



# THE DANISH • SOCIETY NEWS

## FASTELAVN I REGN OG BLÆST



After several years with sunny Fastelavn at Long Bay the heavy February rain chased us indoors in Penrose this year, where we slog katten af tønden (hit the cat out of the barrel...) and enjoyed a hyggelig time together.



# NOTICE BOARD

## New members

We would like to welcome our new members:

- Isabel Holm
- Muxlow Family – Justine, Daniel, Pippi and Frankie
- Thorsen Family – Line, Claus, Birk and Silje
- Anne-Grete Videbeck

## Thank You

Tusind tak for de fine blomster ved vores søns fødsel. De står så flot!

Mange hilsner Sarah

## 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](mailto:house@danishsociety.org.nz) or call Brian on 021 620 918.

## New fence



Last year we had a car crash through the front garden at the Danish House in Penrose.

After a bit of a battle with the insurance company, we finally have a new fence put in and it looks really good. The gate is wide enough for a trailer to go through which makes the garden work a bit easier.



The new flagpole will be going in, in the near future as well.

The new garden lamps are also ordered and the electrician will be installing them in the next few weeks.

## 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 please, contact our Danish House Gardening Coordinator Pam Logan on 480-9883 or [pam.richard-logan@gmail.com](mailto:pam.richard-logan@gmail.com)

No gardening club in May, as there is the Swiss Market, so next time is 2nd June.

## Fiber internet

In the near future we are pleased to advise that we will have very fast internet at the Danish House. There are a few technical issues that we have to sort out first but that is on the way to be solved.

The main reason for the upgrade is that we are starting to get bookings for the house where fast internet is required, like courses and classes. These bookings are during the day and fit in perfectly with the Society's schedule/events which normally is in the evenings and weekends.

Thank you very much to Kurt and Saj for doing all the ground work on this. More info to follow once up and running.



## From the president

### Hej allesammen

It's been a chocka April and there'll be plenty in store for winter so make sure to keep an eye on your magazine, e-mails and our Facebook page. Since I last wrote, I have seen many of you at our April fest and it was great to see that a few of our new members took up our 'gratis entry' invitation to attend their first ever Danish Society party. There were some yummy new options to try alongside some of the classics – and it's always a fun night to see whose table has the loudest "Skåååååååå!!".

This month I'd like to do a really big shout out to our tireless committee – I've been very stressed with my PhD, down with the flu, and had my partner in hospital and they have really made sure everything has continued to run smoothly. Between Valhalla and Penrose there is always something that needs fixing or upgrading – and these are the people who get things DONE!

For those of you who are yet to meet our team (Christine, Rolf, Brian, Jacob, Saj, Leon, Annette, Helle, and Kirsten) I really encourage you to come along to one of the Sunday Lunches on the first Sunday of the month from 12pm.

We have a little team of committee members who volunteer to 'host' these lunches at Danish House each month and it's a great opportunity for you to let us know what you think we should be doing...or just to give us some helpful feedback! All you need to do is bring your wallet for the bar, bring a plate of your favourite p  l  g, and get ready to meet some lovely people.

Hopefully I'll see you all at our next Sunday Lunch on May 6th – and don't forget there's actually a concert afterwards with some amazing musicians so it's a perfect day to sit back and relax at the House.

Vi ses!  
Anna

## Meet Saj Choudhary



Hi, my name is Sajid Choudhary (Saj), and I was elected for the committee back in November.

As you can see, I don't look that Danish. My mother was

born in Aarhus and my Dad is from Pakistan. I was born and raised in Odense and lived there until 1999, when I decided that I wanted to check out what London was all about.

There, I bumped into Susan, a lovely Kiwi girl, and ended up spending a lot longer in London, than I had originally planned to. 8 years later we decided that we'd had enough of the tubes, rubbish weather and hectic lifestyle, so when Susan got offered a contract job for Cloudy Bay Vineyard in Blenheim, we decided that it was time to move on.

Time in Blenheim was great, but when Susan's contract ended, we wanted to head back to a big city. It ended up being Melbourne, where we spent the next 8 years. Sophia and Amelia turned up with two years between them and when it was time for Sophia to start school, Susan wanted to move back to NZ (apparently she didn't want the girls to end up with an Aussie accent...). We've been back for just over 2 years.

I work as a Business Development Manager for Connect NZ, and I love my sports! An avid football, rugby league and Aussie Rules follower. OB Odense, the Danish national football team, Charlton Athletic, Wellington Phoenix, NZ Warriors and St Kilda. Funny enough, none of them are very successful... Golf, football (I used to play left back), tennis or table tennis or running half marathons... I'll be looking forward to working with the rest of the committee on exciting future projects.

I've also joined the Valhalla sub-committee, so I'm busy, but enjoying it!

Hope to see you all around the club in the near future.



# EVENTS, EVENTS, EVENTS!

## Harvest Concert Sunday 6th of May at 2pm



Our Harvest concert will be performed by the Francis-Lee Duo. The duo consists of University of Auckland School of Music graduates, violinist Dr Charlotte Francis and pianist Gemma Lee. Both have gained individual successes in chamber music throughout New Zealand and overseas, and are rapidly gaining recognition locally as an exciting upcoming chamber ensemble.

