



# DANISH-SCOTTISH SOCIETY

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## Newsletter No. 101 - January 2008

Dear Members

Happy New Year!

We have had many successful events in the autumn, starting with a well attended film night (After the Wedding) and the Craft Fair at DCI once again organised by Aileen Friis-Joergensen which raised £134 for St Columba's Hospice. This year we celebrated Mortensaften at the Thistle Hotel which is managed by one of our members. 'The Danish management' ensured that the 35 members who attended this event were served the most traditional duck dinner in the society's recent history! We also had a new venue for the Christmas Party, allowing us plenty of space for all the activities and not least enough seats for everyone. More than a hundred people came through the door and we hope you all had a great time. A special thank you to Danish Softwood for donating the Norman Fir Christmas trees sold by the society. St Peter's Church Hall has been booked again for this year.

Enclosed is our 2008 calendar with dates for traditional as well as new events. We hope to see as many of you as possible this year, and should you have any ideas for new events then please let us know. I would also like to thank all the sponsors of the calendar. Please note that the membership list will be sent by e-mail, if you usually receive mailings from us this way.

Ulla Dormer  
Chair

### **Forthcoming Events**

#### **BURNS NIGHT – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 7 pm**

**Venue:** Kingsknowes Golf Clubhouse, 326 Lanark Road, Edinburgh.

Winter is upon us, so why not join us for a traditional Scottish 3-course dinner in honour of the much celebrated poet, Robert Burns. The menu comprises cock-a-leekie soup served with fresh crusty bread and butter, followed by haggis, neeps and tatties with an optional whisky and peppercorn sauce and finishing with cranachan. Vegetarian option will be available.

After last year's success we are returning to the Kingsknowes Golf Club, not least because we can keep the cost at £12 each incl. coffee. (Drinks may be purchased from the bar at reasonable prices). The staff are also friendly and the golf club is easy to get to with bus route 44 or indeed by car, as they have their own car park.

Doors open at 7 pm and the Address to the Haggis will start at 7.30 pm.

Please remember that this night is not just about the meal. Its appeal is first and foremost the traditional speeches, and we urge all members who are fond of and indeed want us to continue with this event that you volunteer to do e.g. the Selkirk Grace or the Immortal Memory of Burns.

If you wish to take part in the entertainment, please let the committee know ASAP either by email/phone or on the attached form, thank you.

**The deadline for signing up is 25.01.08.**

NB! Please bring along any suitable raffle prizes you wish to donate, thank you.

### **FILM MARATHON – 24<sup>th</sup> February 1 pm**

**Venue:** Danish Cultural Institute, 3 Doune Terrace, Edinburgh.

Being eternal optimists, we are hopeful that some of you would like to join us, if not for the full duration of the film marathon then at least for one of the films! We are showing Per Fly's acclaimed trilogy, i.e. 'Bænken', 'Arven' and 'Drabet'. All three films are worth seeing on their own, but we thought it might be even more enjoyable to watch all three of them together.

Come along at **1 pm sharp to watch the first film, Bænken**. Bring your own lunch if you wish; we will provide plenty of soft drinks. We will have a half-hour coffee break before showing the **second film, Arven at approx. 3.30 pm** (would any newcomers please arrive 15 minutes beforehand, thanks). The third and **final film, Drabet, will be shown at approx. 7.30 pm**, allowing everyone to stretch their legs for a couple of hours and perhaps get a take-away meal from one of the many shops in nearby Stockbridge. We would recommend that you bring cushions, blankets etc. to stay comfortable throughout the day (bear in mind that we only have standard stacking chairs available at the DCI). There will be a small charge of £1 per person to cover the costs of drinks.

### **EASTER LUNCH – 16<sup>th</sup> March 1 pm**

**Venue:** Danish Cultural Institute, 3 Doune Terrace, Edinburgh.

If Danish 'smørrebrød', snaps and early springtime sing-along-songs are music to your ears, then this is the event for you....

However, early booking is recommended as this is 'a sit-down lunch' and numbers are restricted, so let us know ASAP if you wish to attend by returning the attached form with payment. Admission £6 per person excluding drinks (these will be available against donations as usual).

### **CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING – 19<sup>th</sup> April 10 am**

**Venue:** Dalmeny Estate, South Queensferry

Join other members for a fun and informal clay pigeon shoot at Dalmeny Estate. Meet at 10 am at Dalmeny Home Farm (please contact Pernille if you need directions). Wrap up warm and bring tea, coffee etc. 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 **11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Miscellaneous**

**PICNIC/KITE FLYING St Andrew's Beach - 10th May 2008** - A date for your diary, more details to follow in our next newsletter.

### **COSCAN**

We have been approached by CoScan, an organisation which works "to encourage young British people who would like to visit a Scandinavian country and learn something about life there". They have asked us to raise awareness to anyone aged 15-25 who may consider a broadly educational visit. For further information, please contact Brita Green, 103 Long Ridge Lane, Nether Poppleton, York, YO26 6L before 31.03.08.

### **CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUP**

Currently we are between 15-20 families with bilingual children aged 0-7 who meet up once a month for a play, chat and a coffee. On average approx. 7 families attend, no doubt due to the fact that we are still searching for a suitable 'permanent' venue. Our next event is **Fastelavn on Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 10-1 pm** at Davidson's Mains Parish Church Hall, Quality Street (the Queensferry Rd/Craigcrook Rd Junction). For more details about Fastelavn or the playgroup in general, please contact Jette Lemvig on 0131 336 4702 or jettesteve@hotmail.com.

### **Best wishes from your committee:**

Chair: Ulla Dormer

Treasurer: Jonas Andersen

Secretary: Jette Lemvig

Membership Secretary: Pernille Chapman

Rikke Sode

Bettina Smith

Colin O'Neill

Jeannette Gulbrandsen

**Burns Night – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2008 - 7pm**

A traditional Burns Supper held at Kingsknowes Golf Clubhouse, 326 Lanark Road,  
Edinburgh

Cost: £12.00 per person (3 courses, excluding drinks)

I would like to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places and enclose a cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ vegetarian meals (please indicate number)

YES! - I can contribute to the entertainment, please contact me:

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with payment by **25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2008** to the Membership Secretary  
(please make cheques payable to **The Danish-Scottish Society**): Pernille Chapman,  
Dalmeny Home Farm, South Queensferry EH30 9TQ

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**EASTER LUNCH** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2008 1 pm.

Please reserve ( ) places for me at the Easter Lunch at £7 per person.  
I enclose a cheque for £..... (payable to **The Danish-Scottish Society**)

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form with payment to the Membership Secretary: Pernille Chapman,  
Dalmeny Home Farm, South Queensferry EH30 9TQ **no later than 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

P.S If there are no spaces left when we receive your application, we will hold your  
cheque and telephone you in case of cancellations.