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## Letter from the Chaplain

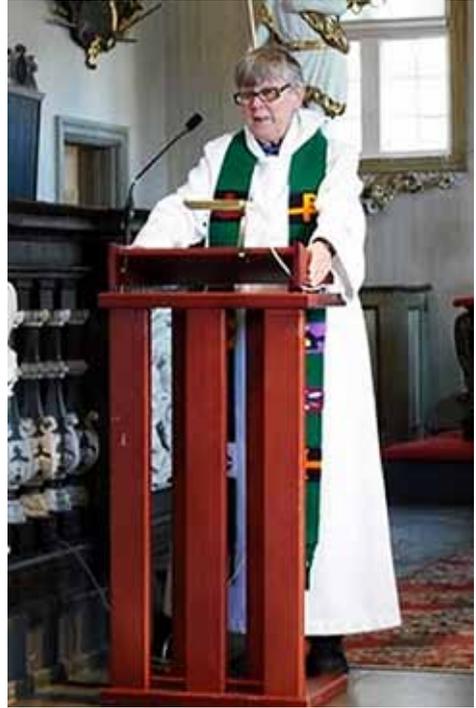
When I was chosen to represent the clergy of the Archdeaconry (that's the Nordic and Baltic Deanery plus Germany), I became a member of four different committees. Fortunately they all met during the course of one and a half days in London, and mostly consisted of the same people.

On the previous evening, the Friends of the Diocese at their annual Eucharist said goodbye to Bishop Geoffrey, who was presented with an icon of the Saints of Europe – see the picture on the next page.

The meeting itself started as The Bishop's Council, which consists of three members of each of the seven Archdeaconries – the Archdeacon, one priest and one lay person, the last two being chosen from those who have been elected to diocesan synod – plus the bishops, the Diocesan Secretary, and the Chair of the Board of Finance. Other diocesan staff were there, too, taking notes, collecting expenses forms, and in the case of the Registrar, leading us through the intricacies of legal documents.

As The Bishop's Council, we discussed three major concerns: how the diocese would operate between Bishop Geoffrey's retirement and the appointment of a new Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe; the failure of the Church Commissioners to give the Diocese a grant sufficient for the appointment of "free-standing Archdeacons" (i.e. those who are not also Chaplains, and so could give full time to their Archdiaconal duties, including leadership of mission initiatives in their areas); and the training of clergy, other staff, and volunteers to enable them to carry out the diocesan policy for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

After lunch, the members with the exception of the Archdeacons and Bishop Geoffrey reassembled as the Vacancy in See Commit-



tee, reviewing the process for appointing the next bishop and discussing what qualities we should like to see in him. (It cannot be "her", as even if the current proposals for women bishops go through, the procedure will not be completed in time for this appointment.) The Vacancy in See Committee meets again at the end of November for a 24-hour meeting at Novotel, Schipol Airport, Amsterdam. I wonder why, when I had to change in Amsterdam to get to London in time for the farewell service, I shall have to change at Frankfurt in order to get to Amsterdam for that meeting.

After tea, the Archdeacons returned and we became the Directors of the Diocesan Board of Finance. Here again, a main theme was the small grant from the Church Commissioners, which seemed to become

smaller every time we looked at it. As a consequence, the meeting was less boring than the title suggested.

The second day began with a Eucharist, at which the retiring Archdeacon of Gibraltar, David Sutch, preached a brilliant sermon on the text "Stay here with the donkey" (Genesis 22:5), based on one he heard as a young curate when both his vicar and his fellow-curate were about to leave for new jobs, leaving him in charge of the parish. This was now the position of the diocese on the retirement of Bishop Geoffrey and himself. Bishop David took his designation as "the donkey" with his customary good-humour, while relishing the Archdeacon's reference to the important roles that donkeys played in the Bible.

We returned to being the Bishop's Council for the discussion on safeguarding. One positive feature is that much of the training will be by a computer-based package, allowing people to study at their own pace and in their own homes. It might even be quite fun. Clergy, youth workers and some other lead-

ers will probably need to attend courses, and the cost of providing these could be considerable.

