

PRESIDENT REPORT 2017/18

DANISH SOCIETY, HAMILTON

I have decided that after 10 years, my time as President has come to an end and I will not be standing for re-election.

I will also be standing down from the committee and as PR officer - a title I have held since 1999.

I feel that I have given a great deal of my time and energy over the years and worked hard at keeping everybody up to date with happenings both here and in Denmark.

Therefore, I believe it's time that I hand over the reins to allow for some new input and ideas as to where the society is headed.

I would like to thank everyone whom, in the 2 decades or so that I have been involved, has helped sculpt our Society.

The year that went...

This past year saw a change in the way communication is done as we did away with our published bi-monthly newsletters and concentrated mainly on emails and using our Facebook and Web page.

Our activities once again included the historically most popular events, a Potluck done in July, Movie evening in September, Guy Fawkes in November and of course the Christmas Church service in December.

Next event is the AGM which will take place on Saturday 28 April 2018. (please note change of date from previously advised).

A bit thanks to everybody who opened their homes to us and allowed us to have these functions.

The years to come...

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the future as it is something we as a small society must take very seriously. Firstly we need to decide if we still need the Danish Society in its present form - and if not, what instead?

Therefore I strongly urge all members & previous members to be at the AGM to have your say.

The Society is a vehicle to help preserve the Danish culture and traditions - which all come alive when we gather and meet, something I'm sure we all agree, is worth savouring no matter how busy we all get.

My husband Vaughan Jones who has been on the committee since 2012 is also stepping down, but as far as I'm aware the remaining committee members are all happy to be re-elected.

I wish the Society all the best for its future in whatever shape it may take

Majbrit Lyngby Christiansen
President of the Danish Society, Hamilton