

N.F.P.S. NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 1975

Dear Member,

I begin this letter with a quick resumé of the past month's events.

As you know, July has proved a busy time - our shows at Walworth and Finchley were well received, the latter resulting in a booking for next year. The Feast was attended by fifty members and guests despite the cost. However, remember that for the first time, all DRINK as well as food was provided under the initial cost - so much so that after our lot had been on the booze all night, there was still some left over for after the following day's pageant at Hackney Fun Festival. This show also went down very well and many praises were forthcoming.

Some dates for your diary are:-

7th September, 1975 - Thorpe Water Park.
(This is still under negotiation but should be a firm date.)

13th September, 1975 - Maidenhead.

Full details will be given nearer the date - any queries to Raven (01-422 4381).

The Summer Camp will be held in August. Again please ring me for full details as at the time of writing these have not been finalised.

On a different note - FULLEN (Rory Thomas) is organising a trip to Up-Hellia in January 1976 but to help with costing and booking, early enquiries would be welcome. This 'do' will last about one week. The fares will be about £30+ (accommodation extra). For costs, again enquire through me.

The Council have noticed that some newer members are turning out for pageants in equipment which does not fulfil the requirements of the Society. So please take note and remember that 'authenticity' is our password. Plastic gear or other items which are seen to be obvious 'lash-ups' must not be used. It is the Club's prime aim to be able to say "our gear is real".

If anyone has trouble in making or obtaining equipment, they should ask for our booklet dealing with this or ask for guidance from a Freeman or Jarl.

You will see attached a letter dealing with a trip to Denmark in October. Some members went on the same trip last year and I think all would say it was value for money.

I would like to ask you to attempt to draw one new member per head to the Club be they combatants or not. This is now the time of year when we gain most members. This month alone we can welcome six new members from around London plus fifteen overseas enquiries.

I am glad to announce that the following members are now Freemen of the Society and were made up at the Mid-summer Feast:-

Dave Peachey
Barry Witteridge
Malcolm Phillips
Marion
Laurie Gibbs
Black Harry

Lindsey Rogers
Tina Smith
Chris White
Pat O'Neill
Mark Clift

Also WULFSON (Trader Bill's son) has been granted a Charter which allows him to become a Freeman of the Society when he becomes of age in recognition of his loyalty and courage in bearing the Raven Standard for the past year, and he wears the Raven's ring as proof of such.

In order to soften the blow to your purse for the Yuletide Banquet, it has been decided that tokens will be issued as part-payment for shows which result in a pay-out to members attending. These tokens, if not used as Feast payment, may be presented to the Treasurer for encashment. We hope that this will enable more members to attend the Banquet as we realise that cost does become a problem. We, the Council, have tried to keep the cost as low as possible but due to ever-increasing prices it is a hard battle.

If any members have anything they wish to be incorporated in future Newsletters, such as articles for sale or trade, information about the best places to obtain materials, or any other items of general interest, they should forward details to me.

Please note that in future all applications for membership and enquiries relating thereto should be sent to me:-

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Middlesex, UB6 0PA.

(Telephone: 01-422 4381)

Fair Hail,

Raven.

Jarl and Council Member to
BEAR ODINSON



CONFEDERATION OF SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETIES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

MINI WEEKEND CRUISE TO DENMARK

Coscan in conjunction with DFDS Seaways, has organised a weekend round trip to Denmark for just £10.00, travelling in style on board the m.s. DANA REGINA, the very latest addition to the DFDS Fleet.

The trip incorporates two nights on board ship in a four berth cabin, plus an afternoon excursion. Coaches will go from the harbour to make a brief stop in Esbjerg for those wishing to do some shopping and then continue on a sightseeing tour to the fascinating old town of Ribe where arrangements have been made to have tea or coffee and delicious Danish Pastries at Hotel Dagmar. From there the coach takes us back into Esbjerg to visit the Maritime Museum, before returning to the ship. All this to be included in the price. N.B. A very limited amount of twin berth cabins are available at no extra cost.

DFDS Seaways has long enjoyed the reputation for providing the very highest standard of passenger comfort and the 12,200 ton m.s. DANA REGINA is no exception, surpassing its predecessors in terms of decor, furnishings and amenities spaciouly spread over five decks. On the top decks you will find the Bellevue Lounge, with its circular dance floor, the Mermaid Bar – the focal point for shipboard activities, the splendid Codan Restaurant, Scandia Coffee shop, Admiral Pub, Self Service Shop which offers a wide range of goods at shipboard prices, a Boutique and a Hairdressing Salon. To counteract any adverse weather conditions, the latest stabilisers are fitted to the vessel; and each cabin is air conditioned, with its own shower, toilet, washbasin and radio. No effort has been spared to ensure that the m.s. DANA REGINA is one of the finest ships of its class in existence today.

Coscan has an allocation on two weekend sailings, October 3rd and 10th. Sailings commence late afternoon on the Friday, to arrive at Esbjerg Saturday morning. Departure from Esbjerg is late afternoon on Saturday to arrive mid-day on Sunday at Harwich. Although the numbers are restricted to each society, this offer would not only be applicable to members, but guests and friends alike.

We will also arrange for a coach to go from a location in your town, to and from the ship at Harwich. The return cost per person, along with all other general enquiries may be obtained from your own society's organisers. They are responsible for arranging the grouping of reservations in your area.

**COSCAN'S MINI WEEKEND CRUISE CO-ORDINATOR – Paul Wilson, 16 Welbeck Road,
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