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Important message for our members

Due to the recent regulations put in place by the Australian government in response to Covid-19 we have decided to cancel the upcoming Cafe Danmark on March 27th. Your health and happiness is of great importance to us and we are looking forward to seeing you again when it is safe to have another Café Danmark.

We will keep you updated on the status of future Danish Club Brisbane events through our website, Facebook and Instagram.

In the meantime, if you run out of licorice or Danish beer you are most welcome to place an order with Lone and arrange to pick it up from the Danish club. See below what we have in stock. Contact Lone on: hoimark.schmidt@bigpond.com

Italian beer, snaps, chocolate or licorice?

New stock just in

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BEER AND SNAPS ONLY AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE DANISH ASSOCIATION HEIMDAL

Chocolate, licorice and other goodies – mainly from Denmark

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A semester in Denmark

Shayne, one of our younger members, has had the opportunity to study a semester at DTU in Denmark. He has written this article to share his experiences with all of us.

Hello, I’m Shayne, some of you might know me by my name, others as the pølsemand who disappeared for the past 6 months. I have been invited to tell my story of what I have been up to over this time. For some context, I’m currently a university student studying a Bachelor of Mathematics in Operations Research and Bachelor of IT in Computer Science at QUT. I was privileged to have the opportunity to undertake a half year exchange program in Danmark as part of my university studies. Thus, from August to December last year I studied for one semester at Danmarks Tekniske Universitet (DTU) in Lyngby, Copenhagen. To support my studies overseas I was privileged to have received a grant from the Danish Club and I am incredibly thankful to the club for the financial support this provided me for my journey.

I have grown up in a family with two Danish parents, however spent my whole life to date living in Australia. This has meant I have always had a little bit of Danish inside of me, but never really the opportunity to explore my cultural heritage in Danmark. While my parents were Danish and we ate flæskesteg for Christmas, we spoke English at home, and I was raised into a more Australian culture.

While studying in Danmark I lived in a kollegie (dorm) in Nærum, about 15 minutes on bike from campus. Unfortunately, where I lived contained no Danish students, a result of the policy to dedicate kollegier (dorms) to exclusively Danish or International students. This was a shame in the sense that I lacked an outlet to practice my language, and get to know a group of local friends, however it did mean I got to know a huge range of people from all parts of the world, which was great, just maybe not what I expected. I did however get to experience the amazing biking culture in Danmark and the incredible infrastructure they have, even on campus was bike-topia as people pedalled between buildings and classes. It’s a testament to what can be achieved with the right policy and right infrastructure.

University classes itself ran fairly similar to home, I guess studying in the same field makes it hard to change too much up, however the campus culture had quite a different feel. Classes were all forcibly timetabled in blocks, so students did not have the ability to design their own timetables like here. This meant there was far less of a chit chat have a coffee kind of social culture as nobody had any breaks except for lunch. People seemed to mostly come to uni to study and then go home, not really socialising except for lunch. The exception of course is the Friday bars where from 3pm on Friday just about no work whatsoever got done and everybody descended on the campus bars for afternoon beers.
In a more cultural sense, I started with attending Danish language school, two nights every week after classes. I never learned Danish as a child, and with most of my family being in Danmark, this was something I wanted to do and would probably help me feel a little more integrated. Unfortunately, because my classes were in English and everyone where I lived were foreign, I didn’t have much opportunity to practice outside class, so I feel I have the vocabulary of a 4 year old but I definitely came a long way from where I started. I also really got to know my family in Danmark and got to experience the culture, traditions, and way of life, including my first Danish Christmas (albeit a grey, not a white one) I also happened to work as the typical teenage job of newspaper and reklamer distribution while studying, delivering in the local area twice per week and also got my forsvarerets dag summons.

Overall from my experience I can highly recommend taking the opportunity to take an exchange program in your studies, whether it be Danmark, or be it somewhere else in the world. The amount you grow personally from being dumped in a foreign country and culture for a fresh life is incredible on its own and getting to know a new language and culture that you´re interested in is the icing on the cake. Feel free to track me down at the next café night if you´d like to know more about my experience or want to know more about the process. Universities here in Australia do their best to make these opportunities accessible so if you´re up for it, jump in and make the most of it!
Danish citizenship / Dual citizenship

By Peter W Hansen, March 2020

If in the past you have been a citizen of Denmark, then you should be mindful of a September 2020 deadline.

Since September, 2015 you have been able to to retain or acquire another or several citizenship while also holding a Danish.

Broadly speaking if you were born with Danish citizenship, and then later gave it up or lost it, when getting another citizenship Australian or any other, you can regain the Danish by way of a "simple" declaration, a fast track process is in place for Danes who gave up their DK citizenship and now wants to regain it, you need to act now!

