

Newsletter

European IFYE Alumni Association

December 2011



National 4H Center 1961, Swedish IFYEs visiting

From all of us to all of you...

Exchange to the US in 1961

Overseas visitors to UK reunion

Norwegian IFYE meeting on the edge

European conference 2012

Scottish Christmas delight

Reunion for IFYEs to US 1966



Greetings from the President – Martyn Quayle

Since the last Newsletter, along with around 170 other Young Farmers' Ambassadors from all parts of the UK, we attended the 53rd Annual Reunion of the United Kingdom Young Farmers' Ambassadors which took place in Ewloe, Flintshire, North Wales. The weather for the weekend was superb, the hotel excellent and the programme organised for us by Huw Williams and his team was packed full of memorable and interesting visits and entertainment included a fantastic traditional Welsh Male Voice Choir who sang in the hotel bar long after their main performance had finished. It was great to meet up with so many old friends from the UK as well as quite a number of IFYE's who had come from the European Continent!



We are all well aware of the political and economic uncertainties around the world at present, which have led to changes of various Governments in the European Union. The Isle of Man has not been immune from change and we had our General Election on 29th September and unfortunately, I was one of 3 Ministers (out of 9 standing for re-election), who were unsuccessful on polling day.

However, I feel it has been an immense privilege and honour to have represented my constituents and the Isle of Man at the highest level, for 10 years, having twice been elected to our Parliament.

Now, there is time to reflect and hopefully identify a suitable new challenge!

In January, the IFYE Board will be meeting in Vienna, Austria staying at the home of a member of Gerhard Steinberger's family who are kindly moving out to let us take over the accommodation.

Later on in January, I have booked to go skiing for a week with some farming friends in Zermatt, Switzerland. We have skied there many times now and it's our favourite ski resort.

Sometime in the New Year, and before hopefully obtaining employment and settling down in a new job, I am planning to take a month or two off and arrange what could be described as a Presidential 'Grand Tour' of Europe and maybe have the opportunity to stay for a night or two with some of you in the various European Countries. Although it's quite ambitious, it seems to make sense to attempt this now rather than wait for some years until I retire!

The Isle of Man has had an unseasonable mild November and we have so far avoided the enormous amount of snow which we experienced this time last year.

As our thoughts turn to the end of this year, and all that Christmas and the New Year means, may I take this opportunity to send best wishes to you, your family and friends for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Martyn Quayle (Isle of Man)

PS - As I have changed my e-mail address, please delete the old one and replace with: martyn@martynquayle.im



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Greetings from the Editor

It's soon Christmas again and here is our Christmas gift to all our members: A Christmas edition of the Newsletter. Hopefully you'll have some time to enjoy reading it during the holiday....even if it's not that long I hope the days of Christmas is less stressful than normal and will give you time to look back on the year we are about to end, hopefully with lot of good memories.

In this Newsletter you can read about exchange to the US in 1961 and you can read more about next summer's conference in Kungälv. We have received news from around Europe; from Austria, YFA reunion in Wales and from the Norwegian mountains and there has been a reunion in the Netherlands for the IFYE's of 1966 to the US. A huge thank you to all the co writers in this edition!!

This summer as we shared great days in IFYEland, Norway suffered from a great tragedy with bombing of the government buildings in Oslo and the Massacre on the youth camp on Utøya island, killing 77 people and injuring more then 150 people, mostly teenagers. A lot have been said and more are to be told in the media about this tragedy. For us here in Norway it's constant headlines on the topic (and if there is no really news they make a headline out of something anyway). We are all affected in one way or another and as IFYE I'm very glad for the fantastic news that our member Kari Bjørke who works in the government buildings and was in her office at the time of the blast, was left with no injuries. She was fortunate that her office faced the back side of the building.

I want to share a poem from 1936 written by the Norwegian poet Nordahl Grieg. This poem was inspired by the civil war in Spain and later, in 1952 set to music. The song is widely known around Norway and after the tragedy it became the main uniting song used in memorial services and during the rose marches all over Norway. I find it particularly moving by knowing that some of the youth escaping by swimming from the island sung this song, to try to keep up motivation and focus and to avoid the sound of the shooting.

As an IFYE with our founding idea I find this text to be very strong and I just want to share it with you. If you haven't heard it sung you can find it in several versions on You tube.

