



# THE DANISH • SOCIETY NEWS

## Mid-Winter Smørrebrød Lunch

Sunday 30th July, 1pm

**Smørrebrød by Jacob & Bree Thuesen - Danish Delicacy Catering**



This lunch is open to members and their non-member friends. So, get in quick and reserve your seats. First in, first served!

**Price:** Member \$35, Non-member \$45

Includes smørrebrød, tea & coffee, småkage.

\* Please let us know if you have special dietary requirements, i.e. vegetarian, vegan, gluten free.

Cash/Eftpos Bar.

**Payment details:**

**Account Name:** The Danish Society Inc.

**Account No:** 12-3036-0671539-00

**Particulars:** Member ID or First Name

**Code:** Last Name

**Reference:** SOC300723

**RSVP:** 20th July (please pay by 23rd July)

Email Annette at [events@danishsociety.org.nz](mailto:events@danishsociety.org.nz)

*Numbers will be limited - please book early!*



## Beer tasting / Frank Hvam / Smørrebrød

Thanks for an unforgettable evening that took place on Saturday 10th June.

To kick off the event, we had the privilege of hosting Søren Eriksen, the renowned brewmaster from 8-Wired. Søren took the stage and delighted us all by sharing his expertise and passion for brewing. He guided us through a tantalising tasting experience, featuring four of his exceptional beers.

Following this remarkable beer adventure, we had the distinct pleasure of welcoming Danish comedian Frank Hvam. With his trademark wit and charm, Frank graced us with his presence and engaged in an entertaining chat about his illustrious career. Not only did we have the chance to learn about the inner workings of the comedy world, but Frank also shared his experiences of taking 1 1/2 years out of the calendar, leaving Denmark to live in Kerikeri with his family.

Søren made sure that Frank would have the opportunity to savor the flavors of 8-Wired beers by gifting him a box to take back to Kerikeri.

To cap off the evening on a delicious note, we were treated to the culinary delights of Danish Delicacy. They generously provided us with an array of delectable Smørrebrød. Each bite was a culinary masterpiece, transporting our taste buds to the vibrant streets of Denmark. A huge shoutout and heartfelt thanks go to Jacob and Bree at Danish Delicacy for their mouthwatering contribution.

A big thanks to the stars of the night — Søren Eriksen, Frank Hvam, and Jacob from Danish Delicacy.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to all of you who turned up. It was your enthusiasm and support that made this event a resounding success. We couldn't have asked for a more vibrant and engaged audience.





## Free parking at Danish House for Mt Smart Stadium events



Members can park at the Danish House when they are going to an event at Mt Smart. Just put a copy of the latest newsletter in the window of your car.

## Valhalla Working bees

**June:** Adrian led the June working bee, which was just on the Saturday. They had a productive day - thanks to Linda, Jorvar, Antony, Jacob, Kim, Jack, Ursula & family and Nico & son.

**July 8-9:** The July Working Bee has one room still available and we can always use Saturday helpers!

Jacob will lead it, focusing still on the wood splitting.

Adrian will lead a team to continue with the new tracks, and he'll guide the track workers.

Contact me if you want to sign up to this working bee - or one of the next ones - [katja@haargaard.dk](mailto:katja@haargaard.dk)

It might have reached your ears that my family and I are moving back to Denmark, and I still haven't found someone to take my place in the Valhalla Subcommittee. We have a handful of meetings per year, and you'll need to take responsibility of at least one working bee. Get in touch if you would like to take more responsibility in maintaining the Danish Society's amazing holiday spot.

*Katja*

## Movie Night!

Friday 21st July at 7.30pm

**Fædre og Mødre (2022) / Fathers and Mothers**

Comedy



Directed by Paprika Steen

A married couple who have to navigate hierarchy, rivalry and hidden agendas at their daughters new school, including during a popular school camping trip.

**This movie has only Danish subtitles**

Come for a hyggelig winter evening of fun coffee and cake

Everyone welcome: Members \$8.

Non-members \$10

## Quick Check Calendar

### JULY

Sun 2nd – Open House, 2-4pm

Fri 21st – Film evening, 7.30pm

Sun 30th – Mid-Winter Smørrebrød Lunch, 1pm

### AUGUST

Sun 6th – Open House, 2-4pm

Sat 12th/Sun 13th – Winter Warm Up, Folk Dancers

Fri 18th – Film evening, 7.30pm

Sat 26th – Bingo, 2-4pm

### SEPTEMBER

Sun 3rd – Open House, 2-4pm

Fri 15th – Film evening, 7.30pm



## Skt Hans in Valhalla

On Saturday the 25th June, over 50 people joined together to celebrate Skt Hans at Valhalla for the very first time in our Society's history. It turned out to be a wonderful day with members of all ages enjoying the magic of Valhalla.

