



## President's Report May 2022



Dear members.

Here we are again, in Aksel and Susan's kitchen, about to have smørrebrød! We were here last May as well and I believe tonight is the 4<sup>th</sup> Smørrebrødsfest. Tonight will be a test though, as we have had to manage without Randi, our most experienced smørrebrødsjomfru!

We thank you all for coping so flexibly with the many different Covid restrictions that seemed to change with every event we held. Remember having to scan-in in Majbrit's lounge? Hopefully, it's the last time we have to cancel any event due to Covid. Last year we had to cancel the Scandinavian Pot Luck dinner in October, as well as a movie night we had planned for August. We've even become used to doing committee meetings via Zoom, although they don't quite replace a good pizza with the committee.

We were sad to lose Kris Villsen last year in September and a maximum of 50 people could attend his funeral, but I think 3 or 4 of our members managed to go. I like to think his family appreciated a few Danes being there. We also lost Niels Kristensen, who was living in Taupo. The two of them were potentially founding members of the society, so I suggest we raise a glass for each of them at tonight's dinner.

Our next event was the Christmas Service, this one is of course always on the calendar and we enjoy having it at the beautiful Cathedral in Victoria St. So pleased that Kirsten was happy and able to take the service again.

We had our next event on 3 February, when we had a movie night at Majbrit & Vaughan's to watch Marco-Effecten by Jussi Adler-Olsen, one of our favourite authors. There were just enough of us that we could rub thighs with each other in Majbrit's couch.

I'd like to thank the committee for being so ... committed! I'm sure we still all enjoy the work we do and have fun doing it.

We thank Majbrit for being so diligent with the upkeep of our Facebook page, plenty of good gossip about Denmark going up on that page regularly. Special thanks also to Nick, our webmaster, I know it's an invisible job, but we do appreciate it being maintained and are pleased to see the images you manage to find that match our events.

We saw 10 of our members turn out for the Danish movie at Lido last week, as part of the inaugural Volvo Scandinavian Film Festival. We watched the only Danish movie, A Taste of Hunger, a very good movie.

So, what do we have in store for you over the next year? We hope to do another of our own quiz nights this winter. We hope Karsten and Anne will have us around for a Scandinavian Pot Luck dinner. If you have an idea for another event, please let us know.

As always, the committee is here for you. Email or call us for a chat and until we meet again, take care.