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November 2015- April 2016

Newsletter

From

LiNC

and

**Gustaf Adolf
Nordic Congregation
in Liverpool**

Dear Readers,

Once again it is time for the newsletter from LiNC (Liverpool international Nordic Community Charity Company) and the Gustaf Adolf Nordic Congregation Company. The summer months are a less hectic time at the Nordic Church, many have holidays in the native countries, others take their breaks locally. The volunteers take time off when the church is closed during part-July and August, to unwind and gather strength for the autumn and winter.

The building has proved to be very popular for music events, there is hardly a week without some evening do, be it gigs or classical concerts. Part of this success is the fantastic sound there is in the church room, every choir singing there comments on it. Why not come and enjoy these events? We profit from it by selling refreshments before and during the events.

When we approached previous choirs in late spring regarding any knowledge about any choirs wanting to come here from Sweden to 'do the Lucia', leaders of one said straight away 'yes please, we loved it when we came in 2012' and they perform again in the cathedral on 12 December. You should know that choir members take time off work and pay for most costs: flights, hotel rooms, etc. We can only offer them a smallish sum, 10 beds and some meals.

So, do come and spend an hour or two listening to the beautiful music and watching the amazing procession in the dark cathedral! And if you miss it, join us at the church the next day for the equally beautiful singing of our parishioners.

If you are member/s of LiNC and/or the Congregation you should mark 15 November down for a visit to church: two AGMs in one go! And if you have not signed up to the charities yet, why not do it on the day? You are most welcome to attend, but with no voting rights at this meeting.

Dates to remember:

15 November LiNC and Gustaf Adolf Church Congregation AGMs; 21 November Christmas Fair; 12 December Lucia in the Cathedral; 13 December Parish Lucia.

**Report from Roger Metcalf,
Chairman of the LiNC Charity Company**

The summer is over and we are now preparing for our busiest time of year. I hope you all enjoyed yourselves over the summer, even if the weather was not exactly outstanding. The LiNC charity has been very busy over this period of time. Our wonderful volunteers have continued to keep the church open for our usual activities, coffee mornings, conducted tours, concerts, group activities and of course church services. I thank the volunteers very much for maintaining all this activity over the summer.

As promised in my previous report, we have converted the old sauna room into two new unisex showers and toilets. These new facilities are for the benefit of all our visitors and can be accessed by turning left at the bottom of the entrance stairs. The cost was higher than expected, due to problems we could not have anticipated with the flooring and drains. However, the additional excavation revealed that the lightning conductor from the spire had never been correctly installed, which has now been rectified.

If you have visited the church recently, you will have seen that we have vastly improved the food serving area. This has involved the purchase of three new serving cabinets, all generously paid for by the ladies craft group. We have also purchased a glass-fronted fridge to complete the facility and now store drinks and your favourite cakes in it. The problem with this job was how to remove the old half-size snooker table and for it to go to a good home. I am glad to say that the table became a gift to the Whitechapel Centre and they removed it at no cost to us. A major refurbishment of the coffee room floor was carried out at the same time. Thanks to Mette, Stan, Ole and Sylvia and all the members of the craft group involved in this project. We are also embarking on a new method of preparing the coffee mornings now with a rota of volunteers to staff all the kitchen work involved in this increasingly popular weekly event.

We have been informed that the building work on the development of the Heap's Mill area next to the church may well be starting in the early months of next year. This will include the construction of an eleven story block of flats right beside us on Cornhill Street. It is a major source of concern to us with regard to the safety of our Grade II* building. I am in contact with the managing director of the architect firm and will develop this contact to the construction engineers when they are known. In the meantime, LiNC has arranged for a new survey of our building to be carried out. This will be reported back to us soon. However, during the initial survey, comment was passed on how good the building looks inside. This is a result of the work carried out and paid for by your support through the charity. I am sure that it will be no surprise to you that the major area of concern for us is the church room itself and the state of the external stone work of the building. I will keep you informed on this matter. We are now starting to get ready for all our special events that lead us up to Christmas.

