

THE ANGLO-DANISH SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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London dressed for Platinum Jubilee Celebrations
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Dear Members & Friends

In so many ways we are on the cusp of something new and exciting, in society generally and in our Anglo-Danish Society. We say farewell to Ambassador and President of The Anglo-Danish Society Lars Thuesen and welcome the new Ambassador, René Dinesen. Council members retire and new ones arrive. More council members are needed, as we hope to refresh and enhance the work of the society. Please feel free to volunteer or nominate members who are keen to ensure that the society will go forward to its centenary in 2024 with energy and new initiatives.

In this year of jubilees, the culmination for The Anglo-Danish Society will be the 'Royal Jubilee Afternoon Tea Party' in the gardens at Drapers' Hall. We sincerely hope that many of you will be able to join us to mark this unique event which promises to be festive and special in many ways. The sandwiches will be mouth-wateringly tasty, the scones and cakes delicious and the tea and bubbles served by waiters - rather than a clumsy bear! If you're wondering what I'm referring to, you must have missed the sketch in which the Queen and Paddington Bear take tea together as shown at the 'Platinum Concert at the Palace'.

More events may be arranged at short notice, in which case you will be notified via e-mail. Non-members are also able to sign up to E-newsletters via the website. An event already in the diary is the perennial and ever popular Christmas Service and Lunch at The Danish Church.

A memorial stone for Fallen Danes is to be erected in the grounds of the Danish Church next May. It will stand as a smaller echo of the Jelling Stone copy, and will be the focus of future commemorations every May. Through a community collection, you will be able to support this honouring of all Danes who paid the ultimate price for freedom.

At the recent AGM, we learnt that Chairman Wayne Harber is looking to step down within the foreseeable future. There seems to be an unscripted tradition that chairmanships alternate between Brits and Danes, so who might be our next chairman? Memberships continue to rise and our finances are healthy and well managed by our Honorary Treasurer, Alan Davey. Alan will sadly step down in the new year, but he has assured us that one thing is not going to change: single membership remains at £25 per annum (£40 per couple).

The Anglo-Danish Society, therefore, has a testing time ahead. If we wish to ensure its survival and continue to assist many more young Danes and Brits, who would otherwise have difficulty funding their postgraduate studies, we need to find some workable solutions. This will be our main focus over the coming months.

The scholarship applications this year were again outstanding and it was a real pleasure to meet so many recent recipients at the Ambassador's reception. They exude so much talent, enthusiasm and passion for their studies which cover many of the challenges that the world is now facing, including climate change.

On that positive note I would like to say farewell and thank you as I bow out of council and as your society's honorary secretary, editor and event manager. I have enjoyed my years as part of this remarkable family and made many friends along the way. It has been an honour and a privilege and in so many ways, I will miss the friendly interaction with you all. I would urge you to consider taking on a role on council, though perhaps not all of them at the same time! I wish you the members, friends of the society and everyone on council all the very best for the future.

Bette Petersen Broyd, Editor
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Event : Celebrate our Patrons

PLEASE JOIN US IN MARKING THE HISTORIC AND UNIQUE ROYAL JUBILEES OF OUR PATRONS,

HM QUEEN ELIZABETH'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

AND

HM QUEEN MARGRETHE II OF DENMARK'S GOLDEN JUBILEE,

ON SUNDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2022 FROM 14.00 – 18.00

AT DRAPERS' HALL, THROGMORTON AVENUE, LONDON EC2N 2DQ

We would like to invite you to join us in celebrating and commemorating the historic royal milestone jubilees of our Royal Patrons in 2022. This event promises to be a very enjoyable afternoon at our garden party at Drapers' Hall in the City of London.

We shall enjoy a traditional afternoon tea with sparkling wine as well as a special jubilee-themed celebration cake in honour of our Patrons.

The garden at Drapers' Hall is a well-hidden gem, which will provide a magnificent backdrop for our festive gathering.

Ticket prices include the following:

Entry to the event, traditional afternoon tea with sparkling wine and a piece of the special celebration cake.

Should you have any questions about this event, please contact Lone Mohr Curtis via Royaljubilees@anglo-danishsociety.org.uk

We would be grateful if you could please sign up - and pay for - your attendance at this event by no later than 1 September 2022 via Royaljubilees@anglo-danishsociety.org.uk.

Payments should be made by bank transfer to our account: **Sort Code: 55-70-11, account number: 78325285**. Please use your name and the event as references for your payment.

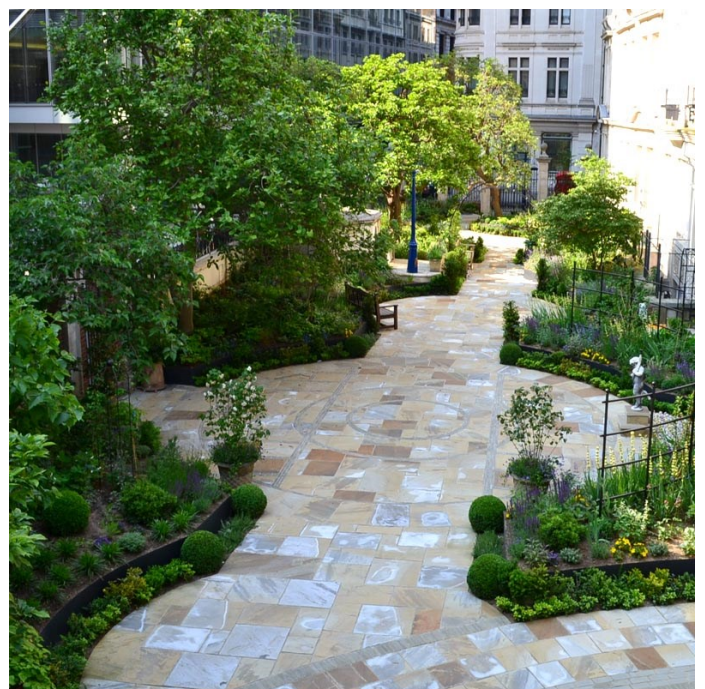
We are looking forward to seeing you.



