



THE DANISH • SOCIETY NEWS



Bingo / Banko

Sunday 19th March, 2023 - 2pm-4pm

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

RSVP: 14 March (register your interest for catering and planning purposes). events@danishsociety.org.nz

Bar will be open. EFTPOS available.

Advance
notice!

Frank Hvam / Beer tasting / Smørrebrød

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Saturday 10th June, 2023 - 5pm-10pm

We've got an amazing event lined up for June!

One of Denmark's funniest comedian is spending a year in New Zealand. Frank Hvam (Klovn, Casper & Mandrilaftalen, Langt fra Las Vegas) has agreed to pay us a visit for a 15-20 mins talk followed by a Q&A session.

Prior to this, Søren Eriksen from 8-Wired will take us through a beer tasting. If you've been to one of these previously, you know they'll never disappoint. And to top it off, our president Jacob (Danish Delicacy) will cater for us with his delicious smørrebrød.

What a night!!! Limited number of tickets available, so book now to avoid disappointment!

**Tickets \$60 both for members and non-members.
This event will be held in Danish.**

To book, email editor@danishsociety.org.nz or text on 027 4988 933.





Searching the Universe for new Planets right here in New Zealand

Friday 24th March, 7.30pm



Come and hear Nick Rattenbury, Astrophysicist and senior lecturer at Auckland University, talk about his part in discovering new planets, using the largest telescope in the country and collaborating with other countries.

Nick, is a good speaker and has a passion for communicating the complexities of space and planets to people without a science background.

The Danish Society was part of Nick's life as a child. He even danced with the Danish folk dancers as a teenager.

All welcome, bring a friend and come along

Please email : events@danishsociety.org.nz to inform you are coming
(For catering purposes)

Members \$8, Non-Members \$10.

Cash on the night.

Coffee and Cake will be served at interval.

This will be an interesting and hyggelig evening.

First Movie Night of the year!

Friday 17th March at 7.30pm

Triangle of Sadness (2022)



In Ruben Östlund's wickedly funny Palme d'Or winner, social hierarchy is turned upside down, revealing the tawdry relationship between power and beauty. Celebrity model couple, Carl (Harris Dickinson) and Yaya (Charlbi Dean), are invited on a luxury cruise for the uber-rich, helmed by an unhinged boat captain (Woody Harrelson). What first appeared instagrammable ends catastrophically, leaving the survivors stranded on a desert island and fighting for survival.

Starring Thobias Thorwid, Harris Dickinson, Charlbi Dean, Vicki Berlin, Zlatko Buric.

Directed by Ruben Östlund.

Served with coffee, cake and hyggeligt selskab.

Everyone welcome: Members \$8.

Non-members \$10

We need you!

Events Sub-committee

Contact 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!



Seeking Jorgensen relatives

We are enquiring whether anyone in the Danish Society can help us contact the relatives of Murray Jorgensen, a young New Zealand fighter pilot shot down and killed over France on 16 September 1943. Based on his name we are assuming his family are of Danish descent.

His parents were Knud and Millicent Jorgensen who lived in Ponsonby and donated a memorial chair to the Ponsonby Baptist Church in remembrance of their son.

Our understanding is that Knud and Millicent were attendees of the church during the war years and on the death of their son provided two chairs to the church in remembrance of their son. One of the chairs was lost, the other is an impressive carved chair.

It would be very much appreciated if any members of the Danish Society that are aware of any descendants of Mr and Mrs Jorgensen, could pass this information on to us so that we could make contact with the descendants of the Jorgensens.

Attached is a photo of the chair and Murray Jorgensen in his NZAF/RAF uniform.

Thank you for your assistance in this manner

Kind regards

Peter Jeffries

Ponsonby Baptist Church

027 264 8844



Mange tak!

Many, many thanks for the beautiful flowers
I received for my 70th birthday.
I am deeply grateful to the Danish Club for helping
me celebrate a new milestone.
Kind regards Georgie Andersen

Welcome new members!

A warm welcome to our newest member:

Hans Vaotogo

Quick Check Calendar

MARCH

- Sun 5th – Open House, 2-4pm
- Fri 17th – Film evening, 7.30pm
- Sun 19th – Bingo, 2-4pm
- Fri 24th – 'Searching The Universe For New Planets In New Zealand', speaker Dr Nick Rattenbury, 7.30pm

APRIL

- Sun 2nd – Open House, 2-4pm
- Fri 21st – Film evening, 7.30pm
- Sat 29th – Smørrebrødsfest

MAY

- Sun 7th – Open House, 2-4pm
- Fri 19th – Film evening, 7.30pm

Open House

Sunday 5th March, 2pm-4pm

Complimentary coffee and tea will be served.

