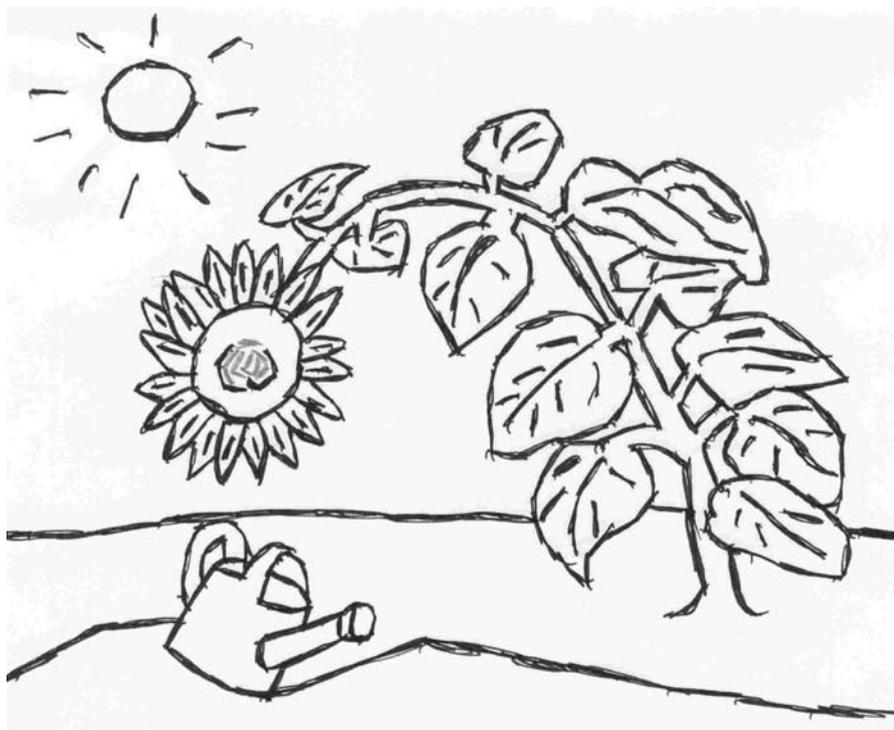


Dear Friends,

When during the last weeks I got a chance, to sit down behind Tamme house and listen to nature I heard how autumn announced himself by the rustling of dry leaves in the wind. At the same time the warmth of the sun could penetrate me. Although we do still write summer, I was amazed, to be able to **hear** autumn coming. A few days later also the maple tree on the field started to turn red and the birch leaves get a yellowish colour. Most beautiful double rainbows gave us the possibility to gaze at them in awe and wonder giving certainty about a „beyond“.

The flies want to come into the house, the mice and ants as well, they know, that summer has come to an end and the days are becoming shorter again. The grain is harvested, the potatoes are sorted out, the vegetables we find on our plate every lunch are fresh from the garden. Thanks to many, many guests, who visited us this summer we managed to harvest more than 850 kg black and red currants and made them into juice and jam. Last newsletter Michael wrote, how he was cutting the bushes, now they gave us a rich harvest.



It was a good summer with a lot of rain, many thunderstorms and some hot days. Some people managed to go on holidays, visit friends or family, others stayed here to receive all our many guests, who had come to help us or to visit the Song and Dance Festival in Tallinn. Perrine, Rosie, Pierre and Veronika had come for the songfestival but they also helped with the hay, collected berries and took us for outings.

There were many praktikants, who stayed for shorter or longer: Anna, Agnes, Sarah-Maria and Arthur had come from Waldorfschools in Germany, Kaidi and Johan from the Waldorfschool in Tartu. Janna came all the way from Moskow by car. Miriam, Hans, Christine and Reinhard, Silja, Carola and Sebastian, Anja and Jesse with their children, Ingrid and Andreas from Sweden, the Tartu daycentre came for a week with 16 people and a dog, Stefan and Peter, Gabriele and Jüri visited as well as friends and parents of the volunteers and a group of 17 people from Georgia and a group of students of the summer school of Tallinn University.

Thanks to you all, because of your help we got our summer works done!

Now autumn arrived and with it the new volunteers: Daan from Scotland, Katharina and Ulrike from Germany.

Robert and Louise left us after their year was over. Nolvann had left us already in spring. Louise went back to France by bike, this week she meets Robert in Berlin after having cycled already 2000 km! Cathy and Aivar left us again, now it is easier for Johannes to do his many sport trainings in town.

Marko helps on the farm for some time, as we are actually still one volunteer short. Carola has come to help to teach the new volunteers the art of cheese making and as we want to make apple jam and juice we notice, that many people in Estonia make their own jams and juices again, the financial crisis forced them to do so, so that there is now a shortage in lids for the jars in the shops.