Programme:

**Violin Sonata No. 35 in A major, K. 526 (1787)**

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)

1. Molto allegro
2. Andante
3. Presto

**Violin Sonata No. 4 in A minor, Op. 23 (1800–01)**

Ludwig van Beethoven (1770–1827)

1. Presto
2. Andante scherzoso, più Allegretto
3. Allegro molto

**Violin Sonata No. 1 in A major, Op. 9 (1895)**

Carl Nielsen (1865–1931)

1. Allegro glorioso
2. Andante
3. Allegro piacevole è giovanile

Buy your \$10 ticket at the door, but a friendly email informing us if you plan to attend would be appreciated. [events@danishsociety.org.nz](mailto:events@danishsociety.org.nz)

## Shared Lunch Open House on Sunday 6th of May

At 11am Emma & Jacob will lead Dansk Legestue for kids of all ages.

At 12pm Brian and Leon from the Committee will be co-hosting the Shared Lunch with you. We will provide rye bread, butter and various condiments, but the rest is up to you. Be traditional and bring along some roast beef or pork, or be rebellious and bring along something for a totally new creation!

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



Price: Price: \$2.50 for members and \$5.00 for non-members. This is still only a trial run, and we may change the price later on. *No need to book!*



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## Working bee 12th-13th of May

Please sign up for working bee with Katja at [Katja@haargaard.dk](mailto:Katja@haargaard.dk). This working bee is organized by Christine Futterup. See next page for more details.

## Movie night Friday 18th of May at 7:30pm

**3 ting / 3 things** A thriller from 2017 with Nikolaj Coster-Waldau and Brigitte Hjort Sørensen.

Synopsis: Before entering the witness protection program, bank robber Mikael demands 3 things from the police. 3 things that cast a whole new light on the robbery he and his partners have been jailed for.

Coffee and cake and candles. Come and spend a hyggelig evening watching a great movie. Members \$5, non members \$ 8 .



## Denmark vs Peru World Cup Game Saturday the 16th of June



Come see the game between Denmark and Peru the night between Saturday 16/6 and Sunday 17/6.

We are currently working on getting a license for the bar to be open and will post more info on this on the Facebook page as soon as possible. Eitherway it is a good excuse to make a rød-hvid party out of it.

## Skt. Hans Sunday 24th of June

Come and celebrate Midsummer at Mid-winter! There will be the traditional bonfire, bonfire speech and hotdogs.

## Oktoberfest Saturday 27th of October

The beer tasting is back by popular demand at the Danish House in Penrose.

More information to follow about price and time, but you can express our interest already now to: Brian on [vicepresident@danishsociety.org.nz](mailto:vicepresident@danishsociety.org.nz)



It was a very strange sensation. I was arranging the first working bee of 2018 and it was introducing our new system where we share the burden in the sub-committee instead of the convenor organizing everything, and Palle had just told me he wouldn't be able to make it to the working bee as his back needed rest. But how can we do this, I thought? A working bee without Palle? Palle had of course prepared, so I got a long and detailed list of jobs for us to do.

So I left Auckland late Friday with the determination that we can do it!

We were 25 people - lots of kids - on the very, very wet Saturday. The biggest job on the list was removal of moth plants and their pods.

Neil & Sheryl from the local moth plant control group came at 8:30am, and they did a great job at first explaining to us what to do and then worked with us till morning tea. We went through the whole area, and by lunch time we were finished. We collected five black bags of pods!

We took the shades down, cleared the drain of stones, did garden maintenance, started sewing cushions for the kids' corner, track maintenance (a constant work in progress), checked options and decided to have an outdoor shower by the steps to the deck (will be done at a later working bee).

Delicious food kept us going despite of the constant rain.

Luckily Sunday only started wet, so we could work without wearing raingear, and after a leftover lunch on Sunday we packed up and left Valhalla in sunshine.

Thank you to Tove & Carl Anson, Mia & Adrian, Linda, Ian & Emias Williams, Karina Nielsen, Patricia & Peter, Olivia & Jesper Poulsen, Kurt, Michael, Anthony, Saj & Morten Velling for all your hard work!

So, Palle, we did it. And your absence made me realize once again all the hard work and the great amount of time you put into Valhalla. It feels good that we in the sub-committee are sharing the responsibility of the working bees - now we just need people to keep signing up and spreading the workload during the year.



**Next working bee is the 12th-13th of May.**

You still sign up with me at [Katja@haargaard.dk](mailto:Katja@haargaard.dk), but Christine Futterup is running it.

On the list of jobs for May are: Water blasting the house, spray wasps by Ocean beach steps, paint woodshed roof, guttering & spouting, stain patio table and benches and track maintenance.

If you are a Valhalla user, remember to sign up to at least one working bee this year. You can sign up at any time for any of the working bees.

