



THE DANISH • SOCIETY NEWS

Autumn Party - Smørrebrødsfest

Saturday 29th April, 6.30pm for 7pm start



Come and celebrate our first party of the year!

Delicious smørrebrød will be served, catered by Danish Delicacy Catering, and great music, so get in quick and secure your spot.

PRICE: \$30 for Members
\$45 for Non-members (spaces limited)

Includes smørrebrød, tea, coffee and something sweet.

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

Cash/Eftpos bar.

RSVP: By 20th April. Email Annette at -
events@danishsociety.org.nz

Payment details:

Account Name: Danish Society Inc.
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Code: Last Name
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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!



Poul Jørgensen

26th December 2022, aged 88



To the committee and members of the Danish Society: Many thanks for the beautiful flowers you sent to the family and me on the occasion of Poul's death. We were sad to lose him but his suffering is now over. He loved the many happy hours he spent at the Danish House and was always proud to be a Dane. It was wonderful for him to visit Denmark on his 88th birthday for a final farewell to his family there.

Donne, Erik, Justine and the Jorgensen family

*You can read more about Poul's life on the Danish Society website. <https://danishsociety.org.nz/the-immigrant-project/poul-jorgensen/>

Open House

Sunday 2nd April, 2pm-4pm

Complimentary coffee and tea will be served.

All welcome - no need to book.

April Movie Night!

Friday 21st April at 7.30pm

Loving Adults (2022) - Thriller



The thin line between love and hate turns deadly when a woman discovers her husband's affair. They both take extreme measures to get what they want, but both of them quickly realise that they are heading towards a dark place.

Starring Dar Salim, Sonja Richter and Sus Wilkins.

Directed by Barbara Topsøe-Rothenborg

Served with coffee, cake and hyggeligt selskab.

Everyone welcome: Members \$8.

Non-members \$10

Quick Check Calendar

APRIL

- Sun 2nd – Open House, 2-4pm
- Fri 21st – Film evening, 7.30pm
- Sat 29th – Smørrebrødsfest, 6.30pm

MAY

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

JUNE

- Sun 4th – Open House, 2-4pm
- Sat 10th – Frank Hvam, beer tasting, smørrebrød (**event in Danish**), 5-10pm
- Fri 16th – Film evening, 7.30pm
- Sat 24th – Sankt Hans at Valhalla (details in May newsletter)

JULY

- Sun 2nd – Open House, 2-4pm
- Fri 21st – Film evening, 7.30pm
- Sun 30th – Lunch - Smørrebrød, 1pm



Bingo / Banko event



It was a fun and exciting bingo event that took place on Sunday 19th March at the Danish House in Penrose.

The event was a great success with over 30 enthusiastic players who came together to enjoy an afternoon of bingo, laughter and socialising. The atmosphere was buzzing with excitement as the players eagerly waited for their numbers to be called out.

One of the highlights of the event was the prizes that were up for grabs. Plenty of chocolate, wine and even chicken. It was a delight to see the joy on the faces of the winners as they collected their prizes. A special thank you to Sebastian and Pam for their fantastic work as the bingo announcer and validator. We would also like to thank everyone who attended and made the event a success.

The Danish House

Frank Hvam / Beer tasting / Smørrebrød

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



This event will be held in Danish.

One of Denmark's funniest comedians 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'll 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 for members and non-members.

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

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.



Valhalla

The summer rush is over, but already we've had the ballot for next summer. To let more people enjoy a cheap summer holiday the whole summer was balloted and two slots of room-only. This was a test run, and we must admit we were surprised at just how popular the room-only was.

Summer has been long and wet, so all plants, wanted and unwanted alike, have enjoyed the rest we've given them from working bees and spraying, as Christina Gilderdale who has been volunteer spraying, doesn't spray when people are staying there. Thank you for getting up there again, Christina.