This will be a good chance to meet up with fellow members and friends. Please also remember that you will be supporting our Scholarship Programme by attending. Naturally, we would also be grateful if you would consider making a donation to the Scholarship Programme – especially if you are unable to attend this event.

Should the weather be less than welcoming on the day, we shall simply bring the celebrations into the Hall.

Early-bird tickets are available for members of the Anglo-Danish Society, DKUK, the Danish Church and KFUK for only £90 until (and including) 10 August 2022, so please do not hesitate to sign up early. As of 11 August 2022, tickets are £100 for members. Tickets for non-members are £110 (from now on and until 1. September 2022).



Scholarship News

ADS SCHOLAR WINS

THE LÉONIE SONNING MUSIC PRIZE

Denmark's prestigious Léonie Sonning music prize for 2022 has been awarded to Magnus Plejdrup, one of our current scholars. Magnus is currently studying for a Master's degree in Orchestral Conducting at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland.

The Léonie Sonning music prize has been given to internationally acclaimed composers, musicians, conductors or singers within classical music since 1959.

From a young boy who "hated classical music" to a serious student of classical composition at the Royal Academy of Music in Aarhus, Magnus, 27, was appointed Artistic Director and conductor of the chamber orchestra, Ensemble Puma, in September 2018. His compositions have been performed by several orchestras in Denmark and he was the winner of the Danish Sinfonietta's Public Choice award for composers on the occasion of its 75th anniversary. Magnus collected the Léonie Sonning music prize the day after he attended the Danish Ambassador's reception on May 19th.

"I'm very grateful to the Anglo-Danish Society for their support," says Magnus. "The funding I received enabled me to go to Scotland to develop my artistic career. My current achievements have – in no small way – been made possible by the Society's scholarship."



Membership News

NEW MEMBERS

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

Dr Ellen Merete Hagen, London
Professor Bo Povlsen, Kent
Kjeld & Helle Jacobsen, Kent
Victor Hatami, London
Ulla Baagoe, Dorset
Fie Langmann, Aarhus
Gertrud Fischer Porter, Middlesex
Marion Sherrin, Surrey
Monica Turner, Surrey
Grethe Hauge, Surrey
Karen Nichols, London
Emma Sophie Sutton, London
Casper Orlyk, London - Winner of a year's free membership through Danish Fair
Dr Dorte Rich Jørgensen, London
Dr Nillie Teymouri, London

DECEASED

We are very sad to report the deaths of

Professor Kristin Henry
Philip Rollitt
Robert Persson
Ulla Gray, Treasurer of The Danish Women's Assoc.
Poul Nielsen

Poul's wife Isabella Nielsen writes:
Poul was born in Aalborg Denmark and grew up in a small town with his parents and twin brother Svend. Poul left Denmark and moved to London in 1962 where he met his wife Isabella, his wife of 57 years. He was instrumental in setting up and developing one of the most successful office interiors companies in the country. Poul was loved and respected by colleagues and customers alike, many of whom became close friends. Just as Poul was a leader in business he was also a tremendous role model for his three children, Christian, Karen, Patrick and six grandchildren to follow. Poul was the first Dane to be awarded the honour of The Freedom of The City in 1997. He was loved by all. Truly a Great Dane.

MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE.

Event : Danish Christmas Lunch & Carol Service

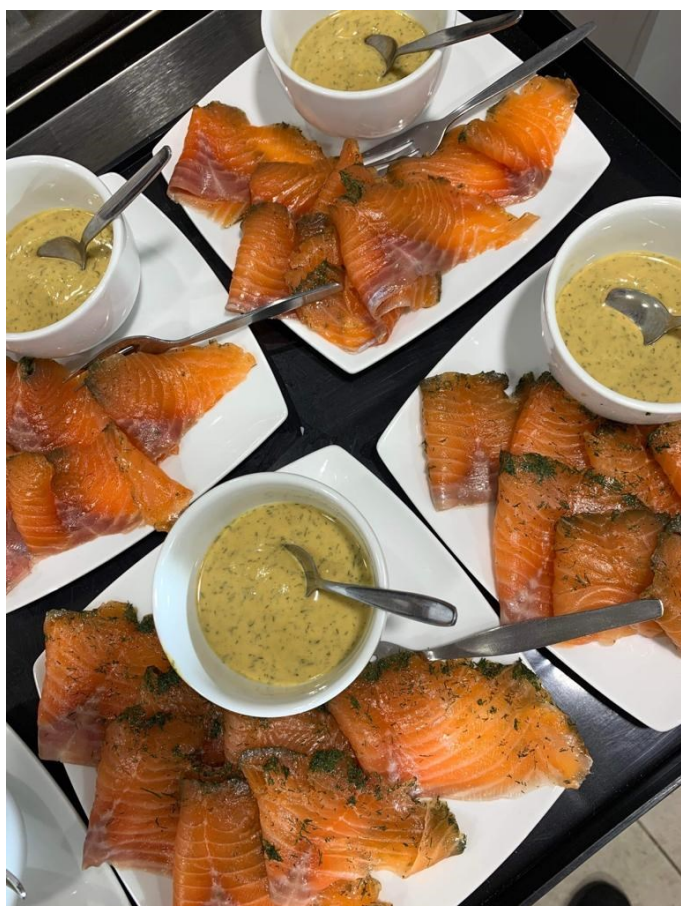
**PLACE: THE DANISH CHURCH, ST KATHARINE'S
PRECINCT, REGENT'S PARK, LONDON NW1 4HH**
DATE: THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2022
TIME: 12.15 FOR A 12.30 START
TO THE CAROL SERVICE

The Rector at The Danish Church in Regent's Park, Flemming Kloster Poulsen and the organist, will provide the appropriate overture to this festive Christmas event. We will start with a brief Christmas Carol Service in English where we will sing traditional carols and share the Christmas message.