The declaration must be submitted before September 2020.

The form to use can be found at the website for the Danish Government Department for udlændinge- og integrationsministeriet:


The process is not entirely simple and will likely require some digging to obtain birth, death and marriage certificates for you and your parents (best case) in some instances further documents may also be requested from you.

The form allows for your children under 18 years of age, to be included regardless when born. Older children will need to submit their own form!

Processing times are not consistent and vary widely from a few months to longer than a year, but as long as you get your form in on or before the 31 August 2020 deadline, this should not matter.

As a Danish citizen you may now acquire any other citizenship, while holding on to your Danish also.

This is a change only in the laws of Denmark, and there will still be circumstances, where other countries do not accept or allow dual citizenship.
Children born outside Denmark

If you are born outside Denmark regardless where you now live, you still have to apply before 22 years of age to retain your Danish citizenship, there are conditions involved, among them you will need to prove an ongoing close relationship to Denmark by visits or stays, speaking the Danish language is not required, however the forms are in Danish.

This requirement also affects children included in above "fast track" process who regain DK citizenship, they will still have to apply again before age 22.

This rule has not been affected by the recent updates in the laws. There is an official form which must be used when applying, it can be found at "udlændinge- og integrationsministeriet" website on the page for “Bevarelse af dansk statsborgerskab”.  
https://uim.dk/arbejdsomrader/statsborgerskab/danske-statsborgere/bevarelse-af-dansk-statsborgerskab

What rights do you get?

In regards to Danish taxes, pensions, hospital care or elections, there is no effect on you while living in Australia, no extra taxes are payable neither can you vote there unless actually living in Denmark, and the Danish pension you get depends on the number of working years (from age 15) you actually lived in Denmark, not your nationality. Military service falls to the country of residency.

Travelling with two or more passports.

At Australian border check points present your Australian passport, and in Denmark/EU present the Danish or other relevant EU passport. I in a third country and needing consular assistance, I believe the practice to be that it will be the country of residency, who provides primary assistance, however this is also an area where complications can arise, and you should check this out before you decide to trek across a series of continents on foot or by any means, this is especially true if at some prior point in life, you were a resident or citizen of a country you want to visit.

Danish citizen?

Depending on your age, different rules have been in effect, for when a child is born as Danish. The rule changes makes it a bit tricky to be 100% sure, even if you were born and always living in Denmark, even with one or two parents who are Danish or not, you may have a Danish passport, and yet still not be a citizen of
Denmark, checks for citizenship at issue of a passport has not always been correctly done, and there are cases where adults learn that they are not a Danish citizen, even after spending their whole life there.

Only in the case with both parents Danish and you are born in Denmark can you be sure, in all other cases it gets complicated. You can read more here: https://uim.dk or look up the Facebook group: "Dobbelt Statsborgerskab" (both mostly in Danish) in this group's files section you will find several helpful documents related to this subject.

**Why do we need this?**

As a Danish immigrant I feel as much Danish as my family back home, in reality the Denmark which I left has changed a lot but still I am Danish, however living in my adopted home land, Australia has become my country, and so I pay my taxes and like to participate on a level footing in our society here, for this to happen I need Australian citizenship.

Only as an Australian citizen can I vote, get some government jobs. But most important to me is the vote, I lost the ability to vote in 1988 when we travelled out and settled in Sydney, it has been a large part of my adult life with no say in the government which spend my tax money and speak for me and my fellow Australians. This has now changed as I gained Australian citizenship recently and am looking forward to my first election day.


Danes Worldwide gjorde ministeren opmærksom på, at det kunne være hensigtsmæssigt enten at forlænge denne deadline eller helt ophæve den, sådan som det er tilfældet i fx Sverige.
From an interesting perspective with great humor on being Danish, please read this article from the Guardian by Danish Comedian Sofie Hagen:

I love the UK and would like to stay (please). But you need a few lessons on being Danish

I’m from Denmark, but have lived in the UK for almost eight years. I’d love to stay. Fingers crossed. I call both countries home, but still find myself caught between the two because while there are Briticisms I have embraced, there are other things I can’t. For as long as there is an ocean between us, or two hours on a low-budget aeroplane, there will always be some fundamental differences between our two kingdoms. Here are my five biggest.

You don’t get to the point
The Danes are direct. If you want to send a professional email to someone, asking for some files, regardless of how little you know them, your email will read: “Hey, send the files.” That’s it. It took me a while to learn the British way of making every request sound as if you are asking a person for their first-born’s hand in marriage. “Dearest Cliff, I hope you are well. I do apologise for getting in touch on this godless Tuesday, but I hope you might consider even the slightest possibility of perhaps finding the time...” And so on. My emails now take 20 times longer to write. Often, I forget the pleasantries and simply send a Danish-style four-word message. Then I am filled with British shame. For this reason, I have considered adding an email signature that reads: “I’m not rude, I’m Danish.”