The Bazaar will be on Saturday 21 November, so volunteers to help will be much appreciated as will any items for sale. Lucia in the Cathedral will be held on Saturday 12 December, and a returning choir will sing for us. 'Till Glädje' visited us in 2012 and the leaders were very happy to return to us and Liverpool Cathedral. Then we will have our own Lucia celebration the day after, on Sunday 13 December, with our own home-grown singers. If you have a child or want to sing yourself, contact Cinna on cinnahughes@hotmail.com for practice times, etc.

As usual, thank you to all the people who so generously give their time to help out at all our events.

LiNC Charity Company Ltd

(Registration in England 8351592 Charity registration 1152041)

2016 Subscription form to renew or apply for membership

By becoming a paying member you have a right to vote in elections of

Directors at a general meeting and vote for any resolutions put forward by the directors. A third of the directors are elected or re-elected each year. You will get copies of the financial accounts and the Chairman's report. **We ask you to pay £25 for each person in the household per year**, this to reflect the costs of running and maintaining the building along with the costs of all activities.

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Stan Royden: CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2015

The Gustaf Adolf Nordic congregation company (for that is what we are) has at present 54 paying members. We are most grateful for their loyal support; without it we would be unable to function as a church, so if you are thinking of becoming a paying member, do have a word with our treasurer Harriet, or any member of the church council (see below).

This has been an interesting year, with visits from all the Nordic countries. Our first pastor-in-charge, Jo Jan Vandenheede, was formally inducted by Bishop Martin Lind on Sunday 26th April, having been in place since the end of January. As a result, we have had fewer visiting ministers than in previous years, although we are pleased that Kristina Andreasson from the Swedish church in London will be back for Advent Sunday, and also in January for "julgransplundring".

Services have functioned quite well, apart from the monthly family services, which have so far failed to attract many takers. More resources are needed here. We normally have no service on the third Sunday in the month, but have done so twice recently due to visits from choirs from Sweden and Norway respectively. Such visits are very uplifting. We had our harvest festival on Sunday 27th September. It was a great success, thanks to a lot of hard work by a few willing helpers, and a large number of items were donated to a local food-bank.

We look forward to hosting the congregation of the German Church on 1st November to mark Reformation Day. It is good that these exchanges have now become a tradition. Our Lucia festival on Sunday 13th December will be attended by our patron, Dame Lorna Muirhead, and her presence always seems to uplift the occasion. No doubt the Lucia choir will be getting into practice again soon.

Jo Jan has worked hard to produce bilingual communion service booklets. The Anglo-Swedish one is already up and running and the Norwegian one will be next. They have provision for sung liturgy, which has been missing for far too long. Jo Jan is mastering the mysteries of Swedish pronunciation – well done!

We have been asked by the Bishop Martin if we are prepared to host the synod next year (probably Saturday 16th April). We think it would be quite appropriate and have said yes. Phil Benzie remains our organist and is a model of reliability. We thank him for his musical input every Sunday.

Our musical duo "Nordic Scouse" with Mette on violin and Sylvia on guitar added considerably to the occasion at the Valborg and Midsommer celebrations.

There are always beautiful flowers on the altar and the person who arranges them and puts them there is Mette. Yet another reason to thank her.

Apart from the addition of our pastor, the church council is unchanged from last year: Helen Metcalf (secretary), Harriet Busby (treasurer), Robert Lee, Ulfar Norddahl and Katrine Vik. My thanks to all of them for their commitment and support.

Jo Jan has had some health problems, but he seems to be over them now and keen to continue his ministry among us. The church council has therefore asked the Lutheran Church in Great Britain to extend his contract with us to the end of next year. So we look forward to a second year with a pastor in charge. Let's all work together to make it a successful one!

**2016 Subscription form for membership of the
Gustaf Adolf Nordic Congregation Company**

at Gustaf Adolf Church, Liverpool

Company registration in England and Wales 7034654

As a member you have the right to vote at the congregation's AGM and elect the church council members/directors. This board decides on the activities and expenditures of the parish.

It has been decided that we should recommend a congregational membership fee of £25 per annum for each individual and you must be over 18 years of age. We are aware that you might not be able to pay as much but we do appreciate whatever you can contribute to the congregation.



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The Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 21 November, 12.00 – ca 3pm

As usual, the cafés will serve open sandwiches, hot dogs, cakes and beverages on 2 floors.



