



THE DANISH • SOCIETY NEWS

Be Kind Stay Safe

To all our members;

We extend our greetings and warmest wishes to you all in your places of lockdown. During these strange and unprecedented times we hope you have managed to stay positive and cheerful despite the circumstances you may find yourself in. Even maybe finding a silver lining?

Those of us on the committee have been working from home, home schooling our children, entertaining pre-schoolers and worrying about our parents / family overseas... and in Denmark....and missing our adult children and grandchildren, who are close, but separate from us. Half of the committee had overseas trips planned during the year. These are all now cancelled. We know you are all in the same situation as us. Others of you will have lost your jobs and income, or be desperately worried about the future of your businesses. Although we are all obviously relieved at the low covid 19 death rate in this country, the economic fallout and future is uncertain. We will inevitably see many companies close their doors, whether it's tourism, retail, service or hospitality industry.

Fortunately for us, The Danish Society was in a very sound financial position, entering lockdown, thanks largely to our treasurer's prudent guidance. We expect this to continue into the future. Despite the lockdown, the committee has continued to hold virtual monthly meetings from the comfort of our home sitting rooms, study....or beds! Thank you Zoom.

We decided to compile a list of members who we thought would appreciate a phone call during the on-going lockdown, to check on their circumstances and just for a chat. Connecting with other

people is our reason for being members of a club and loneliness and isolation is detrimental to us all when we are cut off from social contact. It has been wonderful to have the time and opportunity to randomly phone members to chat and get to know them better. This

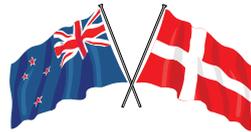
could be a positive thing to continue, even after lockdown. We would value your feedback.

After what seems like a very long time at level 4 and 3, we are now heading towards level 2 and one step closer to being able to open our club. There will be changes, as the Government will be issuing strict guidelines and restrictions as to how we socialise ie: numbers, social distancing, hygiene, food preparation and service etc. applying to social clubs and venues like ours. This will be our new reality.

Going forward, we hope The Danish Society will come into its own. A club that will provide a place where we can socialise safely, where members can reach out to others in an environment of friendship, support, comfort and humour as we all face an uncertain future together. We all need that now more than ever. We really look forward to seeing you all back in the club as soon as it is safe and possible to do so.

The Committee

The committee will discuss the new guidelines for the usage of Penrose house and Valhalla in level 2 and inform members, once well-considered decisions have been made, via an email to all members, Facebook and to be published in the next newsletter.



Obituary

Poul Hansen (1932 – 2020)



ular and enthusiastic members of the Danish Society, especially during the Parnell days. He served on the committee in the 1970s: he is the second from the left in the 1976 photograph. Now that Poul has died, there is only one person in this group still alive 44 years later.

Ære være hans Minde

Poul passed away on 25th April aged 87. He grew up in Denmark and trained as a mechanic. Moving to New Zealand he continued with his trade, including time at a vehicle testing station. As a hobby, he restored a classic 1930s sedan, much admired by his friends. Poul and his wife Helle and family were pop-

Poul Hansen's passing

“Thank you for thinking of our family during this difficult time and thank you for the beautiful flowers. Your kindness and thoughtfulness meant so much to us.

Helle, Steen, Elin og familien

Obituary

Ann Dinesen (1935 – 2020)

Ann Dinesen passed away suddenly on Fri 8th May 2020 at Waikato Hospital.

Ann became a member of the Danish Society in 1974 when she married Henning Dinesen. Being a member of the Society was something that Ann was quite proud of. Both Henning and Ann were active participants in the DDF activities and were regular attendees at social functions, card players, Bingo (Ann always won prizes at the Bingo) and the Open Houses.

They folded and mailed out the DDF Newsletter for several years. The new unit they bought in Panmure was caught up in the leaky buildings shambles, which took a toll on their health. Henning and Ann decided to move to Hamilton but still attended functions in the DDF when they could. Ann's smile and friendly manner will be missed. Our heartfelt thoughts go out to Henning at this sad time.

Ære være hendes Minde



Aerial photo of Danish House

Birdseye view of our wonderful Danish House that turns 20 years old this year! Our thanks go out to everyone involved in establishing and maintaining the house over the years. We can't wait to host many more social events in the future.

Thanks to Sky View and Patricia for this great photo.

If you require high-quality aerial photos, please contact Andrew on:
www.skyviewphotography.co.nz



From Vibeke and Paul Hopley

Dear committee and fellow members,
 Tusind tak for the beautiful bouquet of flowers and bottle of wine received to mark our 50th wedding anniversary and my 75th birthday. They were hand delivered when we were out of Level 4 but still in Level 3, so it was a delightful surprise. Thank you so much, for your efforts and thoughtfulness.

Vibeke and Paul Hopley

From Vibeke Courtney

To the Danish Society and members, a heartfelt thanks for the beautiful bouquet of flowers I received just before lockdown, after my 3 consecutive stays in hospital. They brought me a lot of cheer.

Vibeke Courtney



»Jeg havde aldrig forestillet mig, at jeg skulle være sådan en, der strikker, men coronatiden har fået den vilde hausfrau op i mig.«

Meanwhile in Denmark..... Strikkertrenden i Coronatiden giver gyldene dage for garnfirmerne.

What does the Danish population do when you lock them up...or down? THEY KNIT, of course! Between watching the sourdough rise and the herbs grow on the balcony, they have been knitting, like never before! Teenagers have been taking up knitting, even boys have been 'quietly' learning to knit. Yarn sales have gone through the roof...up 30 per cent on last year. Knitting Facebook groups have thousands joining up every week. Suppliers have taken on more staff

and are working over time to keep up with demand for knitting yarn. It's like Black Friday every day.

Where are all these knitted creations going, you may well ask..... now that Denmark is heading towards summer?

Expect soft parcels to arrive on YOUR doorstep sometime soon, containing knitted items for the whole family! Don't say you weren't warned!

You heard it here first 😊

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