Immediately afterwards, a traditional Danish Christmas lunch will be served in the Church Hall. The lunch will feature all the much-loved Danish dishes, some with an updated touch to accommodate those with special dietary needs. An aperitif, coffee and Danish Christmas biscuits are included. The shop will be open for you to purchase Christmas decorations and gifts or to stock up on the many traditional Danish goodies essential for cooking your own Danish Christmas lunch or dinner at home.

Price: £68 for members / £78 for guests

Booking essential via:
Christmas@anglo-danishsociety.org.uk



BOOKING EVENTS

Please check availability and book before making your payments.

Further information is also available at www.anglo-danishsociety.org.uk and on Facebook

PAYING FOR EVENTS

After your booking has been accepted, please arrange direct bank transfer payments to the Anglo-Danish Society account:

Bank: NatWest
Sort Code: 55-70-13 Account No. 78325285
Name: The Anglo-Danish Society

Please mark your payment with your name and event for easy identification.

IBAN code: GB43 NWBK 5570 1378 3252 85 (bank fees to be paid by payer's account in order that The Anglo-Danish Society gets the full amount for the benefit of our charity.)

Only members can pay by cheque made out to 'Anglo-Danish Society' and send to: Mr Alan Davey, Hon. Treasurer, 40 Princes Way, Hutton, Brentwood CM13 2JW.

New book : Claus Dalby

CONTAINER GARDENING - THE DANISH WAY

Beauty, charm, and simplicity are the hallmarks of the Scandinavian planting techniques featured in Containers in the Garden.

Celebrity gardener and Danish floral designer Claus Dalby shares his signature container gardening style in this gorgeously illustrated book. His distinctive use of a single plant species in each pot, with dozens of planted pots collected together, creates elegant and eye-catching garden displays. Partnered with an abundance of textures and often a monochromatic colour palette, Claus's container gardens change with the seasons. By combining flower and foliage colours with beautiful pottery and layered displays, the results are nothing short of extraordinary.

In Containers in the Garden, the English-language version of his top-selling Danish gardening book, Claus shares his best-kept secrets so that you, too, can create the container garden of your dreams. Season by season and colour by colour, you'll learn how to plant, organize, tend, and share your potted plantings.

Whether your display is on the front steps or the back patio, the simple yet bold design methods found here create unique garden features that are a joy to behold. The breath-taking photography found within, coupled with Claus's descriptive and personal text, features: Early season container plantings of tulips, primroses, narcissus, and other spring-flowering beauties. Lush summer pots, overflowing with dahlias, roses, hydrangea, and foxgloves. Colourful and textural foliage-only containers to add structure and interest to the collection. Unusual container plants such as spikemosses, wintergreen, oxalises, and even edible plants. Tropical

CONTAINERS IN THE GARDEN



CLAUS DALBY

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beauties bring a summer explosion, including cannas, Brugmansia, and hibiscus. Autumnal fireworks of bronze, gold, and rust round out the seasonal display.

Step inside Claus Dalby's Danish garden, and find ideas and inspiration for bringing a bit of *lykke* and *hygge* to your home with Containers in the Garden.

In the UK the book can be ordered from Amazon and all leading book shops.



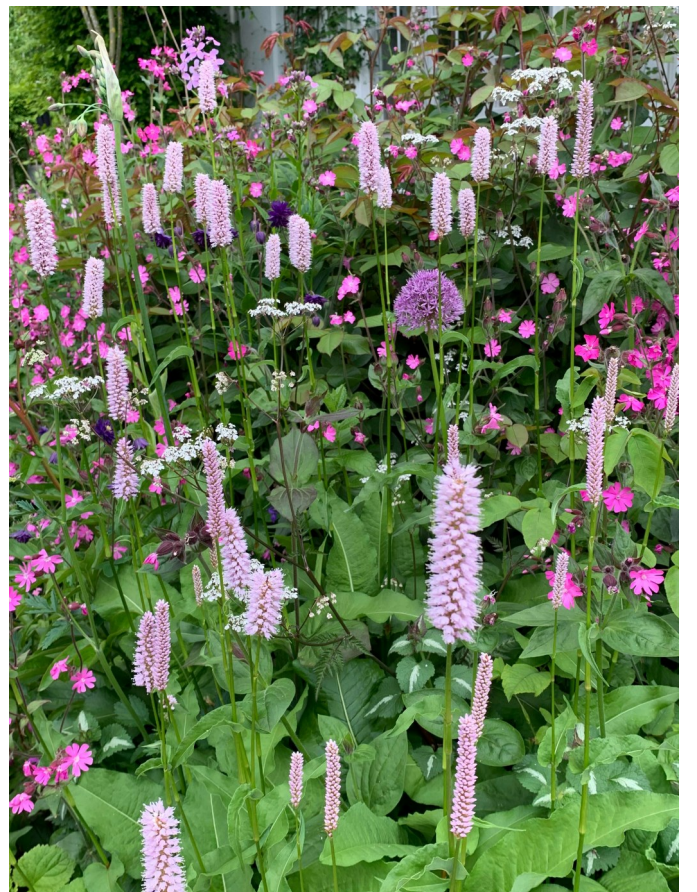
Claus Dalby : Visit to his garden in Denmark

Back in June I had the great pleasure and honour of being invited to visit Claus Dalby and his private garden in Aarhus. Claus and his partner lives in a stately house built in 1908 from materials remaining from the building of Marselisborg Palace (the summer residence of the Danish Queen). The garden takes the very best from famous British gardens, such as Hidcote and Sissinghurst, and mixes it with Claus' genius, hygge, style and maximalist planting. A truly "Anglo-Danish" fairytale garden in the middle of Denmark.