The evening sky is filled with clear stars again; Jupiter has been shining all summer long performing his dance together with the moon and is still reigning over the evening sky. May the wisdom of the stars shine down onto us people in Pahkla, that we will be able to make the right michaelic decisions, lets hope, the michaelic shooting stars give us some meteoric iron energy in order to manage all the challenges the present time presents us with.

Katarina (September 2009)

CONFIRMATION CAMP (31. Mai - 6. June 2009)

We drove to Pilistvere. First we looked at our sleeping place. Kristiina went to sleep together with the other Kristiina and I slept on my own. In Pilistvere Pastoraat we were received by Liis. Some people played and I went for a walk. In Pilistvere is the sauna house, the Pastoraat and the Andres Church.

We went to Pilistvere in order to be confirmed. I was also christened. Half past five we had supper. In the morning we painted. Kristiina read in the bible. I listened to what the others were telling. There were two people from Finland and two from Estonia. One was Kirssi-Maija, one Elve Bender. Then the lessons started. I had lesson with Elve, who taught also Jaanus and Kristiina. We learned all sorts of things. We learned from the bible. We also celebrated Christmas and Easter. These two feasts we celebrated.

There was also an exhibition with old pictures in the pastoraat.

Saturday the christening and confirmation took place. Before the service began we cleaned the church and beautified it with lilac. When our people from Pahkla arrived, I was already wearing the white dress. At 11.00 the guests came and the service began. There were not many people but Kristiinas parents had come. The churchbells rang and the organ played when we entered the church. The confirmation class went in front, the vicar followed behind. When we arrived at the altar, they started to speak. It was a short service; it did not feel so long. Then small Kristiina and I were christened. They put water onto our head. Then followed the confirmation together with the communion. We all got a confirmation candle. Six people were confirmed. We also sang confirmation songs. When we left the church we got flowers and sweets. Also photos were made to commemorate the event. Then we went to the pastoraat for lunch. There we got the confirmation certificates. We thanked Elve and the others that they made this special week possible for us.

JEVGENI

ART-CAMP 23rd -27th of JUNE 2009

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In June we were invited to Germany for an art-camp. Rapla county and Kreis Kaiserslautern are friend-counties. 16 people from Rapla county were invited to participate in the art-camp of the Reha-Westpfalz in Landstuhl. Two years ago the Germans came to Estonia, to participate in our art-camp in Rapla.

At 3.15 we had to get up in order to get to the airport for 6.15. We managed. We flew via Finland. From there the plane brought us to Germany. We, that were I, Jevgeni, Inge, Malle Urmas, Robert and Katarina. From Rapla came five and from Kati Kodu also five people. In Frankfurt Martin Phieler had come to meet us. He brought us to Kusel, where we stayed in a newly built house designed for people in wheelchairs. To move the bed or the curtains you had just to press a button.

The first day we went to do sightseeing in town. The next days were meetings. First we got a friendly reception. Many people had come for the art-camp. Then we started to do art. The first day Robert, Inge and I made masks. The last day we performed an African fairy tale. Urmas and Katarina built a castle from clay. Malle danced „rueda”. There were 7 different art-workshops. After lunch we went for outings. We went everywhere. We were shown the different parts of the rehabilitation centre, the school, the living house, the kindergarten and the workshops.

Urmas said afterwards: „I would like, that also the wheelchair inhabitants of Karula would have such a life as I saw it here. That they would have the same work and could participate in normal life. People get all the time help and they can go everywhere. I saw wheelchairs with accumulator that they can move independently. Such a wheelchair I wish for the boys in Karula. Here people are much more handicapped as in Karula but they can get everywhere and are able to live a normal life. I have just one wish, that the boys and girls of Karula would have such a good life as I saw it here in Germany.”

St. Johns day the Germans wanted to organize a St. Johns fire for us. But in Germany you cannot make it outside, so it was in a hut. It was funny and we got to know the others, who we lived with in the same house. We ate, danced and sang together.

Another day we were shown a farm coffee shop, where we got real German cream cake. In Kaiserslautern we saw the Dinosaurus Park and the willow church.

The last day of the art camp all workshops showed what they had been doing during the camp. We performed the play, Malle danced; we admired the clay castle, sculptures and pictures and listened to the songs. The same evening the REHA School celebrated the school leavers party. Also we were invited and performed Estonian St-Johns songs. It was a long and posh party with disco music.

