

# **SEVERIN JØRGENSEN** THE GREEN ROUTE – 9,7 KM

Jens Severin Jørgensen was born on 31 March 1842 and died on 10 January 1926. Severin Jørgensen was trained as a manufacturer and after trying his hand as a merchant in Jutland, Severin Jørgensen came to Falster, where he tried his hand at several things, including shopkeeping and bookbinding. On September 1st, 1868, the Idestrup Parish cooperative consumers' association opened, and on 4th of December of the

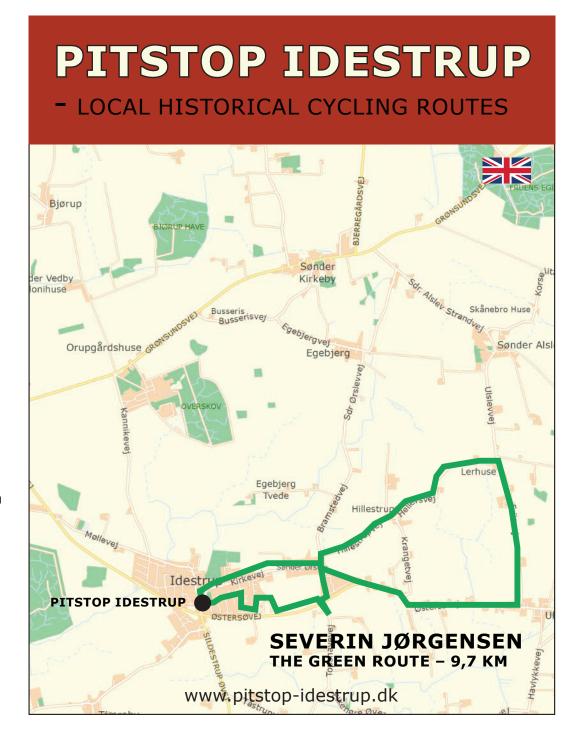
same year it opened another shop in the nearby village of Ulslev, with Severin Jørgensen as manager.

Severin Jørgensen continued the idea of the grocery association after he moved to Jutland in 1875 and spent the next several years establishing a joint purchasing system for grocery associations. It was also here that he began work on a unified Danish common association, which ended with the establishment of the Common Association of Danish Consumers' Associations (FDB) on 1st of January 1896, again with Severin Jørgensen as chairman. FDB still exists under the name COOP and is still owned by its members as a cooperative. Jørgensen was a leading figure in the Danish co-operative movement until his death in 1926. Unfortunately, he never got to see how long-lasting FDB has proved to be.



### **PITSTOP IDESTRUP**

Møllevej 20B 4872 Idestrup www.pitstop-idestrup.dk



# WHICH ROUTE DO WE TAKE?

The route starts at Pitstop Idestrup



## 1. Møllevej 20b, 4872 Idestrup

Pitstop Idestrup. The building was erected in 1911 as a consumers' association and here, so many years on, the spirit of community is still thriving. The building now houses a youth club, café, multi-purpose room, accommodation and a host of activities such as exhibitions, concerts and community center.



# 2. At the corner of Hellersvej and Krangetvej, Hillested, 4872 Idestrup

The rugged, outdoor village council in Hillestrup was the place where the farmers met to lay down general rules concerning many practical chores in the village. All farmers had the right to vote, and the village council acted as a mediator in disputes between neighbours. In addition, the village council held guilds (feasts). and generally governed the village community.



#### 3. Ulslev on Falster

Ulslev is a charming little village, and it was also here that Severin Jørgensen was the salesman in the Idestrup Parish Consumers' Association in Ulslev for two periods, from 1868-1869 and again in 1872-1875, until Severin Jørgensen moved to Jutland.



# **4. Kirkevej 50, Sønder Ørslev, 4872 Idestrup** Charlotte Krøyer's dining rooms were formerly the

director's residence of Falster's high-voltage power station. The plant started in 1912 as a cooperative and in 1915 had 44 towns connected from the local area and surroundings.



### 5. Fruegade 3, 4872 Idestrup

The former engineer's house of Falster's high-voltage power station. In addition to this residence, the plant also built engineers' and workers' residences at Fruegade 5-11 and Kirkevej 48.



# 6. Fruegade 22, Sønder Ørslev, 4872 Idestrup

The Lucerne flour factory at Fruegade 22 was built in the 1940s in connection with the easy access to the East Falster railway, which had a station in Sønder Ørslev. Lucerne meal comes from the alfalfa plant and is used, among other things, as a dietary supplement for laying hens. The railway was closed in 1966.



### 7. Topshavevej 4, 4872 Idestrup

The Handy Craft School. The house was built in 1910 and through the years, many villagers have learned skills and craftmanship. The classes were held both during the day and in the evening and covered subjects such as woodwork, dressmaking, lacemaking etc.