The garden is normally not open for the public but you can follow Claus Dalby on Instagram and YouTube.

You can also buy products specially selected by Claus Dalby on www.clausdalby.dk

Palle Baggesgaard Pedersen



Council News : Lone Britt Christensen

**LONE BRITT CHRISTENSEN, CULTURAL ATTACHÉ –
CELEBRATING 25 YEARS AT THE DANISH EMBASSY**



Lone has been an ex-officio member of the Anglo-Danish Society council since 2006, representing the Danish Embassy and advising and informing the council on a wide variety of cultural activities in London and the UK.

Back in 1996 Lone started as an intern at the embassy and was appointed Cultural and Press Officer in 1997. By then, she had completed her MA in English and Economics at University of Southern Denmark and Trinity College, University College Dublin. In 2006 Lone took up the position of Head of Section, Press and Cultural Attaché. It was at the time when Denmark attracted a

lot of media attention due to the Danish cartoon crisis. Since 2012 Lone has solely been focusing on 'soft diplomacy' as the Cultural Attaché.

Over the years Lone has been involved in a number of high-profile cultural collaborations for the embassy and for The Anglo-Danish Society. Events include Vilhelm Hammershøi and New Carlsberg Glyptotek exhibitions at the Royal Academy, Christen Købke at the National Gallery, Superflex, Olafur Eliasson and Per Kirkeby at Tate Modern and Elmgreen and Dragset at Serpentine, V&A and Whitechapel Gallery.

Striving to connect Danish artists and arts organisations in a UK context and looking for opportunities within the arts, she has initiated and taken the lead on larger projects over the years. They include a year-long project on Nordic Matters at the Southbank Centre in collaboration with the Nordic Council of Ministers, new cultural partnerships with the Arts Council of England between the cities of Manchester, Aalborg and Aarhus and more recently also between York, Bradford and Viborg.

This autumn, a new book will be published on the architecture and art at the Embassy of Denmark, which was designed by Arne Jacobsen. The book will be published by The Danish Architectural Press (Arkitektens Forlag) and includes newly commissioned photographs of the embassy and articles by scholars and academics.

Whenever the Queen of Denmark is on a private visit to London, Lone is responsible for the cultural programme for HM as well as for visiting delegations from the Danish Parliament's Cultural Committee, the Minister for Culture and other officials.

We congratulate Lone on her quarter century anniversary at the embassy and are extremely grateful for her continued work for The Anglo-Danish Society.

New Ambassador

From September, Denmark's new Ambassador to the UK will be René Rosager Dinesen whose previous posting was as Ambassador to Austria with additional responsibility for Slovakia, Albania and Kosovo. René Dinesen was previously Ambassador to South Africa and Afghanistan.

We welcome His Excellency and his wife Camilla Follin Dinesen and their two daughters.



EMBASSY OF DENMARK

Council News

PETER DAVIS OBE : VICE-CHAIR RETIRES

After 7 years on council, Peter has retired from his role as Vice-Chair. Peter's role was less about being in the limelight and more about supporting others, which he has done brilliantly. He developed a close working relationship with myself and my predecessor, Christian Williams, and could always be relied on to provide sound and sensible advice or be a useful sounding board when listening to a range of 'good' ideas being suggested by the Council! He contributed much to council with sage advice, particularly about updates for our constitution. He took the minutes of our meetings, something I know that he will not miss! He has a strong commitment to the Society and Denmark, is a regular contributor to the newsletter and loves to attend events. He arranged a wonderful visit to the Houses of Parliament with a tour of the Palace of Westminster and afternoon tea overlooking the River Thames. We are grateful for his years of service to our society and to the council and wish him all the best and good health for the future.

Wayne Harber, Chairman

BETTE PETERSEN BROYD : HON. SECRETARY RETIRES

Bette joined council in 2015 and has since served as Honorary Secretary, Event Manager and Editor. From 1. September, when this her last newsletter is published, Bette retires in order to concentrate on her other volunteer role as Chair of Council at The Danish Church in London. Bette has agreed to continue as external A-DS Social Media Editor for the time being.



NEW COUNCIL MEMBER : WILLIAM SCOTT

William (Bill) is a consultant orthopaedic surgeon, and worked at Greenwich District Hospital/Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Woolwich where he was appointed in 1985. At the QE he was senior orthopaedic surgeon, and for two years medical director. Bill retired from the health service in 2011 but continued working privately at Blackheath Hospital and at the same time joined Bromley Medical Chambers LLP as company secretary. The LLP provides expert medical reports for the legal profession. In March 2022 the partnership dissolved on retirement of the partners.

Bill is a member of the Royal Automobile Club, the Morgan Sports Car Club and is a liveryman in the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries.

Council News : Certificate of Merit

PALLE BAGGESGAARD-PEDERSEN WINS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

This year, a Certificate of Merit was awarded to a member of The Anglo-Danish Society for the first time. Chairman Wayne Harber introduced the award as one which will be given to someone who has made a special and sustained effort in support of our society. No one deserves it more than Palle. He has devoted many hours to publishing our newsletters in both digital and printed versions from basic Word documents and posts regular updates on our website. Palle has an eye for design. He is creative and cares about how our presentations appear to our readers.

Palle has served on council for 'a lifetime' and has performed many different roles, both when still manager at KFUK and since his retirement. We are grateful for all he continues to do for A-DS.



Arne Jacobsen's Favourite Building

JAMES BENNETT FROM ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE OXFORD WRITES:

We are told that St Catherine's College, Oxford, was Arne Jacobsen's favourite amongst all the buildings he designed. Pevsner, when writing about the College in his 1974 Oxfordshire, described it as a "perfect piece of architecture". High praise indeed. St Catherine's is an architectural masterpiece but the College is a great deal more than that. It represents the beginning of a new phase in university architecture in the United Kingdom, demonstrating the humane and democratic values of the 1960s expansion of university education to a wider social group than previously had access to tertiary education. It does this in the guise of a stunning example of European modernism with Danish roots.

