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Newsletter



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New kitchen at the Poul la Cour Museum

It's all due to a good friend of the museum who was aware that we needed a new kitchen. He offered us DKK 100,000 on condition that we find the rest ourselves, so it was just a matter of getting started. We got busy drawing kitchens and obtaining quotes. We found that almost DKK 300,000 had to be raised, and even then we had to do some of the rough work ourselves. It sounds like a lot of money, but then we also get a future-proof, professional kitchen that meets all applicable requirements.

So then we sent emails to all our contacts asking for contributions and wrote that any contributions, regardless of size, were welcome. At the same time, we sent an application to the local LAG foundation, which accepted our application and offered DKK 140,000. With the many contributions from the Museum's numerous supporters, we have reached our target, and even a little more, so there is an allowance for the inevitable price increases.

We say a thousand thanks to everyone who has contributed an amount that has made it possible to have a new kitchen. It will mean a lot to the development of the Museum in the future, and we believe that our visitors will benefit greatly from it.
Thank you very much.

Oxygen container

We have known this for a long time, but now it has been confirmed - Poul la Cour's oxygen tank from 1891 has been located. In his old notes we could read that there had been an inspection shaft, an oxygen tank and a hydrogen tank. The hydrogen tank was visible from a trapdoor in the floor, but the oxygen tank and the inspection shaft we assumed were lying under the concrete floor of the same building, but exactly where we did not know. When we contacted the two enthusiastic and experienced leisure archaeologists Marie Aagaard Larsen and her husband Kristen Nedergaard Dreieø, something happened. With their detectors, Marie and Kristen were able to locate the two missing items. It was Marie and Kristen who, in 2012, found Fæsteds-katten, consisting of six solid gold bracelets and a solid silver bracelet. It is the largest Danish find of a gold treasure from the Viking Age.



Marie Aagaard Larsen and Kristen Nedergaard Dreieø with their indispensable detectors.

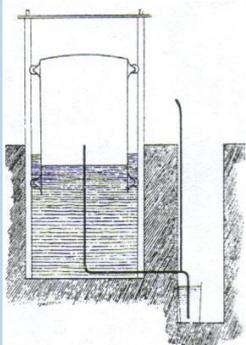
The items had been located, so now it was important to verify for ourselves that they were there. Leo, who is one of the museum's volunteers, grabbed a hammer drill and a 16 mm concrete drillbit. By drilling in different places, we were able to find the exact location, and when we lowered an endoscope into the holes,

we could see what we had been talking about for so long. On the connected PC, we looked down into what Poul la Cour had created 131 years ago.

Both the oxygen and hydrogen tanks were a vital part of what was the world's first plant for Power to X. It was here that Poul la Cour stored the oxygen and hydrogen that he made in his electrolysis tanks using the electricity from Denmark's first electricity producing windmill.



Leo Andersen is working with the hammer drill.



Poul la Cour's sketch of his containers.

It was almost symbolic when I watched the TV news the same evening, and saw the pictures from that day's Energy summit at the Port of Esbjerg. Here, some important decisions were made about the future energy supply for the whole EU.

These decisions included a very important premise, namely Power to X. Now there are giant wind turbines and energy islands in the North Sea, but the underlying idea is the same as the ideas that Poul la Cour developed at his experimental centre in Askov 131 years ago. I fell for the temptation to take a photo of the TV screen.

Our next step in Askov is to cut a larger hole in the concrete floor, so that our guests have the opportunity to look down at our new finds.



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