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Newsletter October 2008

Dear Members,

We started this year with a trip to Tantallon Camp Site. It had been raining hard for a couple of days before we arrived and so the ground was slightly wet not to say pretty muddy. However after having covered ourselves, the kids and the tents in mud, we started enjoying ourselves. The weather kept up and we had trips to the beach and a sail trip around Bass Rock whilst others conquered Berwick Law.

Thanks to all that turned up to this year's AGM and send in proxy votes. The AGM and cheese and wine night is an opportunity for you as a member to give us feedback on events, how to improve the society and come with new ideas for events. It is also a way to meet other members. If you were not able to make it this year we hope we'll see you next time. If you in the meantime have any ideas you wish the society to take on, please do get in touch with us, as we are in the process of planning this year's events.

No new members were elected onto the committee at the AGM, however we have co-opted Maibritt Stevenson and Gitte Hoejgaard, so welcome to them. Jette maintains her role as Secretary whilst Jeanette will take over the role as Treasurer. Jonas will continue as Web Master and Pernille as Membership Secretary. The remaining committee consists of Colin, Bettina and myself as Chair.

The Pub night earlier this month was a success with a chance for 'old' as well as new members to catch up.

November is a busy month for the society with Mortensaften, Craft fair and Christmas Party. We look forward to seeing you all.

Ulla Dormer, Chair

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Mortensaften/Duck Dinner - Saturday 15th November 7 p.m.

Venue: The Thistle Hotel, 107 Leith Street (East end of Princes Street), Edinburgh

We are returning to the 4 star Thistle Hotel in Edinburgh city centre for our traditional roast duck dinner. The Danish Management last year made sure that this was the most 'Danish' meal in the history of DSS's duck dinners! The location means easy access for people travelling by bus or train. Car parking is also available next to the hotel.

We will meet in the Cramond Bar on 2nd floor at 7 p.m.

Menu: Gravad lax
 Duck and 'brunede kartofler'
 Go' gammeldaws æblekage (traditional apple pie)
Price: only £15!

If you would like to attend, we need to know no later than **8th November**. Please complete and return the attached form ASAP, enclosing payment (bookings are non-refundable and on a first-come-first-served basis). A vegetarian option is available.

Danish-Scottish Society Craft Fair – Saturday 22nd November 10- 4 p.m.

Venue: The Danish Cultural Institute, 3 Doune Terrace, Edinburgh

Once again, Aileen Friis-Jørgensen is organising a craft fair with a variety of Danish and Scottish products for sale such as Christmas decorations, paintings, jewellery, tartan and felt products etc. Donations from the stallholders and customers will be sent to St Columba's Hospice, Edinburgh.

Any queries please contact Aileen Friis-Jørgensen on 01506 891224.

Get your Christmas shopping done early and/or renew your membership subscription with us over a cup of coffee!

Julefest/Christmas Party - Saturday 29th November, 2 - 5.30 p.m.

Venue: St Peter's Church Hall, Lutton Place, Edinburgh

After last year's success, St Peter's Church Hall will provide the *hyggelige* surroundings for our Christmas gathering. Come along and sample traditional seasonal refreshments like *gløgg* and *æbleskiver*, purchase Danish Christmas goods or have a go at making traditional Danish Christmas decorations such as *julestjerner*, *julehjerter* and *borddekorationer*. If you are interested in selling any Christmas products, you can book a table for £5, but please let us know in advance.

Once again, top quality Norman Fir Christmas trees (1.70-1.90m), kindly donated by Jens Christian Jensen (Danish Softwood), can be purchased for only £15 ! (Delivery within Edinburgh available for an additional charge of £5). This year we kindly ask you to put in an advance order and specify whether you would like to pick up the tree on the day of the party or organise a home delivery. Please contact Jonas Andersen (07974307031) to take advantage of this great offer.

As always, we will be singing and dancing around the Christmas tree and keep our fingers crossed that Santa will manage to find us! However, please help him out by letting us know in advance how many children are coming as well as their ages and names. (Please send Santa an e-mail on info@danishscottishsociety.org before 16th November and we'll pass it on!)

We look forward to seeing you for a bit of *julehygge*!

Entry fee: 50p per child and £1 per adult (includes a raffle ticket). This charge is purely to cover the cost of hiring the hall.

Directions: Buses –3,3A,5,7,8,14,29,30,31,33,37,49 – from the bridges to South Clark Street/Minto Street. Lutton Place is just off South Clark St. Alternatively park in the car park behind the Commonwealth Pool or in the nearby streets, some have free parking.

Burns Supper – Saturday 31st January 2009

Venue: Kingsknowe Golf Club. Further details and sign-up form to follow in December. If you would like to contribute to the entertainment, please e-mail us on info@danishscottishsociety.org or contact Ulla on 0131 449 7010.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Website Information

We have kindly been sponsored new web-hosting for our website and are currently in the process of updating to a new system. This will contain more features and will also allow members to contribute to the articles posted here. We should be returning to a more familiar look soon. Meantime please let us know if you have specific requests for the website. We are also interested in sponsorships and can in turn offer advertising space on the new website. Contact us on info@danishscottishsociety.org

Nyt fra Danmark Magazine

Following concerns raised regarding missing issues of the aforementioned magazine we can now inform those of you who opted to receive 'Nyt fra Danmark' that it is only distributed quarterly, i.e. March/April, June, September and November.

Legestuegruppen/Children's Playgroup

The ever popular play group for bilingual children aged 0-7 and their 'coffee thirsty' parents is still going strong. We have two more play dates in the calendar this year, namely 2.11. (venue to be confirmed); 15.11. at Balerno Community Centre, 10.30-1pm. For more information contact Jette Lemvig on 0131 336 4702 / jettesteve@hotmail.com.

Sponsors

Special thanks this year go to Danish Softwood, Harry Andrews, Nordic Outdoor and Sprio coffee bar for their sponsorship. We still have space left for advertising on our society calendar for 2009, which is circulated to approx. 200 members. A sponsorship may involve not only the calendar but also newsletters, events or our website (www.danishscottishsociety.org). If you/your company are able to sponsor any of our activities, please contact Ulla Dormer on 0131 449 7010 or send an e-mail to info@danishscottishsociety.org, preferably before 5th November.

Best wishes from your committee:

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Mortensaften/Duck Dinner - Saturday 15th November 7p.m.

Cost (excl. drinks): £15

I enclose a cheque for persons, total of £

I would likevegetarian meals (please indicate a number)

I'll probably drive and could offer other guests a lift. Please contact me.

Name:

Address.:

Tel.:

Cheques should be made payable to **DANISH-SCOTTISH SOCIETY.**

Please return this form with payment to the Membership Secretary:

Pernille Chapman, Dalmeny Home Farm, South Queensferry, EH30 9TQ **no later than 8th November**

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Names and nationality:

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If you have children, please state names and birthdays:

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Postal address:

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.....Postcode:

Tel.:

Email address:

I/We agree to abide by the constitution and to pay the subscription rate for 2008/2009:

£10 Couple/family

£7 Individual

£5 OAP, students & unemployed

Please tick the box if any of these apply to you:

I only want to receive emails or mailings from the Danish-Scottish Society

I don't want my address to appear on the DSS Membership list circulated to members

Signed:..... **Date:**

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