

About the Society

The Arthur Ransome Society (TARS) was established in 1990 and has about 2,000 members across the world. Its purpose is to celebrate the life and works of Arthur Ransome and to promote the spirit of outdoor adventure for the young and young at heart.

**Regions:** The Society is organised into six regions to ensure activities are arranged close to where you live: Scotland, Northern, Midlands (including Wales), Eastern, Southern and South West. In addition we have several overseas groups.



**Publications:** As a member you will receive several high-quality publications. *Signals*, produced three times a year, outlines the Society's news and gives details of each region's activities, *Mixed Moss* is our annual literary journal devoted to longer articles, whilst *The Outlaw* is specifically produced for junior members.



**Events:** Each year TARS holds an International AGM family weekend where activities and speakers are organised with choice for all. In alternate years we hold a Literary Weekend with speakers on a variety of Ransome-related topics.

**Library:** TARS is fortunate in having a well-stocked library from which members may borrow the books that Ransome read, along with others of interest such as the Carnegie Medal winners for the outstanding children's book of the year.



**TARS Stall:** We have numerous books, CDs and other Ransome material for you to buy (at major events, or through the post); much unavailable elsewhere.

**Research:** The Society offers grants to encourage literary study and research into Ransome.

Learn about AR

Whilst Ransome is best known for the twelve novels in the *Swallows and Amazons* series, there is much more to discover about his fascinating life. Join TARS and learn about:

- his early life and loves
- his time in London as an errand boy and novice author mixing with Bohemian friends
- his time in Russia as a correspondent covering the Revolution and his marriage to Trotsky's secretary
- his love of sailing and fishing
- his work for *The Guardian* as a foreign correspondent and angling columnist; and for *The Observer* reviewing detective novels
- and much, much more.



Application for membership of The Arthur Ransome Society

Title: Surname:

First name(s):

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Additional names (Family membership) Age (if under 16 yrs)

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Types of membership

Junior	£10	UK Adult	£25
UK Student	£15	UK Family	£30
UK Senior (over 65)	£20	Overseas, please see website	

**Data Protection:** The information you provide on this form will only be used for the proper administration of The Society and will not be given to a third party without your consent.

I apply to become a member of the Arthur Ransome Society and agree to be bound by the Memorandum and Articles and Rules of the Society.

Signature Date

**Payment can be made by Cheque or PO** made payable to: The Arthur Ransome Society Ltd.

**By Bank Standing Order** (please complete the form overleaf.)

**By PayPal** (via the TARS website)

**Or by Direct Bank Transfer** (we will provide details of our account and the reference to quote so that you may pay using your bank's internet or telephone banking service.)

**Please post to:**  
The Membership Secretary, The Arthur Ransome Society Ltd,  
Abbot Hall Gallery, Abbot Hall, Kendal LA9 5AL



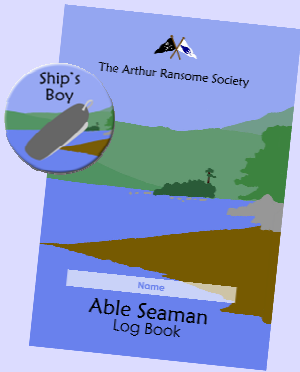
THE ARTHUR RANSOME SOCIETY LTD

STANDING ORDER

To: The Manager, (name of bank)	
Post Code:	
Please pay to HSBC, 64 Highgate, Kendal LA9 4QT (sort code 40-26-02) for the credit of <i>The Arthur Ransome Society Ltd</i> account number 61245775 the sum of:	
£	( in words )
quoting reference: (to be completed by TARS)	
The first payment is due <b>NOW</b> and annually thereafter on the 1 <sup>st</sup> of January each year commencing	
1 January 20	
Account:	Sort Code:
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Name (BLOCK CAPITALS)	

Fun for Junior Members

TARS offers its juniors a wide variety of exciting *Swallows and Amazons*-style adventures and activities. The Log Book scheme sets challenges that can be achieved at our regular family-friendly events. Start as a Ship's Boy and get promoted to Able Seaman, Mate and finally Captain.



**Titty's Challenge**  
Be artistic and creative

**Discovery Challenge**  
Learn something exciting and new

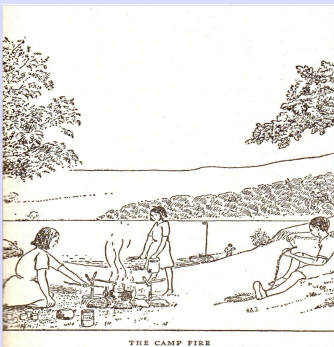


**Nautical Challenge**  
Have a maritime adventure

**Adventure Challenge**  
Go exploring ashore



Juniors receive their own magazine – *The Outlaw*, full of puzzles, stories, facts and fun, letters and book reviews.



For more information on TARS, please visit our website [www.arthur-ransome.org.uk](http://www.arthur-ransome.org.uk)

Join  
The Arthur Ransome Society



for  
**Swallows and Amazons adventures**

Come hiking, sailing, camping, exploring.  
Enjoy the books, rediscover the Ransome magic.  
Learn about Arthur the author, war correspondent, sailor, countryman.