After a very brief consideration of Any Other Business, most of which had come from the Nordic and Baltic Synod and was withdrawn by the proposers as it had been covered elsewhere, we underwent our final metamorphosis and became the Standing Committee of Diocesan Synod. Here, the major item was planning next year's synod. There was general enthusiasm for a focus on the theme of Migration in Europe, and possible speakers were suggested. Right at the end, I made a suggestion which proved to be very unpopular: in view of the lavish German catering traditionally provided at the Cardinal Schutte Haus, might not fruit be substituted for cream cakes at the tea break? We then adjourned for lunch, and enjoyed both fruit and cream cakes, before dispersing to the various corners of the diocese.

Barbara Moss



**Our Vision for St Andrew's as decided at the AGM:**

*Seeking God's will through  
prayer and worship, outreach, and nurturing community*

# Services: September — November

Unless otherwise stated, there is a service of Parish Communion at 11.00 on Sundays, and any other details refer to this service. For further information, Sunday School, etc please see our web-site.

## **DECEMBER 1**, Advent Family Communion

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Heather Wray

## **DECEMBER 8**, Advent 2, Peace and Justice

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Gillian Thylander

## **DECEMBER 15**, Advent 3

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Paul Greer

## **DECEMBER 18**, Wednesday

18.00 Nine Lessons and Carols

## **DECEMBER 20**, Friday

16.00 Carols Round the Crib

## **DECEMBER 22**, Advent 4

Parish Communion with Baptism

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Amelia Delmendo-Bock

18.00 Nine Lessons and Carols

## **DECEMBER 25**

Christmas Family Communion

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Barbara Moss

## **DECEMBER 29**, First of Christmas

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Cecilia Klevedal

## **JANUARY 5**

Epiphany Family Communion with Baptism

LA: Gisela Barnard, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Ron Jones

## **JANUARY 12**, First of Epiphany

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Ivy Lee Leung

## **JANUARY 19**, Second of Epiphany

LA: Alan Taylor, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Ann Gustafsson

## **JANUARY 26**, Third of Epiphany

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Alan Taylor

## **FEBRUARY 2**,

09.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Candlemass Family Service with Per Eckerdal, Bishop of Gothenburg

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Jeanette Munro

Followed by lunch and Auction of Time, Talents and Treasures (in church)

## **FEBRUARY 9**, Fourth before Lent

LA: Gisela Barnard, Alan Taylor

Prayers: Opeoluwa Adebayo-Omolade

## **FEBRUARY 16**, Third before Lent

LA: Alan Taylor, Ann Gustafsson

Prayers: Gisela Barnard

## **FEBRUARY 23**, Second before Lent

LA: Ann Gustafsson, Gisela Barnard

Prayers: Keith Barnard

## **MARCH 2**, Next before Lent

09.30 Holy Communion

11.00 Family Service

## **MARCH 5**, Ash Wednesday

## **MARCH 7**, Women's World Day of Prayer

### **Weekday Services**

Morning Prayer, Monday to Friday, 8.00, except December 30-January 3 and as notified on the home page.

Onsdagsmässan/Midweek Mass, Wednesdays 19.30, on December 4 and weekly from January 15



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## Harvest Festival



*A very enjoyable occasion with Charity's children, Happiness, Blessing and Praise, Victor and Promise singing and also Jeanette, Gabriella and Magdalena taking part*

## The International Service at the German Church



*The congregations of the foreign lutheran (and anglican) churches in Gothenburg gather as usual each year on United Nations Sunday. This is an event we all look forward to.*

## All Saints Day



*Douglas Abbås playing beautifully for us as he also did at the Harvest Festival*



*Simbi, Odutola, Seyi and Seun Osho receive a blessing as they prepare to leave us and move to Stockholm*

## ...more at Harvest Festival



*Ron and Emma Jones reading the parts of God and the Devil*

## Concerts



*This autumn we have had four very good lunchtime concerts with a variety of musicians and instruments including harp and recorders. The last one was a quartet of three recorders and a guitar. Some of the pieces required also vocals. This last group very generously donated the entrance money which normally goes to the musicians, to St Andrew's, very worth while since the concert had been well attended.*