The choice of Arne Jacobsen was controversial. Lord Bullock, the founding Master of the College, in an unpublished paper "On being a client" wrote "playing safe was much more likely to arouse criticism than striking out in a new direction". Appointing Arne was not playing safe. There is a letter to the Times which complained that the appointment was the greatest insult to English architecture since the choice of William of Sens to build Canterbury Cathedral in the 1170s.

There is an interesting and unexpected background to the choice of Arne Jacobsen. Again, from Alan Bullock, reflecting on his trip to Denmark to look at the work of possible architects following a visit to Munkegaard School. "I have never seen a school more perfectly fitted – in its scale, in the use of materials and colour, and the planting of its courtyards – to make children feel at home. From the moment I walked into Munkegaard School, I felt convinced that after nearly two years of looking we had found the architect we wanted".

St Catherine's is a veritable treasure-house of, and showcase for, Danish design. Arne Jacobsen, working



with Fritz Hansen, specially designed furniture for student bedrooms and public spaces. Both the Junior and Senior Common Rooms are fitted with Series 3300 chairs and sofas – those in the Senior Common Room date back to the 1960s and still sit exactly as Arne Jacobsen arranged them. Louis Poulsen produced lighting for the tables in the dining hall. The College was fortunate to benefit from being supplied with products designed by Jacobsen for his other projects. Silver cutlery produced by Michelsen for the SAS Hotel used at our High Table; steel cutlery, now produced by Georg Jensen; items from the Stelton Cylinda line range; taps by Vola; fabrics from Kvadrat; door handles now supplied by d line.

The design of the College, now in 2022 after 60 years of accommodating students, shows that the decisions of the architect and his clients were well-made. It serves its purpose as well now as it did in the early 1960s. This was due to the close working relationship that developed between Bullock – who knew what was needed in terms of the functions of a college and Jacobsen – who knew how to order space and the materials that go together to make the perfect architecture to house those activities.

Photos: Daniel Hopkinson

Arne Jacobsen Conference, Oxford

ARNE JACOBSEN AND ST CATHERINE'S
COLLEGE OXFORD

A CONFERENCE AT ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD
SATURDAY 27 AUGUST 2022

On Saturday 27 August 2022, the College will be hosting a one-day conference in celebration of the 60th anniversary of its opening. The conference will focus on Arne Jacobsen's work at St Catherine's both in its 1960s context and as seen in the present-day from the perspectives of both the UK and Denmark.

Central to the day's talks will be an opportunity to hear from the members of Arne Jacobsen's studio about their work with the architect and their own roles in the design and construction of the College.

The event will provide an opportunity to see demonstrations of the College's work to digitise, and make publicly available its collection of Jacobsen's drawings.

The day will close with a gala dinner in the College Hall and a night's stay in College. Opportunities to join guided tours of the College buildings and grounds (including parts not normally open to the general public) will be open the following morning, Sunday 28 August 2022.

Day only tickets for the conference are also available.

For the full programme and a link to a booking form please go to:

www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/arne-jacobsen-and-catz-conference



St Catherine's
College Oxford



AGM and Ambassador's Reception

In May, close to 80 members signed up for the popular double event at the Danish Embassy. After an hour of society business at the meeting, Ambassador Lars Thuesen welcomed HRH The Duchess of Gloucester, members and scholars to the reception at his official residence.

HRH met all nine scholars present and took time to gain an insight into the lives of both the British and Danish students and their respective postgraduate studies. Chairman Wayne Harber wished The Ambassador good luck with his new posting in Dublin and gave him a couple of humorous presents to help introduce him into his new life in Ireland. The Duchess of Gloucester presented the first Certificate of Merit for services to The Anglo-Danish Society to Palle Baggesgaard Pedersen. She then gave a heartfelt speech before meeting many of the members present.



AGM and Ambassador's Reception



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Thank you : Platinum Concert at the Palace

