

Hörlurar

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This is a Lur. It is a Bronze Age musical instrument. This well-preserved 4000-year-old device and six others, were found in a bog in Northern Zealand, Denmark.



The curators of the *National Museum* wouldn't let me play with it, but they say it will still produce a musical note. Each of the other lurs found with it play a slightly different note. The museum speculates that, played in symphony, the ancient instruments would have produced pleasing melodies.

The lur has had a lasting effect upon Scandinavian language and culture. The Swedish word for headphones is hörlurar (hearing-lurs) and the Norwegian word for "foghorn" is tåkelur.

Music and butter have very little in common, but *Lurpac* is a popular brand, with the instruments as their logo.



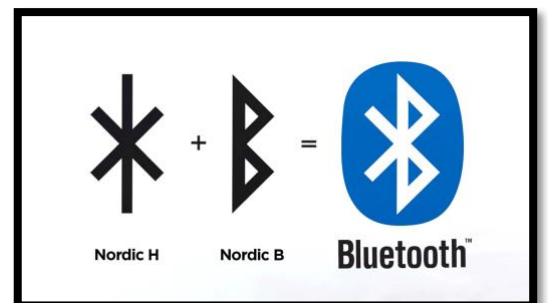
On another music note:

Harald Gormson, King of Denmark from 958 – 986, was a unifying monarch with a musical legacy. King Harald was known for building bridges and uniting Scandinavian tribes.

Harald was a popular monarch, with a unique physical feature. One of his front teeth was a black/blue colour. King Harald was much respected in his time but he was often referred to as "*Bluetooth*", and the name stuck.

When Swedish tech giant *Ericsson* was developing wireless communication technology they adopted the name *Bluetooth*. Like King Harald they said, their technology would "*unite communication protocols*".

Ericsson also borrowed the king's Nordic initials and united them into their product logo.





I felt like listening to *Dancing Queen* by ABBA, via *Bluetooth* wireless.

So I grabbed my ...

... hörlurar.

Put on your hörlurar and check out this Danish singer-songwriter sensation.

<https://youtu.be/m-PqQNdh-Dk>

Someone You Love – Tina Dico