You are filthy as hell, but only secretly
Put on any Danish film and you will see genitals. I am not talking about porn (which Denmark was the first country in the world to legalise, in 1967). I’m talking regular prime-time television and mainstream movies. In the opening scene of Nattevagten, a 1994 thriller, we see Nikolaj Coster-Waldau’s flaccid penis swinging back and forth as he gets out of bed. In the incredibly funny sitcom Ditte & Louise (2015-2016), a scene where Ditte is having wild sex up against a desk cuts with another in which Louise is masturbating furiously while drinking wine. Again, prime time. School sex education was fairly straightforward. Then again, everything in Danish schools seems more
straightforward. We have mostly mixed-sex schools; we do not wear uniforms; and we call our teachers by their first names. Being taught about penises by our teacher, Tina, was great. I imagine being taught about penises by Miss Hansen when you are a creepy suit-wearing child is a lot scarier.

I worked in a sex shop in Denmark when I was 16, which sold porn. It was my job to pack the parcels and send them out. I can reveal that the most hardcore porn was ordered by people in the UK. You’re all filthy as hell, so start standing by it, OK?

**You do not need a hygge blanket**

While I’m here, I’d like to blow the whistle on hygge. You must have heard the word a million times, because I’ve seen it a million times in bookshops all over the UK: How To Hygge The Danish Way, Have A Hygge, and other horrible misuses of my language. Hygge is a common word in Denmark. Instead of “Take care!” we might say “Hygge!” Instead of “This is nice!”, we might say “This is hyggeligt”. Instead of “Ah, OK” we might say “Hyggeligt.” It covers almost anything, and means cosy or chill. It’s not a Danish activity. You guys hygge all the time. You go to the pub, you watch TV, you drink tea to an almost psychopathic degree. The difference is, in Denmark there aren’t £35 books on how to hygge. You cannot (and need not) buy a £50 hygge-blanket. We don’t have hygge-candles because hygge doesn’t have a smell. If Danes are more relaxed than Brits, it’s to do with our excellent infrastructure, our social security safety net, the fact that we are paid a salary to attend university and have 52 weeks of parental leave – all because we happily pay about 50% in taxes. Socialism is the real hygge. You heard it here first.

**You do Christmas once a week**

I miss Danish food on a daily basis. But I have discovered the British Sunday roast. In Denmark, we eat Christmas food once a year, but you people have cleverly decided to do it once a week. And don’t think I don’t know about those special high-end restaurants next to the motorway that do a roast buffet every single day. Yes, I’ve eaten three in one week. No, I am not ashamed – I am British now.

**Our queen is better than your queen**

I’ve bingewatched The Crown, and I like your queen. She seems nice. She does that cool thing where she wears a provocative brooch if she wants to send a hidden signal. But have you met the Danish queen? Margrethe II of Denmark, 79, is regularly seen chain-smoking and shoving food into her mouth in public. Every New Year’s Eve, she addresses the nation on live TV. Last year, she had a cold and we got to see the queen take a crumpled tissue from her drawer and blow her nose. Did I mention that our
queen is also an artist? Her illustrations, sent to JRR Tolkien under a pseudonym in the 1970s, were used in Danish and English editions of The Lord of the Rings. When she was young, she went to the US and met Elvis, Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin. Afterwards the press asked her what she thought and she said, ‘Not impressed.’ She works part-time as a costume designer for the Danish Royal Ballet. What did your queen do? C’mon. Step it up.

One last thing, before my settled status is forcibly taken from me for blowing the whistle on hygge: you can’t pronounce it, no matter how hard you try. You can’t pronounce my name, either. I’m talking specifically to the British man who corrected my pronunciation of it. Don’t do that. Also, I love living here. Please let me stay.

Find the article here: https://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2020/mar/07/sofie-hagen-sex-food-monarchy-hygge-britain-and-denmark-are-worlds-apart
Kort nyt fra Danmark

Hamlet...

Never one to shy away from a thematically strong lead story, the Copenhagen Post reports the news the whole of Denmark has been dreading for over 400 years with the headline “Alas poor Mick, I thought I knew myself”. It turns out Hamlet wasn’t based on the story of a Danish prince after all, but an Irishman by the name of Admlithi. As his story crossed over the North Sea, he became known as Amlothi and then Amleth – the name used by Saxo Grammaticus in the 12th century work ‘Gesta Danorum’.