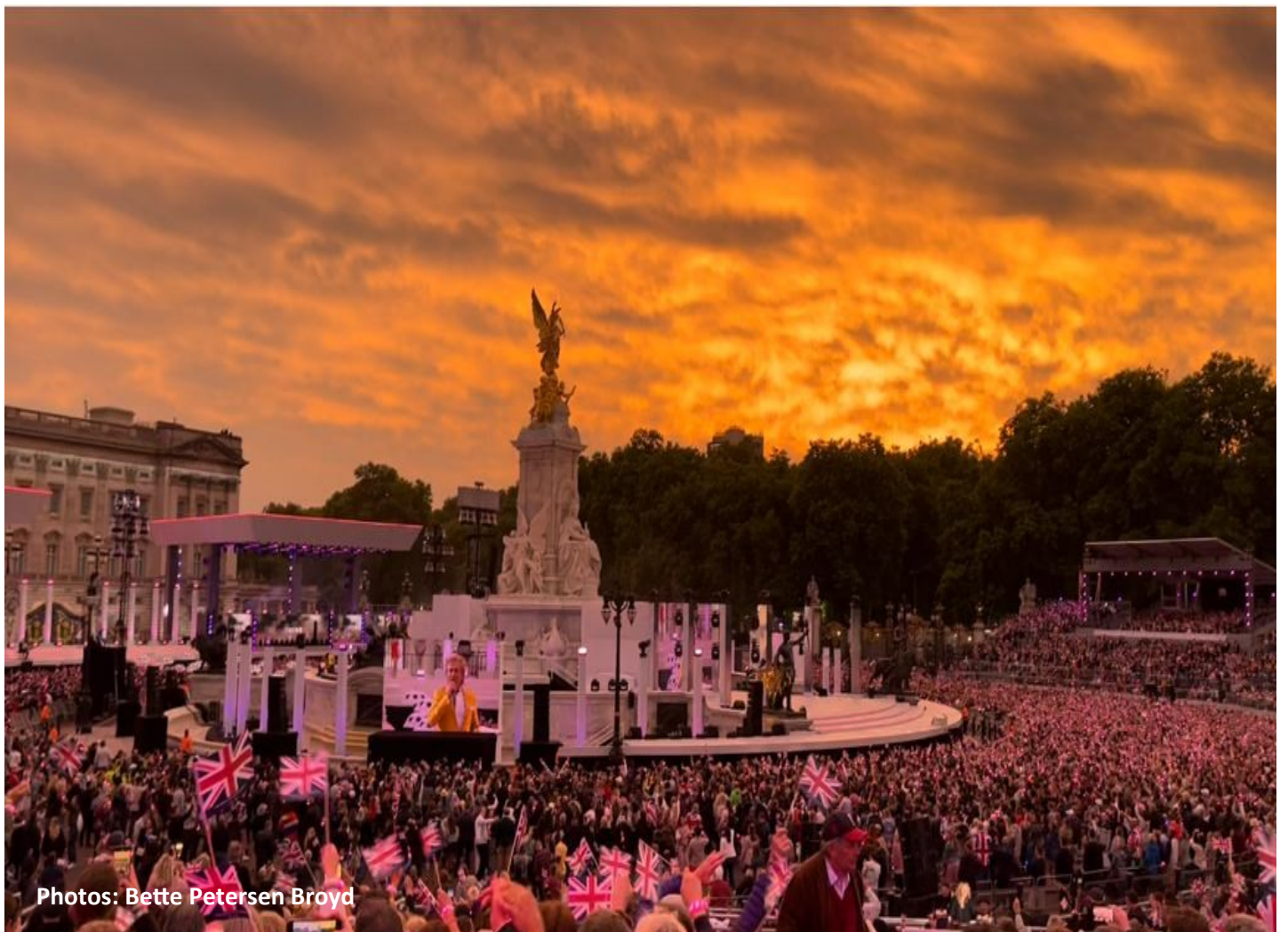
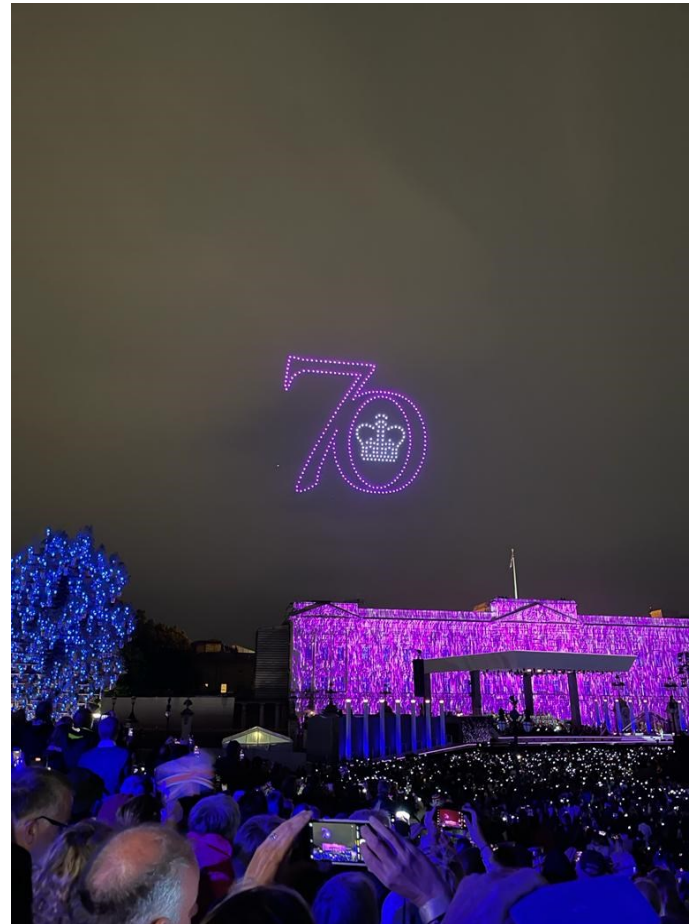
A THANK YOU FROM AND TO THE DUCHESS OF GLOUCESTER

Within days of the Ambassador's Reception, Chairman Wayne Harber received not just a sincere thank you letter from The Duchess of Gloucester for the enjoyable reception, but also two seated tickets for the 'Platinum Concert at the Palace'. The tickets were for someone in The Anglo-Danish Society and their guest. Wayne offered the tickets to me, for which I am very grateful.

The event was remarkable. Every aspect was superb, from the management of the vast number of spectators to the stages cleverly erected in front of Buckingham Palace, the floral arrangements, Tree of Trees and spectacular lighting effects involving projections on to the palace and drone-led pictorial fireworks. The endearing opening surprise sketch, where The Queen had afternoon tea with Paddington Bear, is probably the most re-watched YouTube clip from the evening, despite a string of superstars also performing.

Thank you to The Duchess for providing access to such a wonderful experience.

Bette Petersen Broyd



Photos: Bette Petersen Broyd

They shall never be forgotten

COMMUNITY FUNDING FOR A MEMORIAL IN REMEMBRANCE OF DANES WHO HAVE FALLEN IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR COUNTRY.

The Danish community in London are coming together to erect a memorial in remembrance of the Danes who have fallen in the service of their country.

To celebrate their lives and their memory, and to commemorate both civilians and military service personnel, The Anglo-Danish Society, The Danish Church in London, The Danish Royal Guards Association, and the Danish-UK Association will together erect a memorial in the grounds of the Danish Church in London.

The memorial is a stone, approximately 1.5 meters tall and made from granite. The stone will be erected in the garden of the Danish Church in London at a cost of approximately £12,500.

