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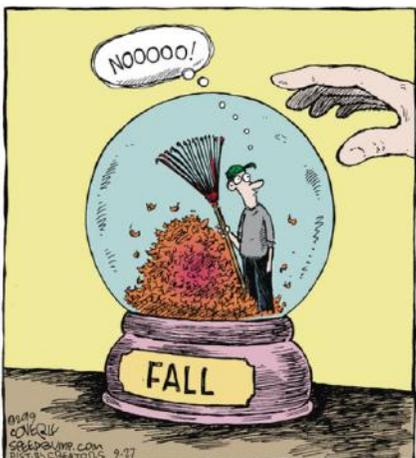
The September barbeque was a resounding success with 80 to 90 members participating. We had a beautiful day and things felt almost normal. Many thanks to Dennis Wimple for cooking and organizing the volunteer helpers who also deserve a big thank you. These events cannot happen without volunteers and if you have not before, we would welcome your participation.

It was rewarding to see a large crowd and that bodes well for a successful 2022. The raffle was a big success and brought in over \$400 to help replenish our checking account which Treasurer Vagn Nielsen reported has suffered over the last few years. Looking forward to seeing you in October.

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President



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BBQ Success

We hope that everyone had a great time at the September 4th BBQ. 85 adults and 8 children were in attendance and we thank each and every one of you for being there. There are many people to thank for making the BBQ a success. Per Madsen for providing an organizational "blueprint" and timetable. Food preparation by Arlene and Keith Brian, for the "Napa Cole Slaw", Sheryl Hoy and Kirsten Petersen for the fruit salad, Karen and Vagn Nielsen for the hot dogs, ice cream and "Kringles", Jill Brian for the chili and Rick Santarini for picking it up and delivering it to her and the shopping crew of Keith, Vagn and Dennis Wimple. The production crew of kitchen supervisor Tove Lindberg assisted by Conni and Jessica Wimple and Maria Ortega, set up by Rick, Carsten Johansen, and Romel Ortega.

Servers Jill, Rick, Keith and Faith Wimple. BBQ tenders and grillers, Romel, who did most of the flipping and hot work and Dennis. The Brian family, Jill, Arlene and Keith for running the very successful raffle (\$406). Thanks to all who contributed gifts for the raffle. We also want to thank the clean up crew led by Tove Lindberg. There were others who jumped in to help wherever it was needed, and contributed who, though anonymous, were instrumental in making the BBQ a success.

Fall 2021

With more people getting vaccinated and outdoor gatherings restrictions starting to ease hopefully more members will start attending. Eventually we can get to the point where we get can resume regular bar service and hold our club meetings. Fingers crossed. As stated in earlier newsletter editions people seem to be enjoying the "bring your own picnic" lunches.

Reminder: Elections for 2021 Board

Due to the COVID 19 situation the Board decided in 2020 to delay the election of a new board, that election and the 2021 election is scheduled per by-laws for the November meeting. We have two board members with expired terms; Keith Brians and Ken Fultz along with one vacancy. Come November the terms of Dennis Wimple, Adam Byer and Vagn Nielsen will also be expiring.

October is the month where Board nominations happen and this year due to the circumstances we have six vacancies. As always, this is a volunteer run organization and your participation in the board and other activities is appreciated and necessary for the club's success. If this club is to continue its existence we need our members to step up. So this is the time for Members to consider (especially new members) joining the board to help continue to keep this club strong and vibrant.

If you are interested please contact one of the Board Members to state your interest.

Christmas Party

As many of you may know our caterer has discontinued that aspect of their business. Discussions are happening with trying to find both a venue and caterer in an attempt to have our 2021 Christmas Party. When we know more we will inform the membership.

Important Notice for the October Luncheon

Saturday, October 2nd will again be a "Bring your own food and beverages" picnic, no reservations necessary.

To comply with the County guidance's the following requirements would be in place.

- *All buildings except restrooms would be closed.*
- *Members would provide their own lunch Groups of ten or fewer could sit together.*
- *Picnic tables would be spaced such that greater than six feet of space separate them.*
- *We will be compliant with CDC and Sonoma County recommendations pertaining to Face coverings at outdoor events.*

Denmark to lift all remaining Covid restrictions on 10 September (article from US Edition of The Guardian)

Denmark is to lift all its remaining Covid-19 restrictions by 10 September after the health ministry declared the virus “no longer a critical threat to society” because of the country’s high level of vaccination.

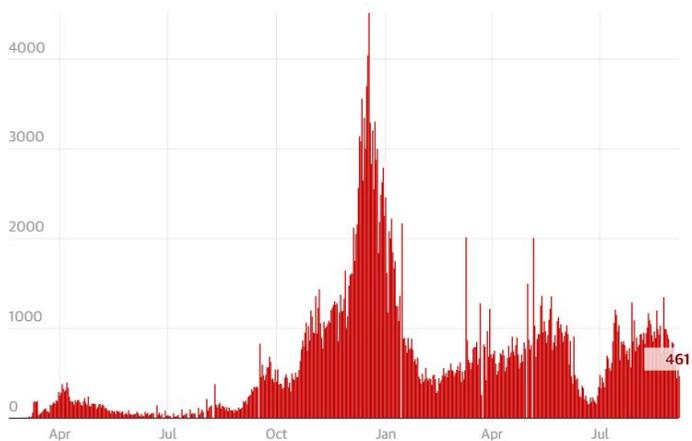
“The epidemic is under control, we have record vaccination levels,” the health minister, Magnus Heunicke, said in a statement on Friday. “That is why we can drop the special rules we had to introduce in the fight against Covid-19.”