The poem is to be found on the next page

Wishing you all a Wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful new year!

Hilde W. Riser (N)



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For the Youth

There are several translations of this text into English; this one is a literary translation by Ron Sinclair

Til Ungdommen (For the Youth / Face the Foe)

*Faced by your enemies
On every hand
Battle is menacing,
Now make your stand*

*Fearful your question,
Defenceless, open
What shall I fight with?
What is my weapon?*

*Here is your battle plan,
Here is your shield
Faith in this life of ours,
The common weal*

*For all our children's sake,
Save it, defend it,
Pay any price you must,
They shall not end it*

*Neat stacks of cannon shells,
Row upon row
Death to the life you love,
All that you know*

*War is contempt for life,
Peace is creation
Death's march is halted
By determination*

*We all deserve the world,
Harvest and seed
Hunger and poverty
Are born of greed*

*Don't turn your face away
From needs of others
Reach out a helping hand
To all your brothers*

*Here is our solemn vow,
From land to land
We will protect our world
From tyrants' hand*

*Defend the beautiful,
Gentle and innocent
Like any mother would
Care for her infant.*



Norwegian Autumn meeting

Every year the Norwegian IFYE's, including the incoming IFYE's of the year meet a weekend in September. This year the meeting took place in the city of Stavanger.

On the Saturday we visited Prekestolen (the Pulpit) and the Lysefjord. Some went on a boat trip on the fjord and some visited the cliff (604 m) and had the chance to see one of Norway's most amazing sights.



Pictures: Anne Britt Kihle Gravermoen

IFYE 1966 Reunion in the Netherlands

In mid October 15 IFYE's to USA in 1966 met in Haarlem Netherlands for a very pleasant Reunion. Most of them had not met each other since Midpoint meeting in Kentucky USA July 22 - August 3 1966, but the few who have met later at European or World conferences.



Front left Gerda Weiss (Germany), Angela van de Plasse (Netherlands), Anke Köhler (Germany), Patria Vega (Philippines/ USA),
Middle left: Lew Bordeaux (USA), Pat Heath (UK), Gunilla Philipsson (Sweden), Margaret Dawson (Australia), Diny Kuysten (Netherlands), Iny Wiertsema (Netherlands)
Back left :Bohle Fokken (Germany), Jan Philipsson (Sweden), Raija Ellä (Finland), Dieter Hauter (Germany), Sam Inder (New Zealand).

Welcome to Kungälv 2012

We are proud to invite you all to the 54th European IFYE conference 2012 in Kungälv, Sweden the 21-28th of July

Kungälv is a famous place in Scandinavian history. The area has during different times belonged to Sweden, Norway and Denmark. In 1101 there was a meeting held in Kungälv between the kings of Sweden, Norway and Denmark. The meeting is referred to as “the three King’s Meeting” our first summit. Now many years later, there will be a new rally.

The conference week will contain all those great things it always does, bus trips, lots of laugh, different food (not like home), late nights in the bar, games, new friends and old friend, AGM, lots of photos taken, learning new things.



Location

The conference are held at the Nordiska folkhögskolan in Kungälv, www.nordiska.fhsk.se
Kungälv is located 20 min north of Gothenburg

Travel

It is easy to travel to Kungälv. Come by train, car, bus or fly into Gothenburg.

Train: Take the train to Gothenburg

Fly: Fly in to one of Gothenburg’s 2 airports, Landvetter airport (GOT) or Gothenburg city airport, Säve (GSE)

Car: Drive E6 to Kungälv. GPS address: Olof Palmes väg 1, 44231 Kungälv

Ferry: Take the ferry to Gothenburg

We will meet you at the bus station Nils Erikssonplats, same building as central train station in Gothenburg and help you with the bus ticket.

Application

Applications should arrive by **April 1st 2012**. Application is valid when the full fee is transferred. First come - first served basis.

Fill in the application at our homepage or send in your booking information to: sweifye@live.se or by mail to: Maria Mårdh, Framnäs vägen 12 A, S-352 39 VÄXJÖ, Sweden

Accommodation

There are a limited number of beds (156)., We have single, dubbel or tippel room

How to pay?

After registering for the conference you have to pay the full fee of **5 000 SEK** not later than April 15th 2012. After April 15th will the conference fee be **5 500 SEK**. If you only can participate a day or just a few days the fee will be 1 000 SEK per day. Please transfer the money to our bank account (any charges made by the bank will have to be paid by you.) Enclose your name with the payment.

