversary in 2018.

One of the, thankfully few occasions the Guards fought the British was in the 1807 siege of Copenhagen in the battle of Classens Garden. The Guards fought with distinction in the 1st Schleswig Holstein War against the rebels and Prussians, which the Danes won. The uniform worn then has not changed and remains exactly the same as those worn today. After dinner the guests were treated to music by Guardsmen Daniel Nielsen



and Emil Lars Andersen wearing that impressive uniform and playing drums and flute. Lisbeth Ehlers was rightfully thanked for expertly helping to organise the Dinner.

Peter Davis

Skandium Visit

In November we had a successful visit to the new Skandium store. The reception was hosted in the 4 story Skandium townhouse where design furniture, lighting and household items are displayed as in a home, complete with nursery in the attic and ornaments and ham-

mocks in the garden. The cosy design environment brought back memories for me.

Many moons ago I spent a month working in a design emporium in Vejen in Denmark called "Huset med Bolignyt". It was much like Skandium.

There was an eclectic mixture of classic furniture, beautiful household items, gorgeous fabrics and colourful wooden toys. I was given a free hand to decorate the display windows as often as I wanted. Alongside the designer and owner of the shop, Elisabeth Hyldig, I visited customers on farms and in houses throughout Southern Jutland. Elisabeth had somehow turned interior design into a near exercise in psychological analysis of family dynamics.



I was encouraged to suggest solutions and submit drawings for customers based on our joint observations of the way each family lived, worked and interacted. In the evenings the energetic and inspirational Elisabeth gave talks to WI groups and various associations. On the day of a talk it was my job to buy 5 red tulips, bring a simple but beautiful vase and place the vase of flowers on the dais or table where Elisabeth gave her illuminating talks.

The purpose of the flowers? To illustrate a point! Good interior design must culminate in creating harmony, purpose and wellbeing – OK, and a bit of 'hygge' if you must! An interior should not shout out that the wallpaper is new or the furniture is 'expensive designer'. To 'test' if an interior fulfils the criteria Elisabeth used as her yardstick, she suggested placing a vase of red tulips in the middle of the room on a coffee or dining table. If, when entering the room, you notice the gaudy lampshades or the clashing patterns on carpet or furniture you had, in her view, failed to create a harmonious living space. The five red tulips should be what you notice first upon entering the space. If you do - the room may well be fulfilling the criteria of being a harmonious, pleasant and homely sanctuary where people can thrive, rest, work and feel at ease.



Bette Petersen Broyd

Future Events

Best of British Art at National Gallery and lunch at "Ole & Steen"

A guided tour of "Hogarth to Reynolds"

WHEN: Thursday 15th February 2018 at 11.30 a.m.

WHERE: The National Gallery Trafalgar Square, London, WC2N 5DN

Meet by the Sainsbury Wing

LUNCH: 1.30 at 'Ole & Steen'
Haymarket

This promises to be a truly Anglo-Danish event! First we will experience a guided tour by a National Gallery expert on the most prized pieces of British art in the gallery. We get to hear about famous artists, movements, influences and scandals in the British art world and society in general.

William Hogarth was an English painter, printmaker, pictorial satirist, social critic and editorial cartoonist in 18th century London. Sir Joshua Reynolds, also an English painter, specialised in portraits. Then there are all the others!



Come along and hear for yourself!

(Perching stools can be booked in advance.)

Lunch will be at the flagship store of 'Ole & Steen, Lagkagehuset' – the Danish bakery, which has been serving people in Denmark with delicious breads, smørrebrød, pastries and cakes for over

20 years. Recipes are time honed and always from the very best ingredients.

PRICE: £10 – optional lunch at own cost

TO BOOK: Please contact Bette

Email: bettebroyd@gmail.com

WHEN: Thursday 22. February 2018

TIME: 7 p.m. till 11 p.m.

WHERE: St Ermin's Hotel, 2 Caxton Street, Westminster, London SW1H 0QW

Welcome Dinner for HE The Danish Ambassador

This is a joint event between Anglo Danish Society and the newly formed Danish-UK Association.

