



THE DANISH • SOCIETY NEWS



11.08.18 Danish House 18.00

Winter Smørrebrødsfest With Live Music!

Come along to our winter 'hygge' themed party – this year with live music, hygge corner, and signature cocktails.

Price: Members \$25 Non Members \$40

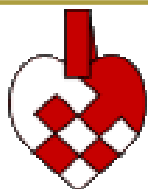
Please remember: a payment does not a booking make... This is already a popular event and has fixed capacity so, **bookings are essential** to avoid disappointment – please reserve your spot with Helle by **6 August** on 09 4787016 or events@danishsociety.org.nz.

For more information please contact Roselle on 0211271604, or Jo on 021496186.

Banking: ASB 123 036067 153900

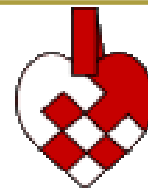
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NO LATE BOOKINGS ACCEPTED



THE SCANDINAVIAN CHRISTMAS MARKET 2018

If you have missed this event, then we are happy to announce: **It's back!**



We have tried going BIG at ASB Showgrounds together with The General Collective and we have also had a break. Now we are ready to return to what we think was most successful and enjoyable; a small, unique, and friendly Scandinavian Christmas Market. Retaining this event at The Danish House also means we can keep it affordable for our small and non-commercial stall holders and create Julehygge, which tends to get lost in a large venue. Our lovely stall holders are very excited to be coming back and are raring to go. Mark the date in your calendar - **Sunday 4th November 2018**, and keep an eye out for more details in the next newsletters.

The Danish Society Committee



NOTICE BOARD

New lights

The new lights have been installed and looking really good. We are (almost) done with the repairs now after the car crashing through our front yard last year. The only thing missing is the new planting which Pam and Richard Logan so kindly are organizing (see under Gardening Club).



Looking for a venue?

Did you know that you can hire Danish House in Penrose?

Member rates for hiring the hall for the whole day:

Sunday to Friday.....\$120

Saturday..\$180

Half day hire is 1/3 less

No charge for funerals.

Member rates for hiring library \$55

Bond is \$150 per booking.

Brian Kamper Nielsen is now looking after the house. For bookings please email house@danishsociety.org.nz or call Brian on 021 620 918.

New alarm

A new alarm system has been installed in The Danish House in Penrose. It is much more user friendly than the old one. All that is required is to enter your access code (4 digits) when entering and exactly the same again when you are leaving.

No other numbers or dials need to be entered. (Remember to check you are the last one in the house before you turn the alarm on).



The new panel is in the same place as the old one and looks like the picture.

IMPORTANT: A small technical issue happened when we transferred the access codes from the old system to the new system. Your old codes do not work, unless you have been in contact with Brian. If you need a code or your old code reactivated, then email Brian on house@danishsociety.org.nz or call him on 021 620 918.

New members

Welcome Britta Brandt and Richie Lovelock

Gardening Club

If you would like to help out with keeping the grounds of Danish House looking good, why not come along to a hyggelig morning of pruning, weeding & coffee. **9.30am to midday on the first Saturday morning of the month.** All welcome. See you there with your gardening gloves.

If you would like to know more about the sustainable community garden and other projects, please, contact our Danish House Gardening Coordinator Pam Logan on 480-9883 or pam.richardlogan@gmail.com - or just show up!

Next time is **4th of August** - see you there!

EFTPOS now available

We have over the years several times considered getting an EFTPOS machine for the bar. The costs have always outdone the advantages. But the prices for these fancy machines have now come down and we are very pleased to inform that we now have EFTPOS available at the bar. Bear with us at the next function as we are all still learning how to use it. Of course it is always possible to pay with cash as well.

Kindly note it is not possible to get cash out or use credit card.



From the president

Hej allesammen,

It feels like a long time since I've written a big update for you all, and it certainly feels like a long time between 'big issues' of the magazine - we really hope you enjoy the read!

We've had a busy winter this year, and it was nice to see such a great turn out to Skt Hans and the football World Cup events. However, rather than doing an events post mortem, I'd like to take up some space here to tell you about some of the exciting things your committee has been up to.

Last year saw some big changes at Valhalla, and it's been great to see and hear the feedback from all the users - we're really proud of all the sub-committee and working bees have accomplished in so quick a time and with our always tight budgets.

This year, the committee has put forward a big goal of refreshing the Danish House hall and foyer in the next 2 years. We're in the spot, nearly 20 years on from the opening of Penrose, that a few things have started to wear out, break down and/or are beginning to look tired. Many of you eagle-eyed members have noticed that ovens are temperamental, there's an alarming leak upstairs and in the library, the bar fridge has died an untimely death, curtains are stained, the floors need refinishing, and paintwork re-doing.