## Church cleaning



*Our ladies are enjoying a well earned break during church cleaning for St Andrew's Day*

A Farewell letter from our Bishop:

## AD CLERUM

On this, the last day of my ministry as Bishop in Europe, I write to you - and through you to all the chaplaincies of the Diocese - to thank you for your love, prayer and support over the twelve years I have been privileged to serve you as your Bishop. In particular I must thank all of you who so generously subscribed to the marvellous ikon of Our Lady with the Patron Saints of Europe, which was presented to me at the Eucharist at St Margaret's, Westminster, on October 23rd. This Ikon is a wonderful and generous gift, ('written' by my former pupil, Ian Knowles, who runs the Bethlehem Ikon School), which was hallowed by Archbishop Gregorios of Thyateira and Great Britain. Archbishop Gregorios represented the Ecumenical Patriarch at my enthronement in Gibraltar Cathedral on All Saints' Day, 2001, and is a long-standing friend. It was very good that he could be there at the end of my ministry in the Diocese in Europe as well as at the beginning.

I have been deeply touched by the many greetings, gifts and messages of goodwill that I have received as I leave my responsibilities as Bishop in Europe - but not my responsibilities and calling as a Bishop in the Church of God - and I thank each and every one of you for them all. As I will continue to pray for you, so I ask that you will continue to remember me in my prayers for this new phase of my ministry. Pray also for Bishop David as he takes pastoral care of the Diocese during the Vacancy-in-See, and for those who will have the responsibility under God of choosing my successor as Diocesan Bishop.

Following the wonderful celebration in St Margaret's was an equally special Eucharist on All Saints' Day in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Gibraltar. In both churches my episcopal ministry in the Diocese began - St Margaret's for my Commissioning on St Luke's Day, 2001, and Gibraltar

for my enthronement on All Saints' Day. As T. S. Eliot wrote in the *Four Quartets* - *In my beginning is my end and no less in my end is my beginning.* As Eliot also wrote: *The hint half guessed, the gift half understood is Incarnation.* And so:

*With the drawing of this Love and the voice of this Calling*

*We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.*

We live in changing and challenging times, which demand of each and all of us a deep faithfulness in our Christian discipleship, and a waiting on God in prayer. We need to go deep if we are to speak the truth of God about the meaning and purpose of our human lives, and resist the glib attractions of a superficial secularism. Be assured - God holds us deeply and securely in His love and care. As the Psalmist reminds us: *Fret not yourself because of the ungodly. The temptation of fretfulness is all too easy, and there is too much fretting in the Church today. In quietness and confidence shall be your strength. The Lord Jesus encouraged His disciples on the eve of His Passion with the promise of His peace. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you, not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

*And so, as I bid you farewell.*

May the peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ Our Lord, and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you, always. Go, therefore, in that Peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.

*+ Geoffrey Emberlin.*

*Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe,  
8th November, 2013*

# Christmas Appeal

This year, 50% of the collections at our Carol Services will go to support "Drömmarnas Hus", a home providing support, therapy, education and job training to vulnerable teenage girls in Moldova.

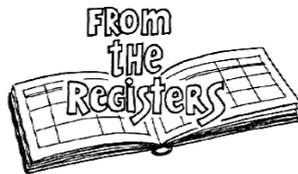
Moldova is the poorest country in Europe, with huge problems with unemployment and hopelessness. Those who can, move abroad to find work which in many cases leads to trafficking and slavery. With this home we want to give teenage girls a better future.

**"Drömmarnas hus"** is operated by a Moldovan aid organisation called Beginning of life. They have a big prevention program work-

ing against trafficking, a home for girls exposed to trafficking and a big social aid work among vulnerable groups in society. Their homepage is [www.bol.md](http://www.bol.md). The organisation behind the work here in Sweden is Reningsborg. All the financial support and legal issues around this project is operated by Reningsborg.