In Denmark, we have a saying that there is no such thing as bad weather, just wrong clothing. And it is fair to say gum boots were needed to venture too far outside. Luckily, the weather gods were kind when we needed it – and the rain stopped so Jacob and I could build the bonfire and cover it with a tarpaulin in the morning in preparation for lighting the fire at 5.30pm.

From 2pm, the house started filling up, and the mood got even better with Gløgg and Hot Chocolate served from 4.30pm. Meanwhile, the kids helped decorate our heks/trold for the bonfire. At 5.30pm our president gave a speech before the fire was lit, and we all sang the traditional Skt Hans song "Mid-sommervisen". Amazingly, the heavy rain stopped for the whole duration we enjoyed the bonfire.

After the bonfire, we all ventured back inside for Danish hotdogs and a few drinks. The hotdogs were expertly prepared to traditional specifications with all the trimmings and went down a treat. Several people came back for seconds, and some even for thirds! Many of the kids also enjoyed roasting marshmallows in the fireplace.

Despite the weather, it turned out to be a wonderful day enjoyed by all and hopefully a new tradition for the Danish Society for many years to come. A massive thanks to everyone who helped on the day and the many members who ventured up to take part. This was a great example of the legendary Danish Hygge.

So go on, mark the date in your calendar for next year so you don't miss out!





*Winter WarmUp  
Always the folkloric  
fun of the year!  
Saturday 12th August,  
from 5.45pm*

**Danish House: 6 Rockridge  
Ave, Penrose - near Mt Smart Stadium**

The dance programme will begin at 6.15pm, and roll on  
non-stop till 10.15pm.

13 diverse folkloric groups will show & then share,  
joining you in to dance with them.

- Argentinian dinner food @ modest price.
- Raffle.
- Entry (for all, incl. performers) \$2 - or be more generous!

**Come: all welcome!!**

Any questions?  
Contact Finn Nielsen  
ph 0274-846-326

Welcome from your hosts!  
The Danish Society Dancers &  
the Ruritanian International  
FolkDance Club.





## Bingo / Banko

Saturday 26th August, 2023 - 2pm-4pm

Great family fun and lots of prizes - \$5 per card  
Coffee/Tea and cake \$2.50 member, \$5 non-member

RSVP: 19 August (register your interest for catering and planning purposes). [events@danishsociety.org.nz](mailto:events@danishsociety.org.nz)

### The bar now accepts credit cards!

Our bar now accepts credit cards alongside EFTPos. Enjoy more convenience, though a small fee applies.

Cheers to expanded payment options!

### Open House

Sunday 2nd July, 2pm-4pm

Complimentary coffee and tea will be served.

All welcome - no need to book.



\*\*\*We need you!\*\*\*

### Events Sub-committee

Contact [events@danishsociety.org.nz](mailto:events@danishsociety.org.nz) if you can spare some time and be part of a fun group to help organize events. Any help is appreciated.

We have a team of dedicated helpers who tirelessly put up their hand every time but we need new people too.

The more volunteers we can call on, the better it will be for our club!

## REGULAR EVENTS

### CARDPLAYERS

They meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month - 11am to 3pm.

Contact: Paul Marquart (09) 528 8119

### FOLKDANCERS

They meet at 7.30pm on the first and third Tuesday of every month.

Contact: Finn Nielsen (09) 625-5533

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

These are held on the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

### OPEN HOUSE

An Open House is held on the first Sunday of each month from 2-4pm.

Complimentary coffee and tea will be served

*All welcome - no need to book.*



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## Subscription (2022/23 financial year)

Youth Club (0-17)..... Gratis  
Student Member (18-24).....\$10/pp  
Full Member (25-64).....\$65/pp  
Senior Member (65-89) .....\$55/pp  
Senior+ Member (90+) .....Gratis  
Family Discount (off total)....\$30/pc

Financial year runs from 01/10/  
2022 to 30/09/2023

## Contribute to our magazine

The next magazine deadline is  
**20** July. The magazine can  
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## Danish lessons

If you are interested in learning  
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levels) then this is for you.

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