Three course dinner including half a bottle of wine, unlimited still and sparkling water, tea and coffee. Address by HE Lars Thuesen, Danish Ambassador to the United Kingdom

Programme:

18.45 Arrival

19.00 Drinks Reception

19.30 Welcome

21.45 Mingling and cash bar

23.00 Carriages

Dress code: Lounge suit

Dietary requirements: Please email details to Deanne Lintorn dl@ducc.co.uk

Price: Members and their guest: £90 pp, Non-members: £130pp

To Book please visit <https://billetto.co.uk/e/ambassadors-welcome-dinner-tickets-252659>.

Please note: When proceeding to Billetto for credit card payment, there is no need to select 'add-on' service.



Drapers' Hall Dinner and Royal College of Music Concert

WHEN: Wednesday 28th February

At 6 p.m. prompt

WHERE: Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2N 2DQ (Main entrance in Throgmorton Street)

Once again the opulent and historical Drapers' Hall acts as a sumptuous setting for a splendid evening of entertainment. There will be a pre-concert 3-course dinner with drinks and coffee. We then take our seats in the magnificent livery hall where gifted students from the Royal College of Music will perform a varied programme:



TCHAIKOVSKY Piano Trio in A Minor Op. 50
BEETHOVEN Sonata in F minor Op. 57 Appassionata
CHOPIN Ballade No 1 in G minor

The musicians: Emily Sun / Violin, Indina Grier / Cello
Veniamin Zhukov / Piano, Tamilla Salindjanova / Solo Piano.

PRICE: £55 for members of Anglo-Danish Society, £65 for non-members

To book please contact Bette
Email: bettebroyd@gmail.com



Dr Johnson's House

A twilight tour of Dr Johnson's House with drinks – followed by optional dinner at Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese

WHEN: Wednesday 21 March 2018

TIME: 6 p.m.

WHERE: Dr Johnson's House, 17 Gough Square, London EC4A 3DE

Dr Johnson's House is a charming 300-year-old town-house, nestled amongst a maze of courts and alleys in the historic City of London. Samuel Johnson, the writer and wit, lived and worked here in the middle of the eighteenth century, compiling his great Dictionary of the English Language in the Garret.

Today, the House is open to the public with a collection relating to Johnson, a research library, restored interiors and a wealth of original features. Often described by visitors as a hidden gem, 17 Gough Square is a tranquil spot in the midst of the bustling City. The tour and drinks will be followed by optional dinner at equally historic Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese around the corner in Fleet Street. The pub dates from 1538 and was rebuilt after The Great Fire in 1666. Historically, it has many literary connotations. It is said that Dr Johnson was a 'regular' along with Mark Twain, Alfred Tennyson, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle,



PG Woodhouse and Charles Dickens .

PRICE: £13 for members, £15 non-members
Optional dinner at own cost

To book contact Bette at bettebroyd@gmail.com

Tour of Houses of Parliament with Afternoon Tea

**WHEN: Tuesday 10 April 2018,
13.40pm**

**WHERE: Palace of
Westminster, London SW1A 0AA**

We will follow the path our Patron the Queen takes at the State Opening of Parliament. The tour includes the Robing Room from where she leaves to take her seat on the gilded throne in the House of Lords Chamber.

From the Central Lobby in the heart of Parliament we enter the

rooms of the House of Commons before standing in the famous chamber itself with the Speaker's Chair and those familiar green benches.



We finish our tour in the medieval Westminster Hall where Guy Fawkes and Charles 1 were found guilty of



treason. It is also where Nelson Mandela addressed both houses in his famous speech in 1993.

At about 15.45 we shall take Afternoon Tea in a River Thames side room. Tea will consist of savouries, scones with clotted cream and jam, fruit tart, macaroons and millionaire shortbread.

PRICE: £55 for Anglo-Danish Society members, £65 for non-members

Please contact Bette on bettebroyd@gmail.com

Copenhagen Boys' Choir Visits Britain

A heart felt plea! We are looking for families who can provide accommodation for a couple of 13-14 year old choirboys. There will be about 30 boys in total. They are likely to need breakfast only as there is an active programme of concerts and sightseeing arranged for the boys during their stay.