There's a long to-do list, but rest assured big changes have already been happening. We have a new, faster internet connection which means that our premises are now well-suited to corporate and education events, we have a new (more user-friendly) alarm system, the fence and outdoor lights have been reappointed, sanitary units are now in ALL the female toilets, and our broken-down bar till has been replaced with a working one with EFTPOS - hooray!

Outside, our Gardening Club has begun working on making the Danish House gardens a sustainable community garden which will, long term, be filled with useful fruit trees and fresh produce for us to use at events and for all of us to share. This is a great initiative and if you're up for helping out - give us a bell! The newly built herb garden looks great and the parsley is rampant as ever.

Now, you might wonder why it matters that things are looking a little tired around the place - after all, our members are very understanding and don't mind

for our own events. However, while you're not at the House at an event, it isn't just sitting there empty - it's being put to good use for the benefit of the club. Just like Valhalla, Penrose pays its own way - we have the attached tenanted premises, and the hiring out of the hall and facilities to members, affiliate groups and non-members has only been growing. This means more people use our facilities, and that comes with maintenance costs.

The committee has also realised the opportunities for promoting Danish House as a wedding and concert function venue. It might come as a surprise, but we've had many member weddings take place at the House as its well-kept gardens and catering kitchen/hall combo makes it a perfect location in all weathers. Also, with wedding season over summer when we're all on holiday and not planning events, being able to tap into a different market of users will mean that the House does not sit idle from December until February. A little boost to revenue is always welcome for use at our events, and for upgrading facilities both at Valhalla and Penrose.

So, over the next year you will be seeing some big changes to Penrose's 'look' and we hope that (like Melbourne's 'Denmark House') it will be a beacon for Danish and Scandinavian design in Auckland. Not only will this heighten the House's sense of 'danishness' for our members and appeal to prospective members, but it will provide a unique function setting which will allow the premises to pay its way on days when it isn't being used by our own members.

If you would like to assist us in realising this vision, please get in touch with me - we are on the hunt for builders, decorators, electricians, and interior design experts etc who can help us do this to a high standard and as cost-efficiently as possible. If that's not you, but you're willing to lend a hand at a working bee, please also let us know!

I'd also like to do a big Viking battle cry for the garden - the Gardening Club desperately needs more green-fingered friends to help out. They are doing such a great job, but they just need manpower and womanpower to get things underway. Please get in touch!

That's all from me this time folks. As always, I look forward to seeing you at our next Sunday Lunch or at the August 'Hygge' themed smørrebrødsfest.

Med venlig hilsen, Anna.



EVENTS, EVENTS, EVENTS!

AUCTION + Kids' Stalls and Swapping Table

Sunday 26 August, 2 pm

The Great Fun Fundraising Action Auction is back! And we have the incomparable, inimitable, unstoppable, ruthlessly money-grabbing Peter Gilderdale as our auctioneer.

As mentioned in the President's rapport the clubhouse is in much need of an upgrade, and this fundraising is to help with the re-decorating of the club rooms.

This time the children can get involved in that they can set up a stall for selling cookies, lemonade, old toys, or whatever - or how about a Tickle Stall?! You pay a gold coin for having a stall, but get to keep all profits yourself. But let us know asap.

We're also providing a Swapping Table for books where members can bring books they no longer need and swap them for new ones.

But the main event will be the AUCTION which will run for about an hour and will be followed by afternoon tea with special treats.

Keep on tidying up and donating quality house-

hold items, sports equipment, designer clothes, plants, toys or services such as massages, baby sitting, dog walking, cake baking etc. etc.

Thank you for the donations received so far. We could still do with some bigger/unusual/crazy items and service/entertainment items, so get your thinking caps on and let us know preferably before 24 August.

Please contact Helle on 094787016 or 02102524956 or email: events@danishsociety.org.nz if you have anything you would like to donate. Last drop off for auction items is Saturday 25 August 12 pm.

Please also let us know if you can help with this event: Baking for the fancy afternoon tea. Serving tea. Setting up the hall and the lounge. Tidying up afterwards.

We will be setting up on Saturday 25 August. The auction starts at 2 pm, but the Hall will be open for swapping and selling from 1.30pm.

Shared Lunch Open House + Movie + Valhalla ballot

Sunday 5th of August at 12pm

As always for the shared lunch we will provide rye bread, butter and various condiments - you bring the toppings!

The bar will be open, and there will also be coffee/tea.

Price: \$2.50 for members
and \$5.00 for non-members.

No need to book!



To celebrate the Olsen Banden's 50th anniversary the shared lunch will be followed at 1:30pm by an Olsen Banden movie. Hurry up and go to our Facebook page to vote for your favorite one - as we will show the most one with the most votes!