Reningsborg is a christian, non- profit aid organisation based in Gothenburg. Our aim is to help and support people in difficult situations, both in Sweden and abroad, and try to create a better environment and a meaningful existence for these people. We start and support activities that generates work, for instance second hand shops. We also work with preemptive efforts that counteract homelessness, unemployment, drug addiction and poverty. [www.reningsborg.se](http://www.reningsborg.se)

You can help! You find more information on [www.drömmarnashus.nu](http://www.drömmarnashus.nu) or at <http://www.facebook.com/DrommarnasHus>. Cissi Glitvik, one of the university chaplains is a member of a group from Gothenburg providing funding for the home, and she will be giving the appeal at our carol services on December 18 and 22.



## Funerals

17 October 2013

KARIN FRANSSON (*Kristina Ayode's grandmother*),  
aged 101, at S:t Jörgens kapell, Varberg.

## **Christmas Carols**

Nine Lessons and Carols  
18 and 22 December, 18.00  
Carols round the crib:  
20 December, 16.00

+  
Hakarp Church:  
Nine Lessons and Carols  
Sunday 8 December, 18.00

## **Epiphany and Candlemas**

Seasonal services with a family flavour, remembering how, as a baby, Jesus was recognized as king and messiah.

**Epiphany: Sunday January 5**  
**Candlemas: Sunday February 2**

At our Candlemas service we have a special guest, Bishop Per Eckerdal.

## **Midweek Mass**

A short simple service popular with students, with bible reading and songs in English and Swedish, adjourning afterwards to a local café, on the following Wednesdays at 19.30.

**December 4, then every week from January 15.**

## **Auction of**

# **T-T-T**

## **Time, Talents and Treasures**

In church, after our Candlemas Family Service on Sunday 2 February.

What can you offer?

What do you need?

## **Concerts**

The next lunchtime concerts will be at 12.15 on 13 and 20 December  
**13 Dec Francisco Javier Martin**  
**20 Dec Leander Franke**

Future concerts will be advertised on our web site.

## **Pilgrimage Walks**

One Saturday a month.  
7 December - Brännö  
18 January - Delsjö  
15 or 22 February - Gunnebo

Please see our web site or Email [st.andrews.got@telia.com](mailto:st.andrews.got@telia.com) for details.

The walks may be cancelled if fewer than 4 people register in advance; such cancellations will be announced on the web site, and by email to those who have registered.

# ❖ This is our Church

## – a progress report for the Church Magazine

*“seeking God’s will through prayer and worship, outreach, and nurturing community”*

We began 2013 with the intention of launching a Stewardship Campaign. The Church Committee studied a pamphlet on the Church of England “Giving for Life” project, and got as far as the first question: “Do you have a clear statement of the church’s mission and vision, and have you shared it with the wider congregation?” and the comment “People give more generously where there is a clear vision – it helps to stimulate enthusiasm and joy in giving. If you don’t have a plan or vision, writing one should be your first priority.”

We therefore organized a Vision Workshop, and were fortunate in having Andrew Wingate as facilitator. The workshop produced a draft Vision Statement, which was then submitted to the Annual Meeting, accepted in modified form, and printed in subsequent issues of the magazine and church pewslips. The next stage was to look for some goals to work on during the next year, aiming at one goal in each section: upwards (prayer and worship); outwards (outreach); and inwards (nurturing community).

There was already enthusiasm for more services “like the International Service”, and our goal for the year in the Prayer and Worship area was to introduce more special services with musical contributions by children and adults. The first was our Harvest Festival service, with Douglas Abbås on the violin accompanied by Peter Hansen on the piano, Magdalena Peterson on the clarinet, and a lively action song from the Ezeilo family. After this, the traditional Harvest Auction went with a swing. The second, in a more serious mode, was our service for the All Saints / All

Souls weekend, when we issued a special invitation for those involved in funerals over the year, read out the names of those members of the congregation, family, and friends who had died, and lit candles. Again, Douglas Abbås and Peter Hansen provided musical interludes.

As a first step in the outreach area, we decided that we needed to make the church better known, and distributed cards to the Information Centre in Domkyrkan and to a number of hotels, and libraries.

Following previous discussions in the project, we identified the need to improve our listening skills, if we are to grow as a nurturing community and to prepare our younger members to take on pastoral responsibilities as the need arises. We are planning a workshop on Listening Skills, to be held on Saturday March 22 and led by Anna-Stina Ponsford, a former member of and occasional visitor to our congregation who has generously offered to do this for us.