The Saturday ladies' handicraft group will sell their produce; downstairs the usual foods, decorations, glass and home-baked, vintage, etc, will be for sale and they have all a distinct Scandinavian style. Lotteries, raffles and glögg will be sold as well. All proceeds go to the upkeep of the church, of course, so be generous with your money!!

What is left of the merchandise can be bought until the Lucia celebrations, please do go down to the basement and have a look at what is on sale whenever you are in the building.

Anyone interested in joining the LiNC committee? We need fresh minds and bodies!

Talk to Roger.

Or joining the congregational committee? Talk to Stan

Members of LiNC Company and Gustaf Adolf Nordic Congregation Company

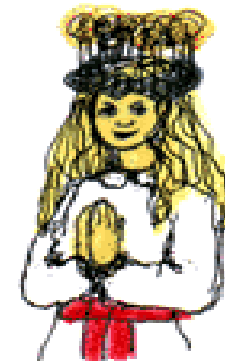
You have been called in a letter or email to the Annual General Meetings on 15 November at 12.00 and ca 12.30 respectively. If you can't come, please use your proxy vote form to participate in the elections, send it back to us by 11 November.

Can you come and help us out on the Christmas Bazaar day, 21 November?

We need help with cleaning, washing-up, lotteries and downstairs stalls between 11am and 4pm. Please contact Mette, Stan or Helen

Lucia service and concert will be performed in the

Anglican Cathedral by the returning choir 'Till Glädje' from Alingsås and Örebro.



We hope some 50+ will take part in the singing. The date is 12 December, at 6PM (please note the time). Admission £10, children under 12 free. Tickets available in church, Cathedral Gift shop and before the service.

The parish Lucia service will take place on Sunday 13 December, 5PM.

Admission £5, children under 12 free. Lussekatter and pepparkakor served.

All children and youngsters are invited to join the parish Lucia choir Contact Cinna on cinnahughes@hotmail.com for practice times, etc. All clothes, candles, etc, will be provided, if necessary.

Events for the Gustaf Adolf Nordic Church and Cultural Centre in Liverpool,

November 2015 - May 2016

Norwegian and Swedish language classes every Thursday evenings at 19.30.

Craft café/Knitting circle most Saturday morning at 11.00 -unless noted below.

November

11 Wed 10.45	Memorial service at Pier Head
11.30	Coffee morning
13 Fri 19.30	Linnea evening for Swedish-speaking ladies Info from Kicki
14 Sat 14.00	Finnish School
15 Sun 11.30	Short Service
12.00	LINC <u>AGM</u>
ca 12.30	Gustaf Adolf Nordic Congregation <u>AGM</u>
18 Wed	NO Coffee morning, bazaar preparations week
19 Thu	NO language classes
21 Sat 12.00-15.00	Christmas Bazaar
	Our traditional bazaar offers cafés on 2 floors with lovely open sandwiches and cakes. Handicraft items are also on sale. In the basement you can buy home-made cakes, Scandinavian food, Swedish glass, Christmas decorations and the popular Scandinavian vintage sale and a number of other things. ALL proceeds go to the up-keep of the church.
22 Sun	NO service
25 Wed 11.30	Coffee morning
28 Sat 14.00	Finnish school
29 Sun 11.30	1st Sunday of Advent
	Swedish Communion Service , led by Kristina Andreasson, lunch afterwards



December

2 Wed 11.30	Coffee morning
5/6 Sat 13.00	NO Craft Café
6 Sun	Finnish Independence celebrations and Finnish School
9 Wed 11.30	NO service
13.00	Coffee morning
12	Norwegian Service: Lessons and Carols
12 Sat 18.00/6pm!!!	NO Craft Café
	Lucia celebrations in the Anglican Cathedral
13 Sun 17.00/5pm!!	A Swedish choir from Alingsås and Örebro will sing in the service
	3rd Sunday of Advent: Lucia celebrations at Gustaf Adolf Church: The parish children and adult choir, £5.00 with coffee, lussekatt gingerbread. 100 seats available. Reserve seats by phone, please.
and	
16 Wed 11.30	Coffee morning
19 Sat	NO Craft Café
20 Sun 11.30	Service
23	NO coffee morning
24 Thu 12.00/12noon!!	Christmas Eve Service
	Gathering around the manger. Christmas ham and porridge served afterwards.