We will also draw the Valhalla ballot covering 2019's long weekends; Easter, Anzac, Queen's birthday and Labour day.



EVENTS, EVENTS, EVENTS!

CRAFT BEER TASTING

A beer tasting event presented by the Danish Society and Beertique featuring five locally brewed beers and dinner.

Tickets
\$35 members
\$45 non-members

October the 27th. at The Danish House.
 Meet at 6pm, the tasting starts at 6:30pm.



RSVP to Brian on vicepresident@danishsociety.org.nz.
 Please make payment to internet banking:
 ASB 123 036067 153900.
 1st ref: Your name
 2nd ref: Soc2710bt



“Den Store Bagedyst – i Auckland” Sunday 16th of September 2pm

Do you love baking? Do you love Danish baking?

Then it's time for you to start practicing for *the Great Danish Society Bake-Off!*

This is another one of our popular events that we're bringing back “because you asked”! The Danish Society kitchen doesn't actually have the capacity to accommodate a lot of bakers, so unlike the competitors in the famous cooking shows you have to bake your entries at home and then bring them to the Danish House on the day.

The judging will be by popular vote with each vote (and sample taste!) costing a gold coin.

More details in the September magazine, but if you're keen to take part, please contact Helle 09 4787016 / 02102524956 or email: events@danishsociety.org.nz no later than 14 Sept.

(Please note: Only members can compete at this event, but non-members are allowed to taste and vote!)

Movie night

Friday 17th of August at 7:30pm

The idealist / Idealisten (2015)

Last time we showed this movie it was only half of it because of technical issues. Now we have the whole movie. Come and see it. Coffee and cake and hygge.

A plane crash, government corruption and nuclear warheads are just some of the ingredients for this taut Danish docu-drama, set in the aftermath of the Cold War.

Working bee

17th-18th of August

Please sign up for working bee with Katja at Katja@haargaard.dk. This working bee is organized by Anthony Barrett. See next page for more details.

Coming up in September: Open House & Documentary Film - The Danish Solution: The Rescue of the Jews in Denmark

Working bee in Penrose 29th-30th of September

All kind of work needs to be done. Please sign up with Brian on house@danishsociety.org.nz



At the August Open House the next ballot covering 2019's long weekends will be drawn; Easter, Anzac, Queen's birthday and Labour day.

If you would like to put your name down for those weekends, please email Christine Futterup at valhalla@danishsociety.org.nz



No anti-bacterial soap at Valhalla!!! At the last two visits at Valhalla I have removed several dispensers with anti-bacterial soap. If it can kill 99,9 % of germs, it most certainly also kills all the bacteria we want in our septic system.



So far we have three Room Only Weekends scheduled till March; August 3rd-5th, November 2nd-4th and February 8th-10th.

Only three rooms are booked in August, so if you would like to meet other members at Valhalla, this is an excellent option.



Working bees

Christine reporting: The May working bee was a small one with 9 members coming up to help out. We had Tove & Karl working on the flax which was covering the tracks, Ib also did this along with same spraying of the weeds. Michael and Roselle oiled the outdoor patio furniture and Antony fixed the whole in the wall by the backdoor. Jorvar scrubbed and water-blasted the outside of the house and cleared the guttering, plus showing us that it is in need of a paint job sooner than later. Kaj put the 1st coat of paint on the wood shed roof and I was in the kitchen most of the time.

We only had Jorvar, Ib, Kaj and I that stayed on the Saturday night, so on the Sunday the three men got to work on the 2nd coat of the wood shed and I painted the outside of the window for Bornholm after it had been rub down etc. I only got the undercoat on but it looks better than it did. We also unblocked the drain in the kitchen. We took up a new fridge for Falster and brought the other one home with us, and Kaj will try and sell it on Trade me.

The June working bee: Mike and I decided to cancel it, as only one family and Mike had signed up.

Jacob reporting: The July working bee had a couple of late cancellations so we ended up being Morten, Katja, Antony, Brian and myself. Even though we had a small team we managed to get a bit of work done. Outside we did some track maintenance and fixed a couple of blocked drains along the way. We also managed to find a fair few moth plants (filled up 2,5 bags of pods) and that took us most of the afternoon but I think we did well by finding and removing as many as we did. Moth plant removal is definitely something I think we need to add to any working bee.

We also did some prep work for the outdoor shower and I am looking forward to next working bee as we will continue the work on that.

Between the July working bee and finishing this newsletter Kaj has repaired the dining room ceiling and painted the kitchen and dining room.

Next working bee is the 18th-19th of August.

We moved the working bee, so you can join both the smørrebrødsparty and the working bee.