Account details:

Account holder: IFYE-KLUBBEN

SWIFT-Code (BIC): SWEDSESS

IBAN-Code: SE08 8000 0830 5500 4341 1586 (In Sweden it is possible to pay to BG 5551-5498)



Booking Form

IFYE Conference 2012 in Sweden 21-28. July



Family name _____

First name _____

Address _____

Zip-code, City _____

Country _____

Telephone number _____

Your e-mail address _____

IFYE

Spouse/partner

IFYE to _____

Year of visit _____

Is this your first IFYE-Conference?

Yes No

Want to share room with: _____

Any special access requirements? _____

Any special dietary / health requirements? _____

Who to contact

If you have any questions about the payment, transportation or want to send in your booking information to:

sweifye@live.se or by mail to Maria Mårdh, Framnäsvägen 12 A, S-352 39 VÄXJÖ, Sweden

We will have a mobile phone just for the conference so that you can contact us, it will be in use from Friday 20th July 2012, and the phone number will come during spring 2012

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Cut out and send in

UK YFA Reunion in Wales and 9 overseas visitors

For some years now I have taken the opportunity to spend the last weekend in October going to the annual UK YFA Reunion. On my first reunion in 2005 we were only 2 overseas participants, last year we were 7 and this year we were 9! This year representing, Sweden, the Netherlands and Norway. Altogether we were some 160.

We had another fantastic weekend starting with Fancy dress Las Vegas party and later; trips in Northern Wales and to Chester (Eng). Not to forget the traditional Formal dinner and the Grouse Shoot. Thanks to the hosts and the organising team and to the crowd which attended and made this a great break!

Next year the YFA club Ulster invites to YFA reunion in Londonderry! Don't miss it!



Greetings from Austria

As you may all remember, the 2010 Conference took place in Salzburg, Austria. We were a small, but passionate organising team and worked hard to make the week as enjoyable as possible for all of you. Therefore, we decided to have a little get-together with all members of the organising team to reminisce about the conference. We met in Salzburg on the last week-end in October and had two nice days: having some Chinese food, going bowling, visiting the fortress and of course enjoying night life.

Unfortunately it was not possible for Anita to join our revival party. Therefore we decided to make a little IFYE winter trip to Budapest, where Anita is studying at the moment. We are looking forward to meeting her there in December.



To be an IFYE from Sweden to USA 1961

A phone call I never will forget. It was just before Christmas and I had been chosen to be an IFYE to USA for six months the summer of 1961. I had heard from several former IFYE's it is a great experience and a great opportunity to widen your horizons and learn more about the world. So I had big expectations. We were five IFYE's from Sweden and we meet for some days in early spring in Stockholm to learn about the IFYE life and to become grassroots ambassadors, visit the USA Embassy to show our x-rays of our lungs and get the Visa. Taking a lot of pictures to show in our families and 4Hclubs and other meetings.

By boat

May 13 we left by boat from Gothenburg with Swedish American Line M/S Kungsholm. It took 9 days and nights to cross the Ocean. Nov 19 we went back. Roundtrip coast SEK 1000. We were 11 IFYE's, two from Norway, four from Finland and five from Sweden. Among other things we practiced folk dances together. We had been told before to make a program together to show for other IFYE's during mid-point meeting. It was a very nice start to get to know the girls and boys from our neighbour countries. We arrived in New York May 22. The night before we stopped outside The Statue of Liberty with the Manhattan skyline in the background because we were too early to get to the quay. It was so impressive to see the skyline. That was our first meeting with the New World. We celebrated with champagne, the first champagne in my life.



4H center in Washington DC, IFYEs from India and Scandinavia

Greyhound bus was our transportation all the time first to Washington DC. We had one introduction week at the National 4H centre together with the five from India and a boy from Portugal. We got all our bus tickets in a long row to keep and then we were on our way out to our different host states.



The Swedes: Åke Sandström, Inga-Lill Eriksson, Ingrid Johansson, Bertil Carlsson, Åke Örsmark and Wayne Nierman from 4H

My first state was **Rhode Island** for two months with two host families with children a little younger than me, 4H meetings, Rotary meetings, County 4H-camp, State fair. To be a family member is something very special and gives you friends for life.