Arrival 3rd May p.m.

Performing at St James's Piccadilly on 4th May

King's College Chapel in Cambridge on 5th May

The Danish Church on 6th May at 11 a.m.

Evensong at Westminster Abbey on 7th May at 5 p.m. and reception to follow

The choir returns to Denmark 8th May a.m.

**Evensong at Westminster Abbey on
7th May at 5 p.m.**

The Evensong at Westminster Abbey will mark the culmination of the Choir's tour of Spain, Portugal and UK. The event will be followed by a reception at Westminster Abbey for the choir, host families and invited guests.



Please make contact with your offers of accommodation to:

Bette: bettebroyd@gmail.com Mob: 07934 236 686



AGM and Reception at The Royal Danish Embassy

WHEN: Thursday 17th May at 6 p.m.
WHERE: The Danish Embassy, 55 Sloane Street, London SW1X 9SR

The annual AGM is your chance to meet friends old and new and to question or influence the members of council in respect of the running of your society.

Immediately after the AGM all members of Anglo-Danish Society are invited by HE Lars Thuesen, the Danish Ambassador, to a reception in his official residence at the embassy.

To book: It is essential to book for this joint event. Apologies for the AGM also welcomed . Contact Bette: bettebroyd@gmail.com



Piet Hein's Global View

Piet Hein died in 1996, aged 90.

He was a Danish mathematician, inventor, designer, author, and poet. His short poems, known as gruks, first started to appear in the daily newspaper "Politiken" shortly after the Nazi occupation in April 1940 under the pseudonym "Kumbel Kumbell". Here is quite a pithy observation:

GLOBAL VIEWS

*Denmark seen from foreign land
Looks but like a grain of sand.
Denmark as we Danes conceive it
Is so big you won't believe it.
Why not let us compromise
About Denmark's proper size.
Which will truly please us all
Since it's greater than it's small.*

From our Honorary Treasurer

At the AGM in May I succeeded Graham Hughes as Honorary Treasurer. I was delighted to meet members and to welcome many new members since then.

One of the challenges I face is to simplify processes around payment. This will be increasingly important as online banking takes over from cheques, which will eventually be phased-out altogether.

The Society's bank account is held with NatWest. We all recently learned with dismay of many branches due to close thus making cheque processing even more inconvenient.

My campaign to encourage those members still in the habit of paying their membership by cheque to transfer to a Bank Standing Order arrangement was largely successful so many thanks for that.

A Standing Order arrangement will automatically pay the subscription on the 1 January every year. If you are yet to put such an arrangement in place I urge you to do so. All details are available in the Membership Form on the inside of the back cover.

I would encourage the use of online banking whenever you pay to attend the events our Society organises.

We are hugely grateful to those of you who decide to tick the Gift Aid box if you are a UK taxpayer. This enables us to reclaim tax from HMRC and so help support our charity even more.

Alan Davey, Honorary Treasurer

Booking & Paying for Events

To book events please contact Bette at bettebroyd@gmail.com

Please arrange direct bank transfer payments when booking events.

Details:

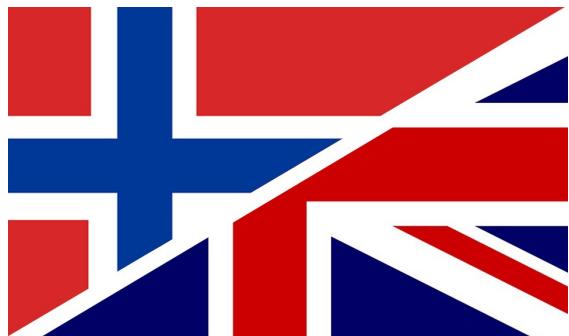
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Bank: National Westminster Bank
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Please mark your payment with your name and post-code or event for easy identification.

