

Anglo-Swedish Society AGM

via Zoom Tuesday 30th March 2021

18:30 Start of the meeting

1. Election of Chairperson and Secretary for the meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. To receive and approve the minutes of the AGM 2020
4. To receive the Chairperson's Annual Report for 2020.
5. To receive and approve the Treasurer's Report for 2020.
6. To receive Auditor's statement 2020
7. To receive the membership secretary's report 2020
8. To agree the subscription fee for 2022 –keep at 150:- pa
9. To grant legal discharge to the Society's Officers.
10. Election of Officers and Committee Members for 2021

The following Officers & Committee Members submit for re-election:

- Chairperson - John Chaplin (also web master)
- Treasurer - Birger Ekengren (also membership secretary)
- Secretary - Caroline Ashcroft
- Members - Sheila Andersson, Sharon Abrahamson

Vacancies will be filled during the year at the discretion of Committee

11. To elect Hon. Auditor 2021 - Lars Björnerud to continue.
12. Any other business
13. Proposed Activities to be decided for the new Committee
 - Talks - Chalmers lectures / BREXIT
 - 100th Anniversary of the Society 2021 - /preparations
 - Carol singing evening Dec 2021
 - Book club - ELB(A) book club on Meetup site
 - Theatre visits -
 - Commemorative days- ANZAC Day / Remembrance day
 - Virtual treasure hunt in Slottsskogen - July

14. Close of AGM

ca. 19:00 'History and Activities of the London branch of the Anglo-Swedish Society' presented by Alexander Malmaeus, Chairman since 2009.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Tuesday 25 February 2020, 26 Haga Östergata Göteborg.

- # The meeting was opened at 19.00. (2020 time change) Apologies for absence accepted from: Sharon Abrahamson, Ingmar Heldsdörfer
- # John Chaplin elected as Chairperson and Caroline Ashcroft as Secretary for the meeting
- # The Agenda was approved as per the proposed agenda attached to the Notice of the AGM Previously distributed in accordance with the Club Statutes.
- # The Minutes of the previous AGM (Feb 2019) were read and approved.
- # The Chair person's Annual Report, received highlighting 2019 programme of Society activities.
- # The Treasurer's Report, received indicating a stable economy of SEK 45.030 and approved.
- # The Auditor's statement, presented in person by the auditor and was approved.
- # Membership secretary's report, received indicating a stable membership of 40 family memberships. The report was approved.
- #The subscription fee for 2021, agreed to remain at 150:- (fees are agreed one year in advance)
- # Legal discharge was given to the Society's Officers.
- # Keith Barnard will stand down from the committee from the date of the annual meeting. The Committee thanked Keith for his valuable contribution over the years.
- # The following Officers and Committee Members were re-elected for 2020
 - Chairperson - John Chaplin (also web master, newsletter editor)
 - Treasurer - Birger Ekengren (also membership secretary)
 - Secretary - Caroline Ashcroft
 - Members: Sheila Andersson, Tore Fjällbrant, Ingmar Heldsdörfer, Sharon Abrahamson
 - Membership of the committee remains open to applicants throughout the year.
- # Lars Börnerud was re-elected as an Honorary Auditor for 2020.
- # No other business was proposed.
- # Activities for 2020 proposed by the Committee
 - Talks: Chalmers Lecture, Brexit Information.
 - Social Event: Group Mingle in the Park summer event in Slottskogen 4th July 2020
 - 100th Anniversary of the Society 10th October 2020, Anniversary Committee initiated: location, sponsorship and guest list has been outlined (Royal invitation proposed).
 - Commemorative days of ANZAC Day, 25 April and Remembrance Day, November
 - Christmas party at Solrosen restaurant following the final Carol Service at St.Andrew's church in late December.
 - ELB(A) Book club continues with meetings approximately monthly
 - Continued support for live theatre performances in English as opportunities arise.
 - Daytime members meetup to be tested in the Antikhallarna during the year.
 - The Society has applied for the award of a Swedish Flag on the occasion of its 100th anniversary. To be awarded on June 6th if approved.
- # The Chair thanked the members of the Committee for their hard work during the year and the Meeting closed at 19:30.

