

Newsletter No. 106 - April 2009

Dear Members,

SPRING RECAP

Since our last newsletter we have enjoyed a fantastic Burns supper, with musical entertainment and stories from Winnie the Pooh to Jeppe Aakjær not to mention everybody taking part in reading Tam o'Shanter. Afterwards, we also got a chance to work off the meal with a bit of ceilidh dancing.

We had a great turnout at the showing of "Flammen og Citronen" despite competition from the Filmhouse and we hope all enjoyed it.

This spring our programme has something for everyone, so get your diaries out and make a note of any event you may wish to take part in. We urge all to pray for sunshine on 20th June as we could do with a dry Skt. Hans Party this year.

Ulla Dormer, Chair

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CLAY PIGEON SHOOT – 25TH APRIL AT 10AM

Venue: Dalmeny Estate, South Queensferry

Once again a chance to join us for an informal clay pigeon shoot at Dalmeny Estate. Meet at 10 am at **the car park by Dalmeny House** (see Skt. Hans section below for directions). Wrap up warm and bring hot drinks as you should expect to be outdoors for approx. 2 hours.

Cost: £10 per head for those taking part in the shooting. Spectators are also very welcome.

Please let Pernille know by **17th April** if you'd like to attend,
tel.: 0131 3311790, email: pl.chapman@virgin.net.

In case of bad weather, do phone ahead on the day to check if this event is still going ahead.

GINGERS AT THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDEN EDINBURGH – 10TH MAY AT 2 PM

Venue: The Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh

Axel Dalberg Poulsen will be our guide on a private tour demonstrating how research on gingers is carried out and why it is important. You will see how collections of gingers are managed in the herbarium and the glass houses – places which are not usually open to the public.

You may want to visit Axel's home page to view ginger pictures from his recent expeditions: <http://dalbergpoulsen.com>

Meet at 2 p.m. at the East Gate (Inverleith Row). The tour will take approx. 1 hour and will mainly take place inside. Afterwards, there will be an option to buy refreshments, coffee or tea at the café and/or go for a walk outside in the Garden.

Although you are welcome to just turn up at this event, we would appreciate some indication of numbers, so please phone or email Ulla if you plan to attend.

PICNIC – 24TH MAY AT 11AM

Venue: Yellowcraig Beach, East Lothian

Please join us on our annual DSS picnic. This year we will gather at Yellowcraig Beach, East Lothian where there is a play park and plenty of space on the beach and dunes for games such as rounders, spoon race etc.

We meet at 11am at the play park.

Please bring your own picnic, blankets, 'sports gear' and swimwear (for the optimists). Keep fingers crossed for good weather, and we'll see you there!

Directions:

Follow A198 eastwards. Drive through various villages: Port Seton, Longniddry, Aberlady, Gullane, and Dirleton. Yellowcraig is signposted on the left around the turn-off for Dirleton Castle. Just follow directions for Yellowcraig.

SANKT HANS EVENING, SATURDAY 20TH JUNE, 7 P.M.

Venue: Dalmeny Estate

After suffering possibly the worst Skt. Hans weather ever last year, we hope we are in for a dry spell as the lovely beach on Dalmeny Estate will provide a fantastic setting for our Skt Hans celebrations with the ritual burning of witches and midges!

As usual, BBQ food is served and drinks will be on sale at the event. All you have to do is bring blankets/picnic chairs and perhaps a copy of *Højskolesangbogen*. We do recommend waterproof clothing... just in case!!!

Price: £6 for adults and £3 for children over 5, but do let us know beforehand of any 'hungry' children under 5. Please sign up by returning the cut-off slip below before 6th June.

Please go to the car park at Dalmeny House and follow the signs from there.

How to find Dalmeny House:

From Edinburgh: take A90 northbound (towards Forth Road Bridge). Turn off slip road signposted for South Queensferry. The main entrance to Dalmeny Estate is approx. ½ mile up this road, on your right. Enter through main entrance and follow tarmac road until you see Dalmeny House and car park on your left.

From Fife: After Forth Road Bridge, take 1st slip road signposted for South Queensferry. At roundabout, take first left. At next roundabout (Burger King), take 1st left into South Queensferry. Take 4th right (Station Road) and carry on to T-junction at the end of this road. Turn right up to T-junction in Dalmeny Village, then turn left and continue until you reach the crossroads at main entrance to Dalmeny Estate.

Bus no. 43 from Edinburgh stops at the main entrance (ask for the Chapel Gate bus stop).

REMINDERS

Camping Weekend 28th-30th August

Venue: to be confirmed, but we hope to stay somewhere near the Blair Drummond Safari Park in order to allow those members who do not wish to camp to join the campers for the day!

AGM – Thursday 17th September, 7.30 p.m.

Venue: The Danish Cultural Institute
Invitation and proxy forms to follow in August newsletter.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Children's Playgroup

We are a group of bilingual children aged 0-7 who meet with our Danish-Scottish parents to play and sing Danish songs etc. Our provisional programme for April-June is as follows:
19.4.09 – Botanic Gardens; 9.5.09 – Dalkeith Country Park; 6.6.09 – Fife Animal Park; 28.6 – East Links Family Farm. Please feel free to join us at any of these.
If you would like to know more, please contact Jette Lemvig (see details below).

Best wishes from your Committee:

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Sankt Hans Evening, Saturday 20th June, 7.pm

BBQ, bonfire, songs and snobrød.

I enclose a cheque for ____ adult(s) and ____ child(ren), total £____
(made payable to The Danish-Scottish Society).

I would like vegetarian BBQ food

Name.....

Tel:

Address..... Postcode:

Please return this form with payment to the Membership Secretary, Pernille Chapman, Dalmeny Home Farm, South Queensferry EH30 9TQ **no later than 6th June.**