You sign up with me at Katja@haargaard.dk, but Anthony is running it.

Saj has ensured rugby fans can still come to working bee, as there will be a projector and a screening of All Blacks vs. Australia. So, come work, get fed and and enjoy a beer and game in the evening.

On the list of jobs for August are: the outdoor shower, the kayak shed by the jetty and track maintenance (flax, moth plants and drain digging).

Saj is running the September working bee, and it is back to the second weekend of the month (8th-9th).

And the October working bee is 13th-14th., and so far a couple families have signed up to each of the working bees, so no need to wait - sign up today!



FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The end of The Danish Association and a new Danish Society

by Karen Andersen Yates

The war was over and so was the Danish Association. No longer were the lofty aim of "The restoration of Denmark's freedom and independence" relevant. The Danish Association in New Zealand had supported the war effort beyond their own imagination and achieved so much by so few. Could something so good last? The Danish Association concluded with a special meeting where discord and disappointment was expressed with much feeling by all members over an issue of the representative's action at a national meeting in Palmerston. From another perspective it is after all one way of saying goodbye, but not necessarily a very satisfactory way.

What emerged as a result was the New Zealand Danish Society. It was in all practicality the social committee of the Association. There is a certain "flatness" about the Minutes of the new NZ Danish Society in 1946 (the first meeting was 13th March 1946) as the group kept Danish interest alive.

It was a struggle to encourage members and their friends to attend the socials held every two months at least, which consisted of a dance with supper. The entrance fee was 2/6 (2 shillings and 6 pence) and the gatherings were held in the club rooms in Poynton Terrace (behind St Kevin's arcade)

March 13th 1946
 Minutes of 1st Committee Meeting of new club - Meeting held at Mr W. Madsen's residence 90 Sandscape Road Mt Eden S.I.
 Present: Mr. Madsen - Mrs. M. V. Bates, L. Madsen, N. Hadrup - Misses I. Petersen and O. Rørd.
 Absent: Capt. Larsen - apology received
 Mr. Jørgensen presided. opened meeting. only social matters to be discussed tonight - other matters such as forming new constitution for society and rules, must wait, until after late committee of Danish Association in N.Z. (Inc) have finally wound up the affairs of such association, meeting being held on Thursday March 22nd. New rules etc. would be 1 -

Towards the end of that first year they decided not to hold a Christmas Tree party because of poor attendance.

There was however no dullness about the President, a Mr. K.C. Jørgensen who lived in Jervois Road Herne Bay. He described himself as a Merchant and worked his own business and that of the new NZ Danish Society. The correspondence of his years in office is plentiful and dynamic as he communicated with the Danish Consul General in Wellington and many other Danes in NZ. His letters, written in English were well composed, though he wrote with regret that his written Danish was not up to standard to use it in correspondence.

Much later, Bent Bryder took time to record the Office Holders of the Danish Society from its inception. You will find their names on The Danish Society website's, History section. This is interesting reading.

I wonder about the people who worked to keep the Danish Association and Society alive, especially the Presidents and Vice Presidents Mr. Otto Hadrup and his wife Nina, Sir Hugh Johansen, Niels Nielsen, C. Langkilde, K.C.Jørgensen and P.C.H.Petersen. Who were they? What were they like as people. We know that they kept the Danish spirit going, giving great pleasure to Danes who connected with the Danish Society.

Where are their descendants today? Are you related to any of the early office holders from the 1940s?

If you know any of the early office holders write a short letter to the editor telling us about them. I am sure many would like to know. It certainly would be interesting to hear of them.



AGM 2018

Sunday 25th of November, 2pm

Nominations for committee

There will be vacant positions on the committee. Kindly send your nominations to The Danish Society PO Box 12279, Penrose 1642 or email them to secretary@danishsociety.org.nz

Nominations can also be made on the day of the AGM



Committee Nominations

Position: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Signature of Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____

Signature of Nominator: _____

Seconded by: _____

Signature: _____

RATES FOR VALHALLA

There is a \$5pp per night Development Levy on all members and guests over 2 years of age

Peak	Member	Guest
Adults.....	\$20	\$35
Children.....	\$10	\$25
Off-Peak		
Adults.....	\$12	\$30
Children.....	\$6	\$20

Whole house daily rate

Off-Peak \$120 - Peak rate \$300

Christmas season \$330 - Functions \$330

The house can only be hired for 7 days at any one time.

For bookings and further information:

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See pictures or read more about Valhalla:

www.danishsociety.org.nz

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Contribute to Our Magazine

The next magazine deadline is **13 th of August**. All contributions welcome - in English or Danish (with a short summary in English) to this email: editor@danishsociety.org.nz

The magazine can also be read (in full colour) online at www.danishsociety.org.nz