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Chairperson's Annual Report for 2020

John Chaplin

30th March 2021

Membership: 50 families in Gothenburg.

Economy: stable, total net asset of approx. 40 000 kr

Communication with members: The webpage (www.angloswedish.se), and Facebook page ([facebook.com/ AngloSwedishGothenburg](https://facebook.com/AngloSwedishGothenburg)) continue to be the most active way for members and potential members to keep up-to-date with the activities of the Society. The newsletter was produced eight times during the year.

Activities:

Flag Day: On the occasion of our 100th anniversary we had the honour of receiving the Swedish Flag on Sweden's National Day. Unfortunately, due to Covid this was not at Skansen in Stockholm with the King. On this occasion, we accepted the flag on behalf of the Society from the Landshövding, Anders Danielsson, at Residenset in Gothenburg in a private ceremony on 6th June.



Fika: Several members had indicated that they would like to meet during the day for a chat, so in February we had a daytime 'fika' meetup in the café at Antikhallarna together with the British Club. Antikhallarna is an historic building, where the new British Shop is located, and it is an ideal spot for us to drop-in and fika. The idea was to make it a regular meeting. The first meeting was a success, but further meetings were not possible due to Covid restrictions.

ELB(A) book club continues to attract new members via the social networking site Meetup (<http://www.meetup.com/ELBexA/>). From April 2020, ELB(A) moved on-line and has continued to meet via Zoom every third Tuesday (except during the summer). Eight meetings were held during the year. Financial support for Zoom is received from Medborgarskolan in Gothenburg as a study circle.

Theatre: All theatre performances were cancelled due to Covid and NTLive theatre at BioRoy was not available during 2020. Members were encouraged to make use of the on-line showings of the plays that were arranged during the first half of 2020.

Commemorative days: A wreath was laid for ANZAC day by Honorary British Consul Lars Wiklund. On Remembrance Day (11 Nov) the Society was able to lay wreaths at the British and Commonwealth and the German war graves at Kviberg Cemetery. Due to the Covid situation there was no reception held afterwards.

Talks: # We joined the Gothenburg University Utrikespolitiska föreningen to learn about the UK's future relationship with Sweden from Judith Gough, the British Ambassador to Sweden.



Summer mingle in the park: It was not possible to hold this in 2020. Instead, a virtual treasure hunt was organised that could be completed at any time in the park or via the Internet. This proved to be very successful and we had several teams getting very high points. The number of steps up to the platform of the Utsikstornet proved to be difficult to find on the internet, but some determined members either found the opening times and climbed the steps themselves or wrote to Eva ("tornväktaren") and enquired.

Not Quite a Cèilidh was postponed this year in order to make way for the Centenary celebration, which was cancelled due to Covid.

Book Fair: We were hoping that, following last year's success with the 'meet the author – Helen Pankhurst' opportunity via the British council, we would be able to repeat the event during 2020. But again due to the Covid situation the Book Fair was on-line and considerably reduced.

Christmas carols evening at Solrosen: This usually follows the final St Andrew's carols service, but both had to be cancelled in 2020.

Cooperation: We have continued our close cooperation with the British Club, St. Andrew's Church, Business Region Gothenburg, The English Shop, CoScan and the Anglo-Swedish Society in London.

Arrangements for the 100th Anniversary of the Society

The Masonic Lodge in Brunnsparken has been booked and unbooked for the Centenary. At the beginning of the year we had finalised arrangements with the new owner of Golden Days regarding catering. We anticipate that the vaccine situation will still be unclear at the end 2021, which will prevent some people from attending the event. We would therefore prefer to wait another year so that the greatest possible number of people could attend our special event. Therefore, we have postponed the Centenary until 2022 (Centenary + 2).

Activities for 2021 are difficult to predict, but we know that we will be able to offer the following:

- Virtual event: Treasure hunt in Slottsskogen, starting July 2021
- Commemorative days: ANZAC in April and Remembrance Day in November
- ELB(A) book club will continue with meetings approximately monthly
- Christmas party at Solrosen restaurant will hopefully be possible in December, following the final carol service at St. Andrew's church.