

Dear Friends,

„The cranes are gone, bad weather comes!” (Estonian proverb) that is, what we can say about the weather just now, when it is the second week of September. Cold and warm are wrestling with each other, who will win? One day is still quite warm, the next day you need your winter coat. The most beautiful misty moods we can see in the evenings, when we look towards the river. You feel the quietness after the spring filled with birdsong and a summer with many mosquitoes. Now you hear at night the migrating birds fly over. You can feel, how their wings move the air, the energy comes to the earth, and to us, who feel, that the air became richer with the movement of the wings.



When I wrote the last newsletter, we had still snow. Now we soon will have the first night frost. We are in the middle of harvesting that, what we were sowing and planting during spring and what could grow nicely with lots of sunshine and rain during summer. We had a rich and good potato harvest. The pumpkins are big; of the grain we had many different kinds. Currants we had not so many, but as there were also only few people to collect them, it was all right. Sweet pears we had a lot, they were put into jars. The apple harvest only starts. Carrots, beetroot, cabbages may still grow a bit; beautiful big onions dry in the garage of Tamme house.

One Saturday in Mai we invited some villager's relatives to help us plant some trees and paint Tamme House garage. Thank you very much!

Also in May a specialist firm started, to make the doors of Tamme House fireproof with a special varnish. What was meant to take just one day became a nightmare, because we had to be without doors for two months, which not everybody thought to be very funny. Thank you to our firm Destro, who finally finished the job in less than a week.

In June Esther Grünberg and Eve Kislar represented us at the Camphill Dialogue in Finnland/Sylvia Koti. This is a meeting of all the board members of the worldwide Camphill movement.

Did we not write last time, that our houses need desperately renovations? It seems that the houses did not want to wait any more until we would start to do something. They did something themselves, and at least three times in different houses a pipe broke and the water poured into the house, without that there would have been a tap nearby to close the water stream. In Tobias House this happened at night, and by the time, the housemother noticed it, the whole house was swimming away. Ceiling, walls, floors, all needed to be replaced. We are grateful that „Freunde der Erziehungskunst” and the Software Stiftung in Germany heard our call for help and helped us with a fast donation to begin with renovations.

Only...it was summer, and all the builders are somewhere else. Let's hope, that by Christmas also the bathrooms will be finished.

There were also several Woofers, who helped us with the summer works: Ksenya, Kat and Leo.

Some German trainees helped us this summer: Alexander and Markus (they built a new swing also) and Rebecca and Elke. In August helped also Kaidi and her sister Grete Maria.



Three bike riders from France stopped on their way through Europe in Pahkla and helped us with the hay harvest.

In July Silja was here for a long visit. She helped us a lot. Through her initiative visited us a group with German people for a few hours, who were interested in Estonia. They brought us many presents. In September there came as surprise guests Johannes and Evelin, who arrived at the right moment in order to repair the potato boxes and to build new ones.

An international student group from Tallinn University visited us and through Tallinn PIK came a group of six people from different countries of the Caucasus to live and work with us for a day.

Franziska and Johannes finished their year with us and returned to Austria in order to go to university. We are very grateful, that they helped us a lot. The new volunteers are this year all from Germany. Almut came to live in Tobias House, Sebastian lives in Männi House. Nikola will arrive next week. St. John's day Larissa, Pim and small David arrived from Holland. They live now in Tamme House.

A first aid course took place twice for us and Kati Kodu.

There were several camps, where some of us could take part, like in Käsmu or in Saku. You can read about them in this newsletter.

And we are especially grateful, that Carola and Christian invited Malle and Urmas; and Malve invited Vova and Piret for special holidays in Germany. Thank you also to Robert, who helped with the transfer from plane to train/bus and vice versa in Berlin.

The Baltic seminar (for Social therapy) started a new round and Pahkla hosted the workshop for the first block in September.

We wish you a good start of autumn and a Michaelmastime full with courage.

Katarina

News from Pahkla

I will go on a holiday to Viljandi together with Urmas and Tiia. I have lived in Pahkla village already for more than a year.

We found for our house two cats. The red one belongs to Claudia and the one with three colours is ours. It wants to sleep with me in my room. It sleeps on the chair in my room. Together with Almuth I went to Kohila to fetch Leo. Leo helped us to trimmer in the garden. In the garden I share out the vegetables for the houses. We planted 6 rows of cabbage. I water the tomatoes, collect cabbageworms and we cleaned the paths between the beds.