Anglo-Norse Society

100th ANNIVERSARY 1918 – 2018

Congratulations to the Anglo Norse Society. The celebrations on 1st February will take place at the historic Oxford & Cambridge Club in Pall Mall. King Harald V is an honorary member so it seems a fitting venue to celebrate the Anniversary. The Club, originally opened in 1830, was for gentlemen only until 1997 when women were admitted as full members. Queen Margrethe II of Denmark became the club's first Honorary Lady Member. The clubhouse is built in the classical style, and though fully refurbished and modernised, retains its splendid original features. Lunch will be served in the elegant Princess Marie Louise Room.



CoScan Conference – Helsinki

CoScan's Annual General Meeting will be held in Helsinki on 20-22 April 2018.

PROGRAMME:

Friday 20 April, early evening – arrival and welcome
Saturday 21, morning – guided tour (bus or walking) of Helsinki centre
Saturday 21, afternoon – free time to re-visit any sites or just to relax
Saturday 21, evening – CoScan Dinner at a Finnish restaurant near the hotel
Sunday 22, morning – CoScan AGM
Sunday 22 April, afternoon – farewells and return home

For further information: wendy.howell@coscan.org.uk

The Danish-UK Association

DUCC & the Danish Club have merged as of January 2018. They are now known as the Danish-UK Association.

We congratulate them on their new joint venture and trust that we will continue to support one another and share events whenever appropriate.

Skanderborg Slotskirke



In the previous newsletter I mentioned how Queen Anne of England was born at Skanderborg Slot and how thrifitly the builders had been in their recycling of building materials. Quite by chance this Christmas whilst in Denmark, I happened to see a programme explaining it all, but far more vividly, in Danish. You may wish to have a look:

www.tv2ostjyllandskanderborgslotskirkekongeligtfortid

Impressions of London and Reformation Day

Susanne Freddin Skovhus was recently in London on a two-year dual contract, one as pastor at the Danish Church in London, the other as project manager for the Council of Lutheran Churches in Great Britain. Here are some of her observations:

"My husband, Lars and I came to London in 2015 from a parish in the breezy seaside town of Skagen, the most Northern place in Denmark with a population of 8000. However, starting out living on Camden Road in bustling London was surprisingly not all that different.

Both places insistently call on you to focus on the people around you and the pulse of the place. Luckily, people and places are not all that different! What unites us, by far exceeds what seems to separate us. Thankfully both places traditionally welcome strangers – like us! And we welcome contrast. Contrast keeps us

alert and alive.

Having said that, renting property in London and dealing with Letting Agents was a time-consuming challenge. Far more complicated than would be the case back in Denmark where the personal number system means much less paperwork. Applications, credibility checks, bank statements, security searches ad-nausea. Countless e-mails back and forth. Finally, after six weeks, we received the 16-page letting contract.

Another 6 weeks later we finally had a phone, wi-fi, bank account and tax liability registration up and running. Without council tax or a utility bill proof, we were somehow stuck. Much can be argued for and against the centralised personal register in Denmark, but it certainly facilitates a speedier procedure in administrative matters. Conversely, one cannot help wishing that the politeness of people in official places in the UK could somehow be transported to Denmark.

Being called as a pastor to the Danish Church in London is indeed one of the most meaningful and rewarding ministries one can think of. With a congregation of people who originally uprooted from their homeland to the UK, each with an interesting story to tell and the gallery of people coming to church for services, school, events and more – the significance of the Danish Church cannot be emphasized enough. The congregation is mostly of Danish origin, but it represents a multicultural community.

The Sunday services are in Danish, but given that quite a few families are bilingual or even trilingual, most Christenings, weddings and funerals are officiated in English.

The Council of Lutheran Churches of Great Britain
I was employed by CLC with a very particular role as project manager for the Council's various events during the course of the past two years in connection with the marking of the quin-centenary of the Reformation. I have thus worked very closely with the General Secretary and members of the Board of Trustees of the Council. My prime responsibility was to propose and initiate ideas, liaising with venues, partner churches

and organisations developing and overseeing plans and logistics with all of the events connected to the marking of the anniversary.