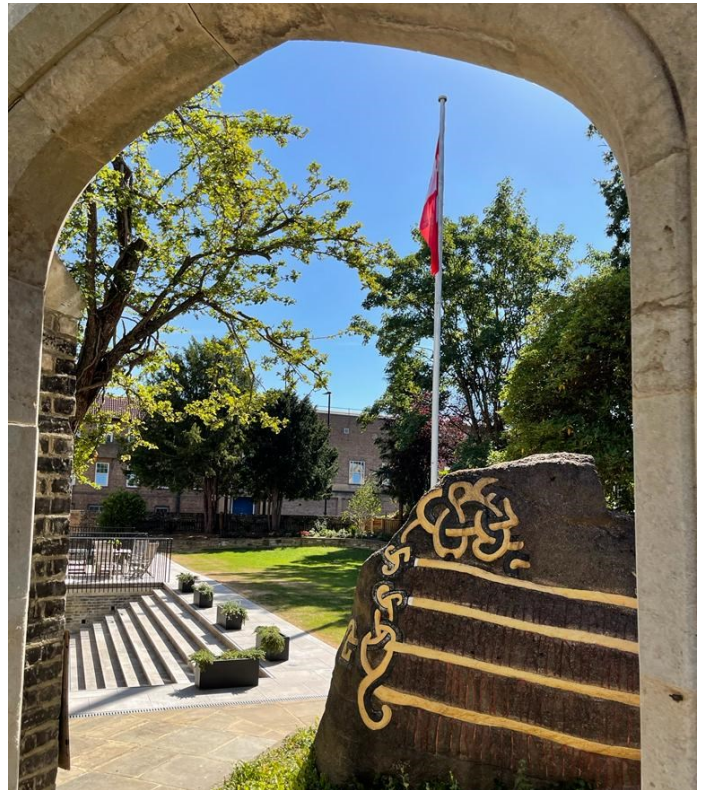
We now need your support to buy and erect the memorial. Funds have already been pledged, and in the typical community spirit we are all known for, we welcome any support big or small.

We anticipate revealing the memorial on a Sunday near 5th May, Denmark's Liberation Day, with a Church service, and it is intended that this will become an annual event. More to follow on that.

Please make a donation – just click the link and give generously today.

Note!

Any surplus funds raised will be used for maintenance of the stone, the launch event in May 2023 and, if there is more left, then we will make a donation to a veteran's charity in Denmark.



PRACTICAL DETAILS:

The Donation will be made via the Danish Church's website or by bank transfer and qualifies for Gift Aid, if you are a UK taxpayer. Donating through Gift Aid means charities like the Church can claim an extra 25p for every £1 you give.

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AS FOLLOWS:

Online: <https://event.it/danskekirkelondon/mindesten>

Or By bank transfer:

DANSKE BANK i London
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4 St Katharine's Precinct
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It is recommended for transfers from ABROAD:
Make transfer in £ Sterling
Add the name and address of The Danish Church in London, 4 St Katharine's Precinct, London NW1 4HH

Any queries to kirke@danskekirke.org



Dinner & Concert at Drapers' Hall



Once again, the annual dinner and concert at the magnificent Drapers' Hall was a great success. Sixty members and guests enjoyed a convivial dinner with wines, coffee and petits fours. The musical programme performed in the concert hall by musicians from the Royal College of Music was mainly of Russian music and remarkably impressive. George Harlione, who has won numerous accolades and international awards, played Prokofiev - Piano Sonata no 2. The pace and virtuosity made it appear as if several pianos were being played at once.

Photos: Bill Hallett



Dinner & Concert at Drapers' Hall



Inns of Courts Walking Tour

On a gloriously sunny April day the sell-out tour of the serene surroundings of the Inns of Court in London could not have been bettered. We learnt so much about the traditions and workings of this unfamiliar world – at least to those of us who have so far had no dealings with the law! The beautiful courtyards, colourful floral displays and wrought ironwork enhanced the wealth of information from our tour guide Grethe Hauge, who also revealed the many quirky traditions and customs associated with the legal tenants and the courts. The Old Bank of England Pub in Fleet Street for the after-tour debriefing and re-tanking was just the perfect end to a great event.



Photos: Bette Petersen Broyd

Danish Christmas Market in Hampstead



Why not experience traditional DANISH CHRISTMAS HYGGE!

For two days The Danish YWCA's big Victorian villa in Hampstead will be turned into a 'smorgasbord' of all the best Denmark can offer. The perfect chance for curious Londoners to add lots of Danish flavours to their Christmas celebrations by stocking up on Danish Christmas goodies and decorations.



There will even be an authentic Danish hot-dog stall. In the restaurant you can buy original Danish open sandwiches and there will of course also be Æbleskiver and Gløgg to keep you warm. At the many gift stalls you can treat yourself or a loved one to a Danish design classic.



A great day out with the Danes and lots of HYGGE GUARANTEED!

Saturday, 26th November from 11am till 5pm
Sunday, 27th November from 11am till 4pm

Entrance: £2

DANISH CHRISTMAS MARKET
THE DANISH YWCA
43 MARESFIELD GARDENS
LONDON NW3 5TF

Nearest tube: Finchley Road or Hampstead.
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Great Dane Reunion



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GREAT DANE

ANGLO-DANISH SOCIETY STUDENT SECTION REUNION

In 1951, when The Anglo-Danish Society had been running for 27 years, a Student Section of the society was formed. It became a subsidiary club for Brits and Danes under the age of 30. For many years, Territorial Army Headquarters in 56 Davies Street was the regular Tuesday evening meeting place where the bar was open, the disco and live music blaring and where many Anglo-Danish relationships were formed. Most Danes were either au-pairs or students at the Købmandsskole in Ealing. It was often said, very non-PC, that the reason the Brits were there, mostly men, was because, "The club has the cheapest beer and the prettiest girls in all of London."

