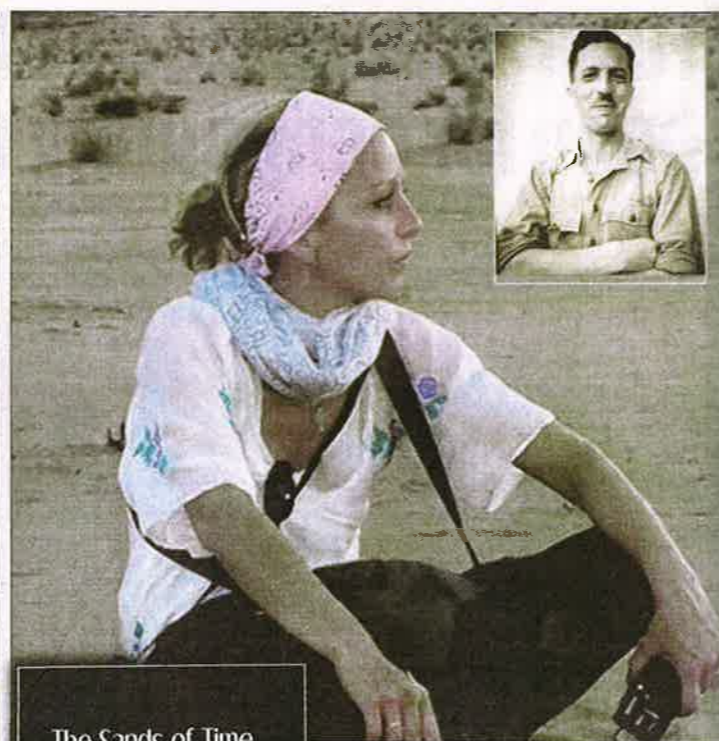
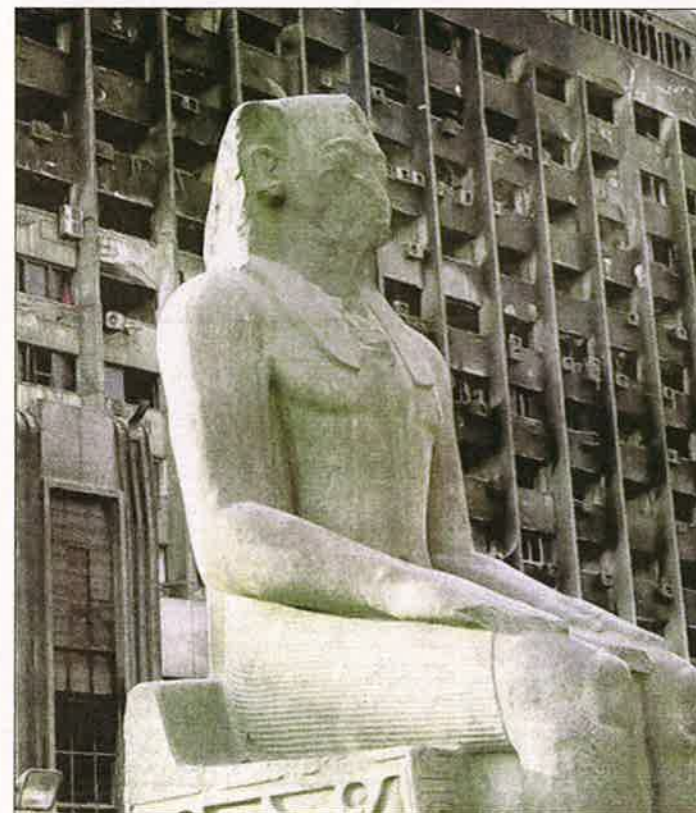


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Norwegian author tracks former Times editor's war experience

The Sands of Time

Words and Images from the Middle East and Norway
1939-45 - 2012-14
Greta Kirkwood Andresen



Jim Stark

THE Norwegian grand-daughter of the late Mr George Hutchison, the first editor of the Central Fife Times, will this week launch her second book.

The Sands of Time will be officially launched on Thursday in Oslo.

Greta Kirkwood Andresen (38) told the Times, "I am publishing my second photography book with imagery and text from the Middle East to

Edinburgh and this book is about to be launched in Oslo with a show of photographs on May 7th.

"The Sands of Time is an important part of social history and documentation - relating to our world heritage".

Word Power Books in Edinburgh is the publisher for 'The Sands of Time'.

Greta includes items about her late grandfather, George Hutchison, who was the first editor of the Times, when it was created on the merger of the Lochgelly Times and Cowdenbeath Advertiser in 1973. Her gran, Greta, still lives in the town.

In the book, Greta Kirkwood Andresen takes us on a journey through the Middle East and Kenya through her photographs and poems, retracing some of the footsteps of her late grandfather who served during the Second World War in the Middle East with the Royal Armament Ordnance Corps from 1939-45.

George Shields Hutchison completed a 50-year career in local journalism. From 1953, he was joint editor of the Cowdenbeath Advertiser and the Lochgelly Times, and in his latter days, until his retirement in July 1976, he was editor of the Central Fife Times.

A former past-president of the Cowdenbeath Rotary Club and Justice of the Peace, his career saw a temporary interlude when he served for

over five years during the Second World War with the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. The book juxtaposes Greta's photographs from that region with some of the old archival shots from 1939-45 belonging to her grandfather.

'The Sands of Time' is not so much about people as it is places, but people are an inherent part of places,

leaving everlasting imprints. It equates timeless ancient monuments and wonders of the past with the worship of Pharaohs, to recent times with new established borders and occupied territories, dictatorship, oppression, revolution: these old ruins and civilisations - all left in the hands of fate. The book serves as a gateway to the sands of time.

The introduction to the book, is written by Raja Shehadeh, Orwell prize-winning author of Palestinian Walks & Occupation Diaries.

And Dr Lee Salter says, "Greta Kirkwood Andresen's Sands of Time is a beautifully poetic take on the complexity of Africa and the Middle East."

"The work reflects the interest, awe and compassion felt by her

in retracing earlier steps over those lands. The insightful texts and poetry that accompany the images draw one into her mind's eye and its reflection of her deeply personal experience of these lands. One is left with a sense of both the urgency of the political situation in much of the region, but also the resilience of human life under the deepest adversity."



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