*Barbara Moss*



*All God’s gifts - the altar at Harvest*

## In Memoriam



**INGRID SVEDENLUND** was born in was born in 1915, and died on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2013. Ingrid was a much loved regular member of St Andrew's Ladies' Guild, in which she acted as treasurer for many years. She represented the Guild on the St Andrew's Church Committee for many years.

Ingrid grew up in Annedal, the eldest child in a family with three children – two younger brothers. She attended the Flickläroverket (Gothenburg Girls High School) and planned to become a gym teacher. Ingrid's great interest was in dancing and gymnastics, so after passing her Higher School Certificate, she moved to Stockholm to study at the College of Physical Education (GCI). Unfortunately Ingrid suffered from a heart problem so she changed to the physically less strenuous training to be a dance teacher. She enjoyed her training in Stockholm where the pupils received free passes to the Opera and Concert Hall! She took part in revues and dance tours. She was a member of the Swedish gymnastic dance team at the Berlin Olympic Games in 1936. She was in the front row of the team of 600 dancers, and she reported that she saw a small man with a moustache on the grandstand!

After passing her dancing exams in 1939, Ingrid worked in Stockholm for a short while, but with the advent of war she returned to Gothenburg where she had planned to start

a dancing school, but this seemed to be too big a risk in the uncertain times. She learned to type and took a job at Göteborgs Bank. She was also the leader of the Kvinnliga Gymnastikföreningen Rytmik på Fritiden – (The Womens Gymnastics Association's – Leisure Rhythmics). This group was invited to tour on Gotland. Ingrid met her husband to be – Börje Svedenlund – as a result of this tour. They were married in 1946 and lived in Guldheden, with their two sons – Gunnar and Bertil. Some years after her husband's death in 1987, she moved to Kortedala to be near to her son Bertil and his family.

Ingrid became a member of the St Andrew's Ladies' Guild. She regularly attended church services in St. Andrew's and took part in events such as the annual bazaar and the St. Andrew's Day Lunch. She was very fond of crocheting and gave regular items to be sold at the bazaar or luncheon. Ingrid was very interested in Saint Birgitta and became a member of the Societas Sanctae Birgittae. She made regular visits to Vadstena. As a member of the Society she met Pope John Paul II in Rome – a visit that Ingrid remembered with great pleasure.

The members of the Ladies' Guild remember Ingrid, with her amusing stories and recollections, with great affection.

*Nancy Fjällbrant*

## Peace and Justice Sunday

As you may remember, the theme of the Sunday nearest to HUMAN RIGHTS DAY - December 10<sup>th</sup> - is peace and justice. This is remembered in our hymns, and we have an opportunity to buy candles and cards in support of Amnesty International. (AI). Formerly we also signed letters to various governments regarding prisoners of conscience – so-called urgent actions. In recent years, we have had a chance to send greetings to specially selected prisoners of conscience at this time of year.

The activities on Peace and Justice Sunday are a relatively small effort to maintain St. Andrew's connection with AI, which started back in March 1987, when we formed the local English-speaking group (Group 343) after as many as 21 expressed an interest in doing so. The chairman was the late John Ashton, OBE.

We not only worked with a series of case files, originating in countries as far apart as South Korea, Malawi, Greece, Chile and Colombia, were engaged in various national campaigns, such as the one against the death penalty and the one protesting against the crushing of the peaceful demonstrators for democracy on Tianamen Square in Beijing. We had to go out in the streets with our orange bands and collecting tins at regular intervals, find objects to sell at the annual bazaar and attend local district meetings.

I would like to mention some particular events that we organised and can be proud of. The first was an exhibition at the City Library, entitled LIBERTY IS A PRECIOUS THING, which lasted 10 days and involved not only setting up displays but evenings with poetry readings by members of the University English Department. We had to take all our loose chairs from church for the audience!