He warned, however, that even if the country was “in a good place right now”, the epidemic was not over and the government would not hesitate to “act quickly if the pandemic once again threatens the essential functioning of society”.

Denmark is the EU’s third-most vaccinated country, according to Our World in Data, with 71% of the population having received two shots. Malta is on 80% and Portugal 73%. The UK has fully vaccinated 62% of its population.

Denmark’s seven-day rolling average of new coronavirus cases per million inhabitants stands at 167, slightly above the EU average of 149 but well below Britain’s figure of 492, according to the same online science publication.

Denmark: number of new coronavirus cases per day
Starting from day of first reported case



Data from Johns Hopkins University at 07:02 UTC 7 Sept 2021

The country was one of Europe’s first to impose a partial lockdown in March last year, closing schools and non-essential businesses and services. After tightening and relaxing anti-Covid measures throughout the pandemic, it was also one of the earliest to begin reopening, launching a “coronavirus passport” on 21 April this year.

Danish restaurants, bars, cinemas, gyms, sports stadi-

ums and hairdressing salons have been open since that date for anyone who can prove that they are fully vaccinated, have a negative test result less than 72 hours old or contracted Covid within the past two to 12 weeks.

That requirement, already lifted from 1 August for some venues such as museums, will disappear for most others from 1 September, although a *coronapas* will still be needed for nightclubs and large events including football matches until 10 September.

The government’s decision not to extend its classification of Covid-19 as a “critical threat” to society beyond 10 September effectively removes the legal basis for the restrictions, a health ministry spokesman said.

Restrictions on travel into Denmark, however, will remain in force until at least October because they are covered by a separate agreement between the country’s governing parties that does not expire until a later date.

Why are flags flown in Denmark on September 5th?

Dannebrog, as the Danish flag is known, is flown on September 5th to honor the country’s soldiers and others who are stationed abroad, or have been in the past.



Denmark’s Flag Day for soldiers stationed abroad is marked in Viborg in 2017. Photo: Preben Madsen/Midtjyske Medier/Ritzau Scanpix

Veterans’ Flag Day was introduced in 2009 as a way of acknowledging the contribution of Danish troops in international military operations since 1948.

Ten years ago, Danish soldiers were active as peace keepers in Afghanistan, notably the volatile Helmand province, where a number of casualties and deaths were sustained.

Although that played a key part in the decision to officially mark their contribution, the national flag day remains just as relevant today, according to Minister of Defense Trine Bramsen.

“We still send soldiers on missions around the world and as long as we are still doing that, we need to show our respect for those stationed abroad,” Bramsen told broad-

caster DR.

“It is so important and tribute should really be paid to those who put our values of freedoms before themselves and serve abroad,” the minister added.

Danish military personnel currently serving abroad are involved in operations in the Arctic, training local military in Iraq, and providing protection in Afghan capital Kabul.

Flag Day will also be marked with parades and the laying of wreaths in memory of the fallen, including at the Monument at Kastellet, a historic military barracks in Copenhagen.

69 Danish soldiers have lost their lives in combat since 1992, according to Danish Military figures.

The Funen Village



One of the more interesting places we visited when Lisa and I were in Denmark 2010 while staying

with my cousin in Odense was “The Funen Village”.

The Funen Village opened in 1946. The idea to build an open-air exhibition about Funen originated from a collective sense of loss. Many old half-timbered buildings had become obsolete, fallen into disuse and were then torn down. A desire to preserve such buildings and the cultural landscape and lifestyle that was typical on Funen before 1900 led to the establishment of a rural architectural museum, the Funen Village.

Preserving the agricultural and rural history of Funen remains one of the museum’s core values. they hope also to promote a broader understanding of Funen cultural and historical roots. Many aspects of contemporary society grew from developments in the 1800s, e.g. democracy, education and technology.

A rural community from the time of Hans Christian Andersen

The Funen Village is a rural community as one might have looked when Hans Christian Andersen wrote his fairy tales. A visit to the museum gives the visitor a very clear picture of everyday life and the cultural landscapes that inspired Andersen’s popular fairy tales, including The Ugly Duckling, What the Old Man does is Always Right and the Women with the Eggs...

In Hans Christian Andersen’s lifetime, most Danes lived in half-timbered houses in the country and they lived off

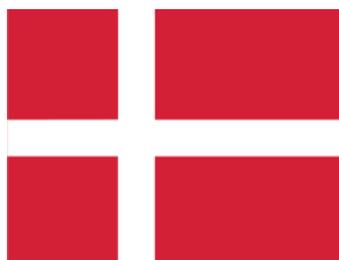
the land. The farm and the rural village were the point of



departure for most people’s view of the world. Only some of them had contact with the townspeople, most often in connection with market day and festivals where the rural population sold their wares in the towns. Life on a farm or smallholding was physically tough. Everyone had to chip in and help. They produced more or less everything they needed in the way of food, clothing, furniture, tools and implements, etc. The men tended the fields and looked after the livestock while the women were responsible for housekeeping, children, gardening and small animals. Children helped from an early age but also attended school from their seventh until their 14th year. Children were confirmed at 14. Once confirmed, they were regarded as adults.



In the Village, you can join a full program of event and activities. Farmworkers and kitchen maids and many other figures bring history in live and they show stories about it was to live in the 19th century which was the period that the world-renown author Hans Christian Andersen’s lived in Denmark.



They create an atmosphere and tell stories about how people lived on Funen in the 19th century, i.e. in Hans Christian Andersen’s time.