

We have had an exciting and cultural year in the Anglo-Swedish Society. A new committee was appointed at the **AGM** in February 2016, followed by our annual Chalmers lecture. This year we invited Anders Backman to talk about the Icebreaker ship Oden.

During the year we continued to focus attention on **membership** through our webpage (www.angloswedish.se), and via Facebook ([facebook.com/ AngloSwedishGothenburg](https://facebook.com/AngloSwedishGothenburg)). Our google.docs events booking page (<http://tinyurl.com/zpvmv9t>) continues to be popular.

ANZAC day and Remembrance Day 2015 were **commemorated** by laying wreaths on the war graves. We continued the tradition of laying wreaths jointly at the British and Commonwealth and the German War Grave Sections at Kviberg Cemetery, Gothenburg. Following the memorial services Jane and Dan Sten Olsson were host to a reception at the Stena family office.

We actively supported live **English language theatre** events in Gothenburg throughout the year. We saw a play by John Wright entitled *Sugar Daddy*, performed by Musicalia. GEST performances of *The Events* and *These Halcyon Days*. *Three Funny Interactions of Human Behaviour* by the Gothenburg Drama Group, and *The Cripple of Inishmaan* by Craic Theatre Productions .

We organised a “**Meet-up and mingle**” in the park in the summer together with the British club. We attended a **talk** by Carl Ek at Redbergsteatern on “Det brittiska Göteborg”. We celebrated the **400th anniversary of Shakespeare** by watching *Shakespears dotter* at Landvetters kulturhus; visiting *Hamlet 360* at Gothenburg Opera; and by staging an evening entitled: ‘*To Be or Not to Be Shakespeare*’. This Not Quite a Cèilidh tradition is our main event of the year and we had over 50 members attending; the audience played Shakespeare Bingo to see which plays Shakespeare wrote.

The **NTLive** theatre performances at Bio Roy (www.facebook.com/NTLiveKlubben) were attended by approx. 12 people at each show. We continue to have good support from Bio Roy on Avenyn, Göteborg, who offer members a discount. In 2016 we saw the following plays:

- *A Winter's Tale*
- *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*
- *As you Like It*
- *Romeo and Juliet*
- *Hamlet*
- *Three Penny Opera*
- *Frankenstein*
- *The Entertainer*

We have also continued to support the **ELB(A) book club**, which attracted a number of young people via the social networking site Meetup (<http://www.meetup.com/ELBexA/>).

We finished the year with our traditional evening of **Christmas carols** at Restaurant Solrosen in Haga. This is an especially pleasant evening for spreading Christmas cheer with English and Swedish Christmas carols. The English Church Choir was in good form and we thank them and Gillian, the Choir Master.

We have continued our close **cooperation** with the British Club, the English Church and Business Region Gothenburg. The English Shop in Linnéstaden has helped to advertise the Society and provided the prizes for the Treasure Hunt in the summer.

This coming year (2017) looks like it will be equally exciting, The Not Quite a Cèilidh will celebrate the 1000th anniversary of ‘**The Royal wedding of 1017**’ of King Canute and Queen Emma and the start of period of Danish rule over England.