In connection with our file on the Disap-

peared in Chile during the Pinochet regime, we displayed the pictures we had of these poor people all along the church fence outside while collecting money in the form of a "mile of pennies". On Ai's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May 1991 we planted a cherry tree in the church garden in memory of the disappeared, an idea put forward by our old friend Claire Elmquist. Prayers were led by the Rev Graeme Hancocks and Diana Hall played her viola. Those attending included members of the immigrant Chilean association, who have since held their own meetings in the garden and in church on several occasions.

Once we had a visit from Colombia, a country infamous for its drug barons, murders and kidnappings, and torn by terrible internal conflicts for the past 50 years. Their spokeswoman of the group was a brave young lawyer trying to defend the land rights of farmers in one remote area.



*Our tree of remembrance for the lost prisoners in Chile*

Amnesty's current campaign leading up to HR Day is called "SKRIV FÖR FRIHET". I have already done so and would encourage you to write to [nyhetsbrev@amnesty.se](mailto:nyhetsbrev@amnesty.se). You will receive all the information you could possibly

require about the reasons for supporting this worthy organisation, and what it is working for in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It's even on Facebook!!

Well met on December 8<sup>th</sup>! The coffee money that Sunday usually goes to AI by the way. Would anyone like to bake some "lussekatter"?

*Gillian Thylander,*

*former secretary to Group 343.*

## **What next?**

The terrible typhoon that has hit the Philippines in the past week should be yet another reminder that that we are not paying due attention to the principle of SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. I find it very sad that every preschool child in Sweden seems to be more aware of his/her responsibilities as a world citizen than all the men prospecting for oil off the coast of Brazil, under the Arctic ice cap (what's left of it) and elsewhere.

There are reports of many new ideas to save energy, buying local produce, reclaiming waste land by cooperative efforts, supporting individual enterprises of all kinds, but the land-hungry, for example, will go on destroying the ancient and essential rain forests to grow oil palms, maize and soya beans for the international market unless we can find some alternative sources of income for them. And I recently saw a TV programme called The new rulers of Africa, the Chinese, who are making sure that they have access to fuel, minerals and agricultural land to support their enormous population.

On a recent trip to Canada I met a Danish business man who was to attend a conference on oil exploration. The findings of oil shale over there have caused Canadians to abandon their environmental aims in favour of, among other things, providing jobs for many unemployed in other parts of the country. With the devastation of thousands of acres of land as a result. To my comment

that we should not open up new oil fields at all, he said "That would be disastrous"! What do YOU think?

You have probably read or seen about the Greenpeace action against oil drilling in the Arctic. Here is a protest that AI will deliver to the Russian Embassy in Stockholm. You can either copy it and send it yourself or email [nyhetsbrev@amnesty.se](mailto:nyhetsbrev@amnesty.se), which will give you more information.

*His Excellency Mr Igor Neverov*

*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary*

*Embassy of the Russian Federation*

*Gjörwellsgatan 31*

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*Your Excellency,*

*In writing to Your Excellency we would like to express our deep concern regarding the piracy and "hooliganism" charges brought against crew members at the Greenpeace ship Arctic Sunrise. They were engaged in a by all accounts peaceful protest concerning the Arctic drilling near Prirazlomnaya. The ship was boarded in international waters by Russian security forces leading to credible allegations of an excessive use of force during their detention, and these allegations must be investigated.*

*The charges against the activists must be dropped, as under Russia's Criminal Code hooliganism charges can only be brought against those using weapons to commit gross violations of public order or on the grounds of hatred for a particular racial, ethnic, religious or social group. Furthermore, under the Russian Criminal Code, piracy can only be committed against a vessel such as a ship or an aircraft, and not an oil platform, and only applies when seeking with violence or threats for private ends - not to a peaceful protest. The Arctic 30 activists must be released immediately and the authorities must halt the ill-founded attempts to criminally prosecute them. Respectfully,*



# 2013 Bookfair event at St Andrew's

At St Andrew's 2013 Book Fair event on the evening of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September we were lucky to have a presentation by a new author **Niel Bushnell** of his first book – **Sorrowline**.

**Niel Bushnell** was born in Hartlepool, in the North East of England. When he was ten years old he made a long list of things that he hoped to achieve later in life. One of his main ambitions “*lodged between becoming an astronaut and drawing comics for a living, was to write a novel.*” At St Andrew's Niel showed us photos and a short film of industrial Hartlepool with its beautiful countryside surroundings.