The church is closed until Wednesday 6 January

January 2016

6 Wed	Coffee morning
10 Sun 11.30	Swedish Communion Service , led by Kristina Andreasson
	Afterwards lunch and Julgransplundring for big and small children
13 Wed 11.30	Coffee morning
12.30	Norwegian service

15 Fri 19.30	
16 Sat 14.00	
17 Sun	
20 Wed 11.30	
23 Sat 18.00/6pm	

February

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27 Wed 11.30	

May

1 Sun 17.00/5pm!!	
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Linnea evening for Swedish-speaking ladies. Info from Kicki
Finnish school
NO service
Coffee morning
Post-Christmas Dinner
Salmon and pork served, Price £15.00, 50 seats available. Reserve beforehand, tell us your choice of fish or meat. Bring your own alcoholic drinks.



Communion service, lunch afterwards
Coffee morning
Finnish school
Family service, lunch afterwards

Coffee morning

Communion service, lunch afterwards

Coffee morning

Norwegian service

Finnish school

Communion service, lunch afterwards

Coffee morning

Linnea evening for Swedish-speaking ladies. Info from Kicki

NO service

Coffee morning

Finnish school

Family service, lunch afterwards

Coffee morning

Communion service, lunch afterwards.

Coffee morning

Norwegian service

Finnish school

Communion service, lunch afterwards

Coffee morning

Linnea evening for Swedish-speaking ladies. Contact Kicki

Finnish school

Palm Sunday service, lunch afterwards

Coffee morning

NO Craft Café

Easter Sunday service, lunch afterwards

NO coffee morning



Communion service, lunch afterwards

Coffee morning

Finnish school

Communion service, lunch afterwards

Coffee morning

Norwegian service

Linnea evening for Swedish-speaking ladies. Info from Kicki

Lutheran Church Synod (to be confirmed)

NO service

Coffee morning

Finnish school

Family service, lunch afterwards

Coffee morning

Short prayer service in the garden and Valborgsmässoafton

A Swedish welcome to Spring, Janssons and meatballs

Terry Ireland: Art and You

Many people love drawing, they doodle as they are on the telephone, they colour in shapes and they remember how, as children, they created vivid colourful illustrations which they presented proudly to their parents with joy. Sadly, life, family, school and the constraints of time and fear donated by impatient art teachers, often make them shy away from sketching or drawing.

There is a good illustration of this fear from a story about Winston Churchill who went on to become a really competent painter:

One day Winston was sitting in his large garden at Blenheim Palace for he had bought expensive oil paints, canvases and a really good quality easel, which he had set up in front of a beautiful red rose bush. Fear had smitten Winston, as he sat with a palette and a brush in hand. loaded with red paint, in front of the white canvas and he was literally paralysed. Just imagine his anger when luckily a young artist, who was a weekend guest, approached, looked at him and the canvas, grabbed his brush covered in red paint and made a great splatter in the middle of the canvas with the words 'Look at that, it is no longer white!'. Winston turned towards him furious, about to erupt as only he could, when he realised what the man meant and a big smile spread across his face. The young artist had made the difficult mark. Asking for his advice, Winston carried on to make his first oil painting, eventually becoming a quite competent oil painter.

Remember when you were a child, uninhibited by any art education, you used crayons and paint to make vivid, bold, colourful, expressive, basic illustrations to express on paper what you observed. Such work captured you in a trance of expression that you often have never experienced since.

Grayson Perry described his art as 'the inner shed where I go to lose myself...' To sit with a sketch pad by a river bank, at the sea's edge or even in a car park, you will find you lose yourself, free from everyday worries, into a different world. You learn by reading the odd book, practise and encouragement from friends, to make quite pleasing attempts to express yourself in lines and colour.

If you join a local art group, you will be welcomed and meet new friends with similar interests, eager to paint or sketch and also eager to help you. Buy a few blank cards and try making individual birthday cards. I am often requested to produce such things at short notice and, as they are delivered by hand, I design my own stamps for the envelope. It was astonishing to learn that a local friend had amassed a collection of some 30 envelopes, he commented 'I love these and they are never the same'. Eventually you may progress to produce a water-colour or an acrylic painting you frame and submit it for an exhibition and be surprised that someone buys it.