In the 1970s, the club was renamed 'Great Dane', to get around the longwinded title of 'The Anglo-Danish Society Student Section'. A 'Great Dane Handball Team' was formed, introducing UK youngsters to handball. The game took off and the team is still in existence though no longer connected to A-DS.

The club's 25th anniversary in 1976 was a disco-party-reception for 90 people+ on HMS Belfast, moored in the Thames. Every Easter the club arranged a 10-day mini-bus trip to Scotland, as well as trips to Oxford, Cambridge, Brighton, Land's End and Mayday trips to Padstow.

Sadly, the IRA bomb threats meant that the club could no longer safely stay on the army premises and so a number of years as 'nomads' ensued. Every Tuesday members met at The Albany Pub by Great Portland Street, then The Danish Club in Knightsbridge and many other places across London till one day, in the eighties, the club folded.

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ANGLO-DANISH SOCIETY-STUDENT SECTION
anglo-danish club
56 Davies Street, London W1

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CHRISTMAS DINNER
12th December 1981

In Denmark, on an occasion like this, it is traditional to have a song where everybody joins in.
The tune to the song overleaf is "She was poor but she was honest".
Voluntary lead singers are most welcome!



vi mødes hver tirsdag fra kl 20 til kl 23 ★★★★★

ADMISSION CHARGES: Before 20.30: After 20.30:

MEMBERSHIP: MEMBERS WITHOUT THEIR CARD WILL BE CHARGED THE GUEST ENTRANCE FEE

There are plans to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the club's formation **on Tuesday 15th November 2022**, with an informal gathering at a pub in Central London. All former members interested to learn more or to connect with friends and acquaintances from their 'wayward youth', please contact either or both of the following former club council members:

Bette Petersen Broyd bettebroyd@gmail.com

Susanne Salling susanne@salling.co.uk

We will be in touch with further information nearer the time via Email and Facebook.



Danish Royal Jubilee

DANISH ROYAL JUBILEE EXPEDITION TERMINATES IN AARHUS

One way to mark the jubilee of HM Queen Margrethe's 50 years on the throne this year was to take the royal yacht Dannebrog on a summer cruise to many towns and ports around Denmark. The royal yacht Dannebrog also marked its own jubilee, as it is 90 years ago that the royal ensign was first raised on the royal yacht. For nine decades the yacht has sailed as both official and private residence for Christian X, Frederik IX and now for Margrethe II.



Aarhus Harbour was the last stop on the jubilee tour. When Her Majesty disembarked, there were further celebrations ahead: a Michelin starred lunch on top of an as yet unfinished skyscraper by the harbour, a horse drawn carriage procession with 50 royal guard riders, and several outdoor parties. Aarhus welcomed the Queen, who again took up residence at Marselisborg Castle where she often stays for extended periods, particularly over Christmas and Easter. Every day during her residence at Marselisborg, there is a daily Life Guards' changing of the guard at the palace.

To mark the jubilee, four benefactors from Aarhus gave 40 million kroner to the Queen as a present



towards a thorough renovation of the palace to secure its future as a royal residence and a public park whenever the royal family are not in residence. The park contains many pieces of art alongside the extensive rose garden and trees. The palace itself needs a new copper roof, new spires and windows as well as energy friendly updating. The building of the palace started originally in 1899



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Why spanish soldiers fortified Langeland

In 1807 after the British had besieged and bombed Copenhagen, Denmark was firmly an ally of the French Emperor Napoleon, as indeed was Spain. Napoleon needed both these countries to enforce his Continental System, denying Britain access to European markets for trade.

Napoleon asked for and got a Spanish division of 15,000 troops, infantry, cavalry and artillery, to be sent to the Baltic to resist invasion by British forces. The Division's commander was the 46-year old Pedro, Marques de La Romana. The Spanish division arrived in its winter quarters around Hamburg in November 1807.

In March 1808 the Spanish troops entered Denmark with the regiment dispersed around the country. Unlike in their home country, their pay was generous and regular as were their rations. After some initial caution they struck up friendly relations with the local Danes. Using a little German and some mime, both sides made themselves understood. They got on well, but the Danes did worry about fire risk from the Spaniards chain smoking cigarettes. During the cold winter it is said that the shivering Spaniards accidentally burnt down Koldinghus Castle on 30th March.

Back in Spain there were worrying developments. Napoleon had pressured the Spanish Royal family into abdicating. There was a huge uprising in Madrid on 2nd May during which many French and Spanish troops were killed. Napoleon put his elder brother Joseph on the Spanish throne, which was deeply unpopular.

Back in Denmark, Spanish officers noticed their letters from home were being censored, but the bad news from Madrid did get back to them.

The Corps commander, French Marshal Bernadotte (later to become the Crown Prince of Sweden), in



mid-June wrote to the Marques de La Romana, insisting that all Spanish troops must take an oath of loyalty to their new King Joseph Bonaparte.

De La Romana was evasive and his troops were close to rebellion. Meanwhile, a Spanish officer had gone aboard a Royal Navy ship HMS Edgar near Nyborg and suggested that the Navy evacuate Spanish troops from Langeland and sail them back to Spain.

In great secrecy De La Romana issued orders for his regiments spread out over Denmark to head for Langeland and secure the port of Nyborg. The excuse being they were to come together to take the oath. The Spanish soldiers disarmed the few Danish and French soldiers stationed on Langeland and prepared defences. Sixty-five ships, some of them captured from the Danes under the command of Rear Admiral Keats, embarked the Marques de La Romana and 10,000 of his soldiers by the 11th August. The other 5,000 were unable to reach Langeland and were disarmed by the French and Danes.

The French had been completely fooled, there was no bloodshed and the Royal Navy sailed de La Romana and his soldiers to Santander in Spain where they fought against the French alongside British and Portuguese soldiers to liberate Spain.

By Peter Davis



The Anglo-Danish Society

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