Læs hele artiklen på: http://cphpost.dk/?p=110394

Vikingen Frede


Happiness index


Gratisskole.dk

På hjemmesiden www.gratisskole.dk kan du finde forskellige materialer til udprintning på dansk til børn i skolealderen. En god mulighed for at få trænet det danske sprog ganske gratis.
Påskelege

Påsken nærmer sig og her kan I finde lidt inspiration til forskellige hyggelige påskelege.

**Puste fjer**

At puste fjer er en leg hvor man skal være sammen to og to. Legen går ud på at hvert par får udleveret en lille fjer. Når legen starter, kaster alle par deres fjer op i luften. Efterfølgende tager de hinanden i hænderne. Fra nu af gælder det om at bevare fjeren oppe i luften ved hele tiden at puste til den.

Når fjeren lander på guldet/jorden er parret ude. Det par der holder deres fjer i luften i længst tid, har vundet.

Rekvisitter: Lige så mange små fjer som antallet af par der deltager.
Antal deltagere: 4 - uendeligt.

**Rulle æg**

Når man Ruller æg får hver deltaget et æg, her er det bedst med hårdkogte æg, hvis nu uheldet skulle være ude.


**Æggeløb**

I æggeløb skal man have en bane der er ca. 25 meter lang. Den kan fx afmærkes med en streg i den ene ende og en kegle i den anden ende.

Til æggeløb skal alle deltagere have udleveret et hårdkogt æg og en spiseske. Lige inden æggeløbet starter skal alle deltagere tage skaffet af skeen i munden og lægge ægget på skeen og stille sig bag startstregen. Når dommeren starter æggeløbet, skal deltagerne gå/løbe så hurtigt de kan ned og runde keglen i den anden ende af banen og tilbage over startstregen.

Hvis den deltagere taber ægget, skal denne starte forfra. Den der kommer først igennem banen uden at tabe ægget på vejen har vundet. *(kilde: [www.godpaaske.dk](http://www.godpaaske.dk))*
Inspiration for the Danish Easter Lunch

Unfortunately, there will not be a Danish Easter lunch at the Danish Club this year, but maybe this will mean that you will have a “påskefrokost” at home instead.

Here is a recipe for an old traditional Easter classic:

**Skidne æg – Smiling eggs in mustard sauce**

Skidne Æg is an old-fashioned dish and today in Denmark it can still be found on the Danish Easter lunch table, but it can be served anytime really. It used to be served on the Saturday before Easter which was known as Skiden Lørdag (dirty Saturday). I should explain that in Denmark this Saturday is flanked by two holidays on either side; Skærtorsdag (Maundy Thursday) and Langfredag (Good Friday) on one side and Påske (Easter) and Anden Påskedag (Easter Monday) on the other side. So the Saturday in-between the holidays was the day when you were busy cleaning house from having company and needed something easy for dinner, and this is indeed a very easy and delicious dish.

When you make Skidne Æg you can use a spicy mustard or perhaps a milder Dijon mustard or a whole grain mustard, just choose whichever is your favorite mustard.

When you cook the eggs you want them to be, what in Danish is referred to as “smiling” eggs. The outer layer of the yolk should be slightly firm and the yolk center soft, so not hard boiled and not soft boiled, but in-between. Actually, I like them a little more on the soft boiled side, so again boil the eggs the way you like them 😊 I hope you enjoy this classic Danish dish.

**Skidne Æg (serves 2)**

**Ingredients:**

- 4 eggs
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 1/2 liter milk (16 oz)
- 3 tablespoon mustard (your favorite kind)
- Salt to taste

**Serving suggestions:**

Toasted dark rye bread (Rugbrød), fresh fried chopped bacon, top with chives
Directions:
Bring a small pot of water to a boil. Add eggs and boil until soft boiled (cooking time varies depending on egg size, I used a size large egg and boiled for 7 minutes). When done boiling, pour out boiling water, add cold water and let sit for 1 minute. Peel eggs and set aside.

Meanwhile in a small pan, melt butter. Once butter is melted add flour and whisk vigorously while cooking for 1-2 minutes. Add milk in increments while stirring until you have a slightly thick Bechamel sauce. Add mustard, stir and let simmer for another two minutes. Season with salt to taste. Add boiled eggs to sauce and allow to heat through. Serve with toasted dark rye bread and enjoy! Source: My Danish Kitchen

INFO FOR MEMBERS
Steen Selmer is our local representative for Danes Worldwide – contact him via queensland@rep.danes.dk

Membership fees for 2019/20 are now due. Fees remain unchanged at $60 for a family / couple and $40 for a single person. Please pay to club’s account with Suncorp BSB 484-799 Account number 024951468 or cash at Café Danmark or even via Paypal.

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