All welcome - no need to book.



Inquiry

In tracing a branch of my mother's (Reni Kirsten Løyche) family, it occurred to me that The Danish Society might be of assistance. It concerns a pair of sisters and their husbands who emigrated from Odense in Denmark to New Zealand many years ago, as far as I know in 1957. It appeared from letters exchanged with my mother over the decades that they had settled in Auckland and enjoyed contact with The Danish Society. Regrettably, my mother has kept neither the letters nor the envelopes, and she is now 84 years old and demented, so we have lost the addresses. According to my mother, it is only a couple of years since she last received a letter from New Zealand, but she does not remember who sent it, and I can well imagine that it was several years ago.

More precisely, they are my great-grandmother's sister Jenny's daughters and their husbands. One daughter was named Ellen, but I don't know the husband's first name or their last name. Ellen and her husband left Denmark first, and a few months later the sister and her husband, Else and August Rendsborg, joined them. They were all somewhat older than my mother and therefore presumably dead by now. I know that Else and August had a son, I think his name was Erling, and possibly a daughter. If they or their children are still alive we would very much like to get in touch with them.

Perhaps The Danish Society has archival material on Danish migrants in which they can be found?

Yours sincerely,

Hans Henrik Løyche

(Please contact editor@danishsociety.org.nz, if you have any information. This will then be forwarded to Hans Henrik).

Valhalla ballot & rates



After approx. a decade with the same rates at Valhalla and as a result of the increased popularity Valhalla has had the last three years it has been decided to add the summer holiday to the ballot system.

The new rates for all ballot days will be \$450 per night for the whole house.

The new weekend rates will be \$400.

The weekday rate will remain at \$120.

This will be effective from 15.12.2023.

The ballot will be drawn at the Main Committee meeting on the 13.03.2023.

Please email Christine Futterup valhalla@danishsociety.co.nz if you would like your name in the ballot for any of the following periods:

21.12- out 27.12 – Christmas (6 nights)

27.12- out 02.01 – New Years (6 nights)

02.01- out 07.01 (5 nights)

07.01- out 12.01 – room only! (5 nights)

12.01- out 17.01 (5 nights)

17.01- out 22.01 (5 nights)

22.01- out 26.01 – room only! (4 days)

26.01- out 29.01 – AKL Anniv. weekend (3 nights)

29.01- out 02.02 (4 nights)

02.02- out 06.02 – Waitangi weekend (4 nights)

28.03- out 01.04 – Easter

24.04- out 28.04 – Anzac



Fastelavn

Kattekongen and Kattedronning were crowned after knocking the cat out of the barrels. Lollies and fun prizes were enjoyed by all with games and races

thrown in. Thank you once again to Neil Treadaway for making 3 beautiful barrels. We really appreciate your willingness to hand craft these.





2022 Julegudstjeneste

A small but attentive group attended the Danish Christmas service in the hall on the 4th December 2022. The service was conducted by Pastor Kirsten Øster-Lunqvist and included the traditional Danish hymns, with a lovely but thought-provoking sermon on the state of the World.

The service was followed by kaffe and æbleskiver.



Advance notice Smørrebrødsfest Saturday 29th April, 6.30pm

Mark the date in your calendar.
More details in the April newsletter.

Register your interest by emailing
events@danishsociety.org.nz



PAT BASSE DREAMING IN COLOUR

A collection of pieces that grew from the artist's memories as a 4 year old during WW2. Without her family, Pat experienced extreme unhappiness from which she found respite in her dreamworld. The dreams were colourful and excitingly theatrical in stark contrast to her living world. As an adult, Pat could write down her dreams and recreate them in her art.



Gallery Wall
Thursday 9 March -
Friday 12 May

Opening Night
Friday 10 March
7:00PM - 9:00PM



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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 second and fourth 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.



Kids Christmas party

A fun afternoon for all who attended. 25 children and 35 adults enjoyed an afternoon of 'Jule-hygge' with homemade Danish Christmastreats, a visit from 'Julemand og Julemor' bearing gifts for the children and a fun show put on by 'Popcorn the Clown'. Special thanks to all who helped with baking and setting up on the day.

Annette



Family of four generations at the Kids Christmas party.

Ulla Bennett (grandmother to the left), Nancy Hansen (great-grandmother centre), Nelly Hawkins (baby) and Ella Hawkins (mother, right)

This photo is from 1949 or 1950.

*Can some of our readers find Nancy Hansen in this photo?
Also, would anyone of our readers know where the event would've been held? A potential venue could've been a room, which was rented on the 1st floor of Queens Arcade (bottom of Queen Street).*



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levels) then this is for you.

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