The last evening we went to see a theatre play on the Landstuhl castle. The lord of the castle received us himself and showed us all the secrets of the place from secret passages to the ghosts. Urmas, I, Vitali and Jüri tried to put on the armour. It was not so heavy. In the theatre played also Inge's best friends, who also instructed the theatre workshop during the camp. The spectacle was very funny, even if we did not understand all the words.

The last day the bus came early in the morning to bring us to Frankfurt airport. Martin Phieler, who always showed us around, had come along again. The art-camp was really good. THANK YOU!

JEVGENI, URMAS, KATARINA

KAAREL'S LONG HOLIDAY

The first thing I did at my grandmother's place was to prepare the St. John's fire. Then I sat in the sauna which had the form of a barrel. It was very hot (80 degrees). Then I was a very clean boy. First I went to the St John's fire of my grandmother then I went to the big St. John's fire. There were two great guests: Peeter Võsa and Edgar Savissaar. He had come to speak to the fans of his party. In summer I made hay, went for bike rides, was a lot together with my friends and enjoyed myself. Together with my grandmother I went to the forest to collect mushrooms. Then we made mushroom sauce, which melted on my tongue. I also harvested potatoes, swedes, carrots, and cabbages. I was also in Tallinn and yesterday I came back to Pahkla. Today I collected apples for juice making, washed them and brought the compost away.

I like to live in different places. That's good.

KAAREL

SUMMERCAMP

Tuesday we opened the camp with a concert in the Rapla church. All liked it very much. Also Siiri Sisask performed. Then we drove to Ristimäe holiday centre where we set our tents up. We were the last, who had their tents ready. The flag was raised and we had lunch. Afterwards we had supper and danced until one o'clock. Some people from Pahkla came still dancing after the hay works were finished.

KERSTI K.

KATHARINA

Hey! My name is Katharina (with an h in-between!). It is not even two weeks since I started my voluntary year in Pahkla. I already feel quite at home though and enjoy working in all the different areas of the village and with all its different people so far. I think now I finally know everybody and can also distinguish the different Estonian names that sound so nice!

Today I was taught how to produce "kollast juustu". As I never had the opportunity to produce cheese before I now really admire each piece of cheese I see because now I know all the work behind it!

I am looking forward to a year full of new experiences and hope that soon I am able to heat the oven correctly and to stop the milk from the milk tank from flowing out when the bucket is already full. But it is all of those little mistakes which make me learn new things and will make the year more interesting in the end.

Hopefully my Estonian gets better soon so that I will be able to have conversations with the villagers and the rest of Estonia!

Katharina

Bye Bye and Welcoming

My voluntary service in Pahkla finished in the end of August and I went back to Germany. Before I left we had a really good bye bye party in Männi house. A lot of people came and we had good cake and coffee. I got a lot of presents and one present was a big and yellow teddy bear. With this teddy I went home to Germany and I had just to manage to find a place for him in the airplane. I managed and now he is living in my mothers' place in Berlin.

Back in Germany I visited my family and friends. For one week I created a small community with my grandmother. Because she lives alone and has a big house with garden. We had nearly the same rhythm like in Pahkla and we had a good week together. After three weeks in Germany I travelled to France to visit Nolwenn. She was also a volunteer in Pahkla and we discovered the beautiful landscape of Normandy and Bretagne.

I left Pahkla with really good feelings and I liked this community life a lot. I noticed more and more that I miss this life and that I like to go back. So I decided to take a plane from Paris to Tallinn and now I am back in Pahkla.

I live again in Männi house. Now our Männi family is bigger than before. Merike moved to our house and the new volunteer Daan from Scotland. I am happy to be back and soon the winter is coming. We had already temperatures around -5 degrees in the morning.

Robert

DAVID NEWBATT IN PAHKLA

We were lucky and grateful to have had David Newbatt from Scotland as our guest. For three days (16.-20. 10. 2009) we painted together autumn moods and listened to lectures with pictures of the seven archangels and the chemical wedding of Christian Rosenkreutz. And in between he gave the last missing touch to Tamme house, a mighty mural in the stairwell. But I let him speak and copy his words he kindly wrote into our guest book:

„The land around Pahkla has many oak trees. A great oak has grown in the stairwell of Tamme house, a powerful being on the tree commands from the crown. At the foot of the mighty trunk a human being bearing sword and shield, the sword sheathed commands respect and pacifies a great dragon. The oak is influenced by Mars; the human being is influenced by courage to stand fearless within reach of the dragon avoiding unnecessary conflict.

It has been a very enjoyable time in Pahkla, even though the weather matched anything Scotland could offer for a miserable, damp, overcast day. Thank you for feeding me well in the house and allowing me free rein to colour your stairwell.

All the best,

David Newbatt.”