Have you seen our track markers? Last year Christina had put up track markers to help new people find the lagoon beach or the ocean beach, but during the summer these markers have been taken down. Please return them to Valhalla, so we can put them up again.

Thank you to Jesper and Jacob, who went up and cleared tracks after the cyclone.

The old shed is now gone – thank you, Sebastian for taking care of this.

Last year we asked for your input on likes and wishes for Valhalla, and with that input in mind we are working on a plan for future improvements of the building.

For the moment we have split up the working bees amongst us. You can always find the dates in the Valhalla calendar, as not all of them fall in the 2nd weekend.

As several working bees fall in school holidays from next year we've moved them to always be on the 3rd weekend.

This year the dates are:

April 15-16 (Adrian), May 20-21 (Katja), June 10-11 (Rob), July 8-9 (Jacob), August 12-13 (Antony), September 9-10 (Michael) and October 14-15 (all)

Have you slept at Valhalla? Sign up for a working bee! It's hyggeligt and a good workout. Come either from Friday to Sunday or just the Saturday. Email katja@haargaard.dk for this or future working bees. Please write if you have any special skills or jobs you would like to do.

For April the jobs at the moment are:

Extend the new track work on the Ocean side all the way to the steps (5-6 people needed).

Move wood into shed, fix culverts, trim trees, take down shades, review the jetty, dig the new tramp in and take away the old one, track clean-up, hunt for moth plant pods, clear away broken glass from area around old shed and a part of the track.

Folkedans / folk dancing

Many Danish Folk dances have a low level of difficulty and are easy to learn. It has always been an activity that has been more of a social function than a performance (that's not to say we can't up the tempo and the skill level).

For many Danes, folk dancing is an important part of our cultural identity and is a fun and active way to celebrate that.

We meet at the Danish House on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7.30 pm. The evening usually finishes with kaffebord. If you have any queries, feel free to contact Finn Nielsen (0274-846-326) or email: finnlorrainenienlsen@gmail.com

Ten reasons why you want to come and join the Danish Folk Dancers as it has excellent health benefits

1. Better brain health
2. Improved flexibility
3. Minimises stress
4. Reduces depression
5. Weight loss
6. Increased energy
7. Improved cardiovascular health
8. Better coordination, strength, and balance
9. Improved social and emotional health
10. Higher self-esteem and confidence



An evening with Nick Rattenbury

Searching the Universe for new planets right here in New Zealand

Nick Rattenbury is a tall man, with a big job and a passion for his task equally as big. It is not often, anyone has the privilege of meeting a person searching space far and wide for new stars, planets and galaxies in the universe.

Nick was welcomed back to the Danish Society. As a boy he was involved in the Society with his mother, Karen Rattenbury, but that was when the Society was housed in Parnell.

Now, a professional astrophysicist and a senior lecturer at Auckland University, he is an expert in his field. One of his roles is cooperating with other countries (USA and Japan) to do space discovery right here in New Zealand using a particular method, as part of the Microlensing Observations in Astrophysics (MOA) which uses the largest telescope in the country to discover new planets.

Nick is a good speaker and he was well received by a group of 30 members and their friends, in the

library at Danish House on a Friday night. He explained the basics of the solar system and space and the different methods of discovering new planets and much more that I do not have words for.

Nick's presentation was illuminating. Every one would have got something out of this informative presentation and many would wish to continue to build on their knowledge. What came across to me was that understanding the vastness of space is not an end in itself but that there is a very serious attempt to explore to find planets similar to earth, where life can exist or does exist.

Thank you to Nick for giving up time to speak at the Danish Society, and thank you to those that attended and all who assisted in any way.

It was a memorable and brain stretching evening.

Karen Yates



Welcome new members!

A warm welcome to our newest members:

Jensen Family - Byran, Lara, Kyah and Hunter

William Petersen and Elise Freeman

Petersen Family, Kurt, Danlin Chen,
Marlon and Dylan

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.



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