Niel began his career collaborating with a school friend, Gordon Fraser to create a comic strip **The Funny Farm**, which ran for 18 months in the **Hartlepool Mail**. In 2002, Niel Bushnell and his wife Diana, established their own animation studio – **Quirios Entertainment** –. They produced animation series for commercials and received TV credits for **Hyperactive, Spooks, Tracy Beaker Returns** and **the Dumping Ground**. Later **Quirios** merged with **Dene Films**, a Newcastle-on-Tyne production company where Niel Bushnell is the Animation Director. Neil worked as an animator on several feature films, and computer games – including **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone**.

Niel, who had written for most of his life, began work on his first novel **Sorrowline** in 2009. He submitted the first 30 pages to the **2011 Northern Writers Awards**, an annual event organised by **New Writing North**, a development agency for creative writing and reading, based first in Durham and later moved to Newcastle-on-Tyne. He won a **Writers Award** which helped him to secure a two-book publishing award with Andersen Press in the United Kingdom, Heyne in Germany and Pensamento-Cultrix in Brasil.

## Sorrowline

Niel's first book **Sorrowline** is aimed at children from 10 years upwards.

Niel has said that the idea for the book first came to him when he started to research his own family tree. “I was spending a lot of time looking at death certificates and wandering through graveyards, imagining what life must have been like for my ancestors, when the idea came to me.”

**Jack Morrow**, a 12-year-old-boy living in war-torn London, discovers an incredible family secret: he is a Yard Boy! (Yard Boy is short for “Graveyard Boy”). A Yard Boy is someone who has the capability to travel through sorrowlines, paths that connect gravestones with the date of a person's death. Jack is tempted into an adventure beyond anything he can imagine. As he travels through sorrowlines, he finds himself in London in 1940, with his “teenage grandfather” - Davey. Davey is a not a yard boy, but a kind of artful dodger who lived on his wits. Jack is not limited to travel in the 1940s; he also visits the east end of London in the early 1830s. Jack's arrival in the past alerts evil forces. Rouland, a vile and dangerous man, is searching for the same prize as Jack. Rouland will not allow anything get in his way. Will Jack succeed?

The past is not a frozen place. Graveyards are not dead ends. If the **Sorrowline** lets you in, there is a hidden world of adventure waiting behind every gravestone. The methods of transport in the “underworld” are exciting and sometimes quite scary with attacking demons etc.

*I must confess to reading Sorrowline in under a day.*

## Something to look forward to

In February 2013 it was announced that Niel Bushnell would be Co-Producer of two animated episodes of the **Doctor Who Story** – the Ice Warriors.

**Timesmith** - Book Two of the Timesmith Chronicles, is the sequel to Niel's debut novel, *Sorrowline*, and is due out in March 2014. Both books are published in the UK by Andersen Press. This book is about the continuing feud between Jack Morrow and the wicked Rouland. Niel told us that a third book is planned and in the pipeline, thus creating a trilogy.

## Maybe you too could write a book!

Those of you who are interested in genealogy may well find that this leads to writing a book, as for example Inger Jarland-Olofsson describing the fascinating history of one of Gothenburg's best known shops with a history of nearly 150 years in her book *Glashandel i generationer*.

## New Writing North

**New Writing North** is the writing development agency for the north of England, and opened in 1996. Based in Newcastle upon Tyne and originally working across the North East only, in 2012 New Writing North joined Arts Council England's National Portfolio Organisations and now works on selected projects across the Greater North.

New Writing North works with writers to develop career opportunities, new commissions, projects, residencies, publications and live events.

They work in partnership with a broad range of organisations, universities, local authorities, regional development agencies, sponsors and media producers to develop opportunities for writers and readers in their region.

## Projects

Since 2012, New Writing North has focused on four main areas of work, with year-round activity to offer writers of working across all forms as well as readers. One-off projects are interspersed with these four ongoing ones:

### Cuckoo Young Writers

Year-round activity for young writers in the North East, with four publications a year of *Cuckoo Quarterly*. [www.cuckooquarterly.com](http://www.cuckooquarterly.com)

### Durham Book Festival

Taking place yearly in the autumn, this is the biggest book festival in the North East and attracts a large number of new and established authors to the region for events in beautiful historic locations including Durham Town Hall and Durham Cathedral.