The June working bee will be run by Michael, and so far the job for June will be kayak shed close to the jetty.

Jacob will run July, Anthony August, Saj September and we will all run the October working bee.



Please - no bacterial soap at Valhalla. It kills all the bacteria we want in the system.



Ballot: At the July open house there will be drawn the next ballot covering 2019's long weekends; Easter, Anzac, Queen's birthday and Labour day. If you would like to put your name down for those weekend, email Christine Futterup at [valhalla@danishsociety.org.nz](mailto:valhalla@danishsociety.org.nz)



## An extract of the memorial speech made by Honorary Consul-General Inger Mortensen on the 4th of March

Velkommen kære familie, venner, og kollegaer til det Danske Hus, vores smukke, stærke forsamlingshus, hvor vi i dag er forsamlede for at mindes Prins Henrik af Danmark.

Welcome dear family, friends, colleagues to Danish House, our beautiful, strong meeting house where we are gathered today to remember Prince Henrik of Denmark.

Prince Henrik of Denmark passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on the 13th of February.

A lot of people may not realise that Prince Henrik was also a poet, writer, and translator, and a number of his collections of poems and other writings have been published in Danish, French, and Greenlandic. He was very interested in gastronomy and wine, and had multiple cook books published. His interest in the arts also included sculpting, and one of his sculptures can be seen by the entrance to Marseillesborg Castle in Aarhus.

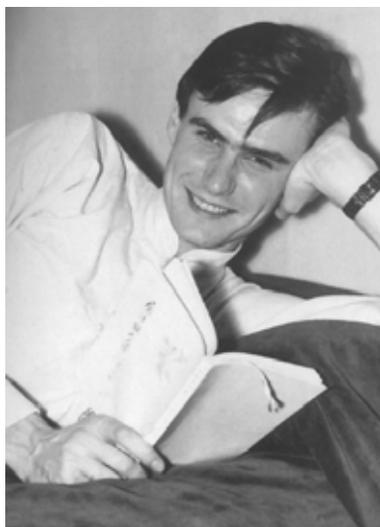
Prince Henrik was born Count Henri Marie Jean André de Laborde de Monpezat in June 1934 in Talence, Gironde, France. He spent his young years

studying political science and languages, including Chinese and Vietnamese. He served three years in the French military. He then worked in diplomacy including at the French Embassy in London.

It was during his posting in England that Prince Henrik met Her Majesty Queen Margrethe. They married in Denmark in 1967. Prince Henrik added Danish to his list of languages – he spoke five. He became protector to a large number of causes and organisations which reflected his interests in arts, languages, Danish connections to France and to Asia, and the military among others. He also had a keen interest in sailing, horse riding, and sports. He retired from official duties at the end of 2015.

Our thoughts go to Her Majesty Queen Margrethe and all of the royal family who have lost their husband, father and grandfather. The funeral for Prince Henrik was held in Denmark on the 20th of February. “Farverig, uforudsigelig, uforfærdet, fransk!”, the Pastor said of the Prince; “Colourful, unpredictable, unafraid, French!”

In Danish we say “Ære være Prins Henriks minde”; “Honoured be Prince Henrik’s memory.





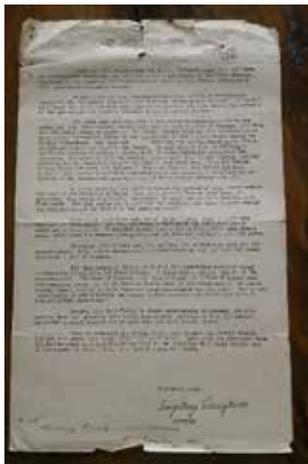
## FROM THE ARCHIVES: The Danish Sewing Circle in Auckland

by Karen Andersen Yates

On Wednesday the 4th March 1946, the Auckland Star published a short article based on a letter written by Ingeborg Langkilde, the wife of the President of The Danish Association in New Zealand. This Association set up in 1942 was set up to support Danes and work for the freedom of Denmark, during the Second World War.

All Danes in NZ took their support of Denmark very seriously. Ingeborg Langkilde, established the Danish Sewing Circle. Their goal was to provide clothing from New Zealand to Danes who not been able to obtain new clothes during the war. Both Danish and New Zealand women sewed clothes for adults and children in Denmark.

It appears that the clothing arrived after the war.



Letter from Ingeborg  
Langkilde 1946

I thought you would be interested in the article as the information is obtained from a letter written by Ingeborg Langkilde.

This article is part of a scrapbook of newspaper clippings and photographs prepared and maintained by Mrs Hadrup during the war years. Had she known that we would be looking at it and treasuring it, 78

years later, she might have been a little more careful with her cutting and pasting.

All praise to her for her diligence. She has left us an invaluable collection of information. It is a snapshot of life as experienced by Danes in Auckland during the war years.

You can read more newspaper clippings from the war years that Mrs Hadrup cut out and pasted in her Album scrapbook.

Just look up the Danish Society website: [www.danishsociety.org.nz](http://www.danishsociety.org.nz) . Point to About and then scroll down to History.

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