Moreover, my work at CLC was characterized by being an ecumenical collaboration with a large group of denominations in the UK. Among them the Catholic Church of England and Wales, the CofE, the Moravian Church, the Methodist Church, the Church of Scotland and many foreign churches in London. My main focal point as project manager was to organize ecumenical services and conferences throughout the UK, e.g. Liverpool Cathedral, King's College Chapel, St Edward King and Martyr in Cambridge and the Fulneck Moravian Settlement.

A highlight of the year was planning the Reformation service, which took place on 31st October in Westminster Abbey and the symposium that followed in St Margaret's. This service was a collaboration between CLC and Westminster Abbey. I worked closely with the Dean and Chapter of Westminster Abbey, with Sub Dean Vernon White, Minor Canon Christopher Stoltz and staff of the Abbey. I am very thankful to the 200 or more people with whom I was liaising to ensure that all parties, and the 2000 attending on the day, found the service and Reformation Day 2017 uplifting and memorable. Ultimately, as planned, it turned out to be a Fest – first and foremost for Christ.

It was an historic occasion that we hope will continue to encourage ecumenical partners in this country and abroad to find ways of maintaining the momentum and developing the good relationships established among churches.

Now back in Denmark, allow me to share my gratitude to all in the Anglo-Danish Society, who share an interest in preserving close relations among our people and two nations. Personally, as national representative of the Anglican-Lutheran Society in Denmark, I look forward to keeping in touch.

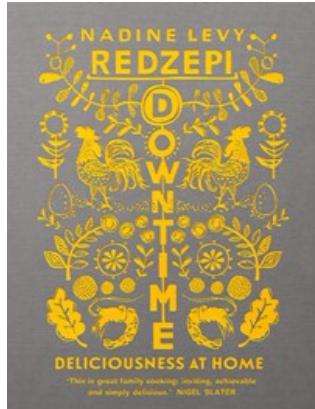
Susanne Freddin Skovhus



Miscellaneous

New Cookery book launched at 'Snaps + Rye'

Nadine Levy Redzepi, married to Rene Redzepi of NOMA in Copenhagen, arranged a 'Pop-Up Restaurant' at 'Snaps + Rye' in order to share her concept of delicious, home cooked food recently published in her book 'Downtime'.



Update

Previous newsletters carried mouth-watering news of the openings of the bakery and café Ole & Steen, Lagkagehuset. There are now branches in Haymarket, Richmond, Canary Wharf, Fitzrovia and Victoria. New stores are opening soon in High Street Kensington and Wigmore Street.



The Summer Bazaar at The Danish Church, Regent's Park is on Saturday 12th May at 11 a.m.

This hugely popular annual bazaar is organised by the Danish Women's Association - Danske Kvinder.

You can find more information on their website:

www.danskekvinder.co.uk

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Denmark set wind power record in 2017

2017 was a record year for Danish wind power and Denmark is on track to surpassing its EU energy targets, says the Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate.

Highest-ever levels of wind energy provision were set in 2017, with 43.4 percent of Denmark's electricity consumption supplied by land and sea wind turbines last year, the ministry said in a press statement on Thursday.

Those figures reflect a doubling in the share of renewable energy production from wind power since 2008, when it accounted for 19.3 percent. The past nine out of ten years have been record-setting for Danish wind power. The new record surpasses the previous 2015 record of 42 percent. The wind energy share of Denmark's electric energy system since 2005. Graphic: Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate:



"With the wind power production record, Denmark places a green flag on the world map. We once again show the whole world that Denmark has the world's best energy system," Minister of Energy, Utilities and Climate Lars Christian Lilleholt said in the press statement.

"We have managed to accommodate large amounts of wind power and other green sources of energy, while maintaining high security of supply. This way, there is always power when we plug a device into the socket," Lilleholt continued.

Further records are likely to be set by Denmark in coming years, with new offshore wind farms in the offing.

Building Bridges



The Øresund Bridge is more commonly referred to as 'The Bridge', not least because of its starring role in the TV series of the same name. A corpse found in the middle of the bridge connecting Sweden and Denmark forced the police in both countries to 'build their own bridges' and collectively solve the mystery murder. Those of us glued to the screen throughout all 10 episodes of the BBC4 screening learnt a lot about collaboration, human relationships and sometimes elaborate and sophisticated forensic investigations.