EPILOGUE

When one month ago I wrote the introduction article for this newsletter, I did not know yet, that it would still take so much time, until the letter is being sent away. In the meantime so much happened that we need a short epilogue.

I was in Switzerland, in the Goetheanum, where I took part in the Michaelmas conference, where the Camphill world met with people, who were also interested in the theme „Community building in the light of Michael.” One beautiful experience during these days was, to perform together with all participants the Michaelmas play by Karl König. Sitting on the balcony and playing lyre creating a listening arch together with the singers, who sang from the stage, community became reality. By listening and so perceiving all the others in the big hall you try to give your part in the right moment.

Afterwards I visited the Johanneshaus in Öschelbronn, where my parents and also Margit Engel live. I was asked, to tell a bit about Estonia, what I gladly did. Roughly 20 people had come, who listened with high attentiveness. It was very special for me, to have people in the audience, who worked together with Karl König already some 60 years ago. One ladie's mother was with him at Pilgramshain.

Back in Pahkla awaited me a big surprise: Robert had come back, Ernest had come for a visit, Reet and Marko found work with us, much apple jam and juice has been made, and all the vegetables are harvested. The first snow came this morning.

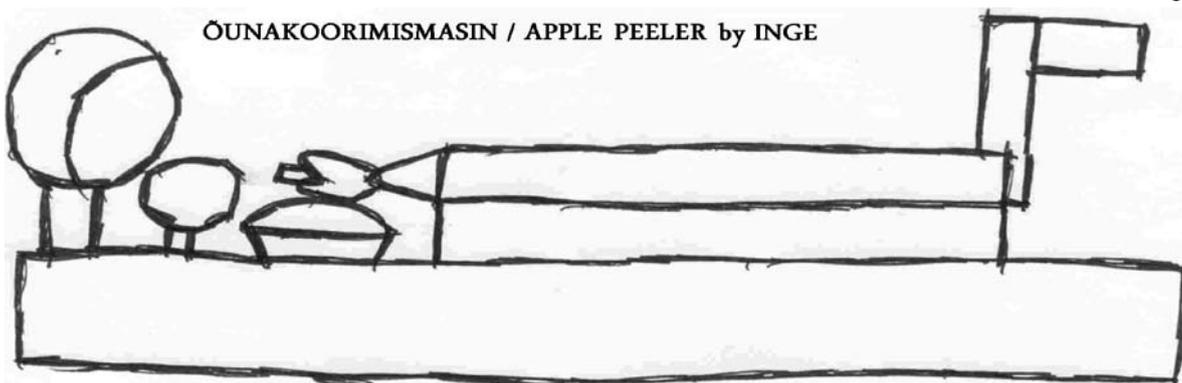
Now it is time to think about the candle workshop again. **It is the right time now for your candle orders.** Our storage room is nicely filled, you may



order as much as you want that we can soon start to make new candles again.

Katarina

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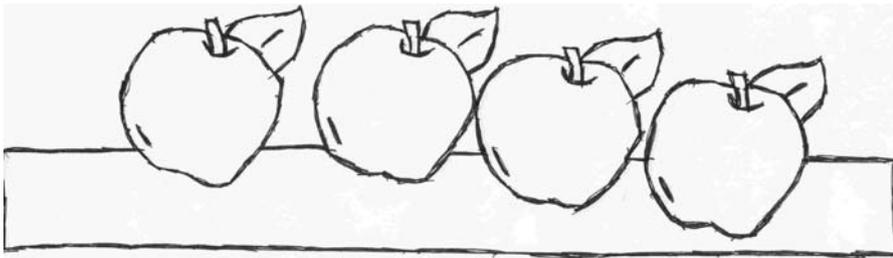
ULRIKE

My name is Ulrike. I am an 18-year-old volunteer from Germany. I had arrived 6 days ago and I already feel very comfortable. The villagers are so kind and even without knowing their language yet you can have so much fun with them. Furthermore the nature is really amazing and the atmosphere is just nice.

The first work I had to do was to sort the potatoes, today we made some applesauce and tomorrow I will be introduced to the creamery. The work realms always change and they are so different that you learn many new things. I am excited about what's expecting me!

I just entered a totally different world and my home in Germany is already so far away – not only in terms of real distance but above all in my mind: I can't imagine being there, I feel already at home here. My life in Germany was quite different from life here and first, I was not sure whether I would fit in on the farm but when I finally arrived all my doubts vanished. I was welcomed so nicely that I felt good at once.

I will stay here for a year and I think I will learn much for my later life: about keeping house, about social work, about myself: my aims, my strengths and weaknesses, about taking responsibility and about my own limits. And it will finally help me to grow up.



Ulrike



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