[www.durhambookfestival.com](http://www.durhambookfestival.com)

### Northern Writers' Awards

There is an annual awards scheme which gives £40,000 in prize money to new and emerging writers to develop their work towards publication. The awards also offer the opportunity for writers to get support, feedback, financial grants and networking and career development opportunities. The awards are open across the north of England.

[www.northernwritersawards.com](http://www.northernwritersawards.com)

### Read Regional

There is an annual promotional campaign for published authors in the region to raise their profile and work with libraries to reach new audiences and develop their careers. Read Regional currently takes place across the North East, Yorkshire and Humberside, with a view to expanding to the North West in the near future. [www.readregional.com](http://www.readregional.com)

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# Nobel Prize Winner 2013

## Alice Munro

Alice Munro, the well-known Canadian short-story writer, has won the 2013 Nobel Prize in Literature. She is a delightful writer who writes in English, often about life in a Canadian small town, set in her native Huron County in south-western Ontario, where she grew up.

Alice Munro has written 14 collections of short stories. She has won the Canadian Governor General's Award for fiction three times and the Man Booker International Prize in 2009.

I first read *Lives of Girls and Women*, published in 1971, some years ago when I studied *Commonwealth Literature*. Now I have re-read it with great pleasure and this might be a good book to start with. I went on to reading *The Beggar Maid. Stories of Flo and Rosa*. This book has just been reprinted in a Swedish edition called *Tiggarflickan*.

When watching the TV program about

Alice Munro being awarded the Nobel Prize, there was a scene showing a bookshop and I had the feeling that I had been there. My husband Tore and I have visited Canada many times and when I opened my copy of *Friend of my Youth* published in 1990, out fell a bookmark "MUNRO'S BOOKS" Victoria, B.C. so my copy was bought at the shop opened by Alice Munro's first husband James Munro. In 1963, the couple moved to Victoria, where they opened Munro's Books.

I can really recommend Alice Munro's books, which give a picture of life in various parts of Canada. She presents the struggles and experiences of a young girl growing up in a small town and her moving to study in a larger city or another part of Canada. Munro subtly captures and presents the feelings of growing up, love and work and relationships.

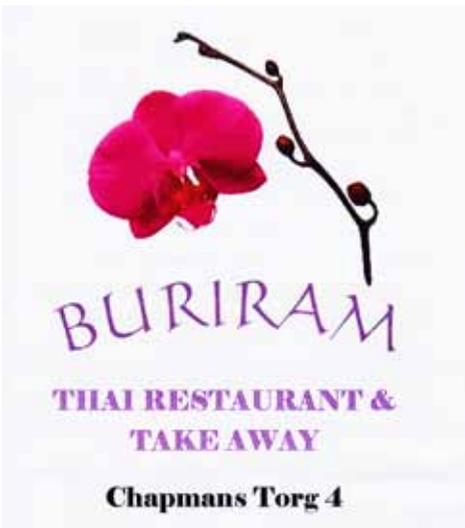
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is now on-line: [www.angloswedish.se](http://www.angloswedish.se)

Members of St. Andrew's community are invited to apply for membership of the British Club.

Membership is open to all British and Commonwealth citizens and spouses of citizens and others with strong British connections.



[www.britishclub.se](http://www.britishclub.se)

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The annual fee per family is 100.00 SEK. Anyone interested should contact Gisela Barnard (031 147101) or Monica Edholm (031 293040)



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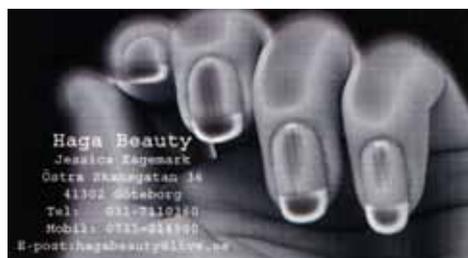


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