The great thing is that art is really enjoyable and everyone has a talent in some measure, even if only to copy an illustration. After all, art is only doodling with real purpose!

Some items that LiNC has paid for recently:

Sauna conversion to 2 toilets/shower rooms £9900, (part of long-term plans for a lift), lightning conductor £522, heating and boiler repairs £792, replacement dishwasher £2808, glass-fronted fridge £410. The Saturday Craft Group donated £2075 for three new serving units in the coffee room. The money comes from all handicraft items sold by the group and LiNC is very grateful for the donation.



Film club news:

Before each film, there will be the opportunity to sample a selection of Scandinavian snacks and drinks with the proceeds benefiting LiNC. Doors open at 7pm.

Bookings: 07766 309 209 or 0151 336 2176 (24hr answerphone). info@nordicfilmliverpool.co.uk

Monday 23 November, 7.45pm / Celebration drinks reception, 7.15pm

Hundraåringen som klev ut genom fönstret och försvann

(The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed Out of the Window and Disappeared)

Felix Herngren, Sweden, 2014

Despite having reached his 100th birthday, Allan Karlsson still has a sharp mind. Keen to avoid his party he climbs out of his bedroom window at his retirement home and begins an escapade which involves crime and many significant world events involving notable international figures.

Monday 7 December, 7.45pm: **Sibelius**, Timo Koivusalo, Finland, 2003

The definitive film about the musical and political conflicts in the life of Sibelius from the period of the 1890's from the iconic Finlandia suite through the turmoil of the breakaway from Russia in 1917 and the subsequent battle between the Reds and the Whites leading to Independence and the full flowering of his genius.

Monday 25 January 2016, 7.45pm; **Strákarnir okkar** (Eleven Men Out) Róbert I. Douglas, Iceland, 2005

Tracing the story of footballer Ottar Thor who comes out as gay to his teammates and the public. However, his revelation greatly disconcerts others and it isn't long before he is relegated to the club's bench. Deciding that there is no future in his current team he elects to play for a small amateur team where he stars. Now wanted by his previous team, Ottar is now faced with a dilemma – either stay in his new team or return to KR, his previous team, provided he renounces his sexuality.

Monday 29 February, 7.45pm: **Kapringen** (A Hijacking) Tobias Lindholm, Denmark, 2012

The cargo ship MV Rozen is heading for harbour when it is hijacked by Somali pirates. The crew are taken hostage with a ransom demanded for their release of a million dollars. So unfolds a psychological drama between the CEO of the shipping company and the Somali pirates.

Monday 28 March, 7.45pm: **Comédia Infantil** (Nelio's Story), Solveig Nordlund, Sweden, 1998

Based on the novel 'Chronicle of the Winds' the story is about Nelio, a young street child, who has learnt to survive the city by living on his wits. He is discovered wounded by a neighbour who had heard gunfire in the adjacent deserted theatre. Nelio then tells his own story and that of his friends.

Monday 25 April 7.45pm **Lotta**, Aku Louhimies, Finland, 2003

A moving drama involving three young idealistic young Finnish women who join the caring organisation in the mid 20th century only for their dreams to be shattered by new choices that have to be made in the conflict of war.

Monday 16 May, 7.45pm: **Blind**, Eskil Vogt, Norway, 2014

When schoolteacher Ingrid suddenly loses her sight to an undiagnosed genetic condition she resolves herself to spending her days trapped in her apartment with her overprotective husband. As she struggles to cope with everyday tasks her imagination takes over and she quickly becomes a slave to her darkest thoughts and desires.

Don't forget that we have hostel-styled accommodations at the church. There are 4 rooms with 10 beds in total. A simple self-served breakfast is also included for the price of £ 20/person/night. Email nordic.church.l-pool@hotmail.co.uk for enquiries.

Don't forget to sign the Gift Aid declaration on membership forms. We get an extra 25 p from every £1.00 donation.

If you donate items for sale for the bazaar, you can Gift Aid-declare the sum raised. Talk to Harriet