What may now surprise aficionados of the TV Drama as well as those of us with a keen eye to the environment is that the bridge will now benefit from solar power. A 250 kW PV system will provide around 4% of the bridge's energy needs. The project may even be expanded to 700 kW.

The Øresund Bridge connects Denmark's capital city, Copenhagen with Sweden's southern city of Malmö and is generally known as an engineering masterpiece and the longest combined road and rail bridge in Europe.

Instead of the bridge being the stage for horrendous crimes and thrilling adventures, it will now benefit from the installation of a PV system that will power part of the infrastructure's energy needs.

The two Danish solar companies, SolarFuture and Solarpark DK have been awarded a 2 million Danish Kroner contract to install the solar power generator by the consortium owning and operating the infrastructure, Øresundsbro Konsortiet.

The developers will initially build a 250 kW PV system on a 1,500 m² surface owned by Danish-Swedish company SVEDAB, which is one of the consortium's members.

The facility will cover around 4% of the bridge's energy needs after completion of the first phase, and around 10% if the expansion goes ahead.

The solar panels will be placed between the north and south payment areas, and at least three metres away from the roadway, behind railings and road lighting. That is, close to both the motorway and the railway.

So how long is the bridge actually?

Well, just short of 8 km. The other bridge in Denmark, the Storebelt Bridge connecting the island of Fyn with the island of Sjælland is just less than 7 km long.



Those with an eye for detail and well practiced at firing off answers to quiz night questions will now say, "But I thought the Vasco da Gama Bridge in Lisbon, Portugal was the longest bridge at just over 17 km." Clearly, they are right. The clue is in the 'type' of bridge: Suspension, Cantilever, Viaduct, Arch, Cable-stayed and more.

So, now that 'a colourful British politician' has suggested that a bridge should be built between France and UK, the discussions abound about how viable, possible or long it would be. Should large cruise ships navigate the waters as they can around the Storebelt Bridge or will those 'cities on water' have to find other routes as they now must after the Øresund Bridge was built?

How often would a bridge have to close due to high winds?

The winds might howl and roar louder through the Channel than by the Dartford Crossing.

Then there are the costs to consider, the environment and that is just how this all started out:

A bridge connecting Denmark and Sweden is installing solar power – so there is yet another consideration to add to the list of endless factors to determine both price and viability.

The discussions could go on for a very long time – perhaps even longer than the current record holder of 'where to build another runway'.

Danish Architect Kay Fisker Remembered



Carlsberg Fondet

The Royal Academy is hosting an event celebrating the often overlooked work of Danish architect, educator and writer Kay Fisker. His contribution to housing design is considered revolutionary.

Kay Otto Fisker, Hon. FAIA was a Danish architect, designer and educator. He is best known for his many housing projects, mainly in the Copenhagen area, and is considered a leading exponent of the Danish Functionalism.

He was born 14th February 1893 and died 21st June 1965.

Kay Otto Fisker was one of the key figures of Danish Functionalism. Like many Scandinavian Modernist architects, most of his works are influential residential housing projects.

These experimental buildings show the architect's interest in Danish vernacular architecture and its characteristic combination of simple forms and traditional materials such as brick.



Projects like the Co-operative Building Society Housing, Borups Allé and Stefansgade in Copenhagen follow a functional tradition of Modernism that values the provision of space and light.

They bring to life the belief that architecture is capable of not only providing improved living conditions, but also paving the way towards a better life.



Aarhus Universitet

Looking at Fisker's best known work, the University of Aarhus, the delicate massing of spaces and considered monumentality of these brick structures makes apparent the influence that these works have had on further developments in Danish Functionalism, such as Arne Jacobsen's St Catherine's College at Oxford.

The event details:

When: Monday 26 February 2018 @ 18.30 to 20.00

Where: The Reynolds Room, Burlington House, Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, Mayfair, London W1J 0BD

Speakers:

John Glew – architect; previously visiting professor at the The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts

Martin Søberg – PhD, assistant professor at The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts

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