I went by bus for several days; new IFYE's entering the bus very often, to our **Midpoint meeting** for a week at Purdue University Indiana. It was for all IFYE's in the US at the time about 100 from 30 different countries. It was very much fun and lots of new friends and learning many new things. A little like our European IFYE-meetings.

My second host state was **Minnesota**, for four months and four nice host families, 4H-county fairs, State fair, Weddings, meetings with many Swedish Americans.

We had **free time** tree weeks. We went by car to Colorado meeting my IFYE-sister Ingrid's relatives and then bus to Georgia visiting friends. And then meeting for a week at the National 4H Centre with the Scandinavian IFYE's and the group from the Netherlands to evaluate the stay. And all were so happy and satisfied with their new experiences; new friends and all agreed it had been a great stay. It had been one of our best and most memorable time in our lives.

1964 I attended my first European IFYE Conference in Norway followed by many more and the World Conferences in Sigtuna 2003 and Adelaide 2008. It is to experience and share IFYE-life again and meet your own big IFYE family again and again.

I still have good contact with two of my host families in Minnesota. I talked to one of my host sisters for two hours on the phone when it was 50 years since her wedding last August. It was good memories.

If you haven't been to a conference come to Kungälv, Sweden in July 2012.

My two daughters were inspired of me and went as IFYE's. Malin to Switzerland 1990 and Liselott to Australia 89-90. And now Liselott is married to the Australian dairy farmer Gary who she met then.



4 of the 5 from above: Inga-Lill Eriksson, Ingrid Johansson, Bertil Carlsson, Åke Örsmark

Inga-Lill Eriksson (Bergkvist)
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True friendship rejoices the heart. Once an IFYE always an IFYE.
 Now 50 years after we were IFYE's, we belong to the Golden IFYE Club.

Christmas gift to all cake lovers

(recommended from the Scottish branch of Santa's Office)

Try out the **Toffee Apple Cake**

- 175g unsalted butter (softened)
- 175g light muscovado sugar
- 3 large eggs (beaten)
- 175g self raising flour (sifted)
- 1 teaspoon (4.76 grams) mixed spice powder
- 3 green apples (remove core and slice)
- 50g flaked almonds (optional)
- 1 tablespoon (14.3 grams) demerara sugar



20cm loose bottom cake tin, lined with greaseproof paper.

Oven temperature 180C, 160C (fan oven), 350F, Gas 4.

In a large bowl mix the butter and sugar together until they are light and fluffy. Gradually add the eggs to the bowl, until they are combined. Lightly fold in the self raising flour and the mixed spice to the bowl. Put half of the mixture into the tin, smooth the top and cover it with half of the apple slices, put the remaining mixture in the tin and lay the apple slices attractively on the top, then sprinkle the Demerara sugar and almonds (optional).



Cake testing completed (yummy ☺)

Bake in the middle shelf of the oven for 25 minutes until it is golden brown and firm to touch. Allow the cake to cool for 10 minutes before you remove it from the tin. Very nice served warm or cold. (Cake will keep for two days in an airtight container).



Sad news from Sweden



Min Broder
Sigvard Johansson
 * 22 september 1942 i Eke
 har stilla insomnat
 Katrineholm
 5 december 2011

**Arne
 Vännerna**

*Varför skulle Du så
 hastigt ryckas bort
 Vår ålders saga blev
 så kort*

Begravningsgudstjänsten äger
 rum tisdagen den 13 december
 kl. 13.00 i Skogskapellet.
 Därefter inbjudes till en
 minnesstund på Sultans
 konditori. O s a till Östlunds
 Begravningsbyrå tel. 0150
 33029 senast söndag
 11 december.
 Tänk gärna på Cancerfonden
 tel. 020 595959.



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TO ALL LIFETIME MEMBERS!!!

**HAVE YOU MOVED LATELY AND
 REMEMBERED TO UPDATE US WITH YOUR
 NEW ADDRESS?
 PLEASE UPDATE US ON E-MAIL**

***ON OUR WEB SITE YOU WILL FIND MINUTES
 FROM AGM (JULY 2011 AND EARLIER
 YEARS) AND CONTACT MEMBERS MEETING,
 COUNTRY REPORTS AND NEWSLETTERS 10
 YEARS BACK.***