

For Alice Babs' 75th anniversary, her close friend and journalist Ragnvi Gylder wrote a long article about her. It is now available in the Ellington Archive/Artiklar m.m./Alice Babs.

DESS' next members meeting take place on February 13, 2017. The excellent duo Kjell Fernström, piano and Mårten Lundgren, trumpet will play music by Duke Ellington and others and Anders Asplund will show some movies with Ellington and others from his large collection of jazz movies.

On July 10, 1970, Ellington and his orchestra gave a concert in the small German town of Schmalleberg. The occasion was the 75th anniversary of the socks and stockings factory Falke.

Jazzinstitut Darmstadt has published a booklet about the event. It is available at <http://jazzbrief.jazzinstitut.de>

Since a couple of weeks, there is a video on YouTube with a portion of a NBC telecast - "Esso Show - Standard Oil's 75th Anniversary" - on October 13, 1957 with Ellington. There he plays, among other songs, a Such Sweet Thunder medley. Thank you to Brian Koller for letting us know about it.