Maarjo

Flooding



On the 9th of July we had a problem in Tobias house. At half past five in the morning Claudia came into my room and said: “Good morning, wake up, it’s raining indoors! Put your boots on!” Meanwhile Claudia tried to find out where the water came from. It came from the water pipe under the tap in the small bathroom upstairs. We started to call everyone to help us. Tiit and Katrin came directly and we started to empty the living room and hallway. Later we took everything out to

look how broken the house was. Upstairs a whole room needed renovation and the hallway needed a new floor. Downstairs everything had to be repaired: the floor, the walls, the ceilings, the kitchen and the bathroom. Two months later the living room and kitchen were finished. Now I could move back to my favourite room. In the meantime I had slept two nights in Männi house and after that I moved to Claudia’s front room. Malle moved to Tamme, Kersti to Helle. Our volunteer Johannes went to Comenius house so Merle could move to Johannes’s room. We had breakfast and supper in the houses we slept. Lunch we had to prepare in Männi house. One month later we could go back to Tobias again. We hope that our two bathrooms get ready soon so we can take a shower here again. We hope that the reparations will be done before Christmas.

Maarjo

Summerdays in Käsmu

From the 5th of July in the morning until the 7th of July in the evening I went on a camp to Käsmu. Andres, Claudia, Maarjo, Inge, Malle, Merle and Merika also came along and Katrin was our bus driver. We stayed in the Lainela holiday enter, where we shared a house with the people of Katikodu. It was cold when we arrived. We started with the opening, then we had lunch and the workshops started. Merike and I participated in the music workshop. I liked it a lot. Then we had dinner and after that we held a disco evening. On Wednesday after breakfast we went back to the workshops until dinner. Then we had a free evening and we visited the sea museum. On Thursday morning the camp ended and we all showed to each other what we had learned in the course of the last days. We got a certificate and a badge. We drove back, but first we still went for lunch and bought ice-cream. Then we finally got back to Pahlka.

Kersti K.

My birthday week

On Friday morning Katrin brought us to the train station. Katarina, Inge and I wanted to go to Tallinn and Kaidi and Grete Maria went back home. At the Tallinn train station we met Evelin and Johannes. Then we went to the Balti jaama market to buy me presents and it started to rain. We bought rubber boots, a backpack, a hairbrush, a sauna brush, pyjamas, work sweaters and a t-shirt with the picture of a dog on it. Then we went for lunch, I ate shashlik, Inge had mashed potatoes and sausages and Katarina ate goulash. Then we went to Piritä

beach, luckily the weather was better now. It was a very nice day and when we got back home, we were all tired.

On Monday morning I went with my parents to the zoo. The sun was shining and we saw a lot of animals. Most of all, I liked the seal that was sleeping on his own tail. I was back for lunch. It was a great day.

On my birthday I invited Andres and Maarjo for breakfast. Everyone was singing in front of my room. Malle and Kersti Smid came to us for lunch, Pim made French fries and sausages. Kristiina had prepared salat and cooked potatoes for Kersti. Larissa made cakes together with Liisa; I got a cherry pie and queen cake. My birthday party was at dinnertime and I got a lot of presents!

Kersti Kislar

Camp from the Orde of St. John

We went on a camp, it was very nice and beautiful. We visited Käsma and Palmse manor and we went horseback riding. We were 35 people from Germany, Finland, Sweden and Holland. In the evening we made a campfire and we had a disco. We were all the time driving around and Jevgeni went for walks. In the Swedish St. Michael's church was a mass. It was a very beautiful and nice camp.

Kristiina

The organ of the Hageri church

In January the church organ of Hageri went for reparation. It took a long time for the organ to get ready. Yesterday the organ was inaugurated. Andres Põder consecrated the restored organ and the new liturgical carpets. The communion happens now in a new way. Afterwards we had a coffee break and an organ concert. We, Jevgeni and Kristiina, are members of the Hageri church.

Kristiina

Parcival

On Michael's birthday I went with Katarina, Pille and Tiit to the opera Percival. It took place in an old ship factory. The hall was full. In the beginning the opera singers were in the corridor, they only came in when everyone had found their seats. First the men and the two women with brown hats came in. Then Amfortas came with a hurt swan, then Percival and the poor soldiers. The man with the coat was all the time on stage. There was also a witch (Klingsor), who could lift the stage with his wand. In the end there was a little greenhouse on the stage in which the man with the coat was sitting. The woman also came and there were flowers growing in the greenhouse. Then a soldier with a spear arrived. Gurnemanz said that it's not allowed to fight on Good Friday and Percival took off his armour. Then the man in the greenhouse started to speak. After that the knights of the grail had to hold on to each other because they didn't have any strength left. Then they stood up again and held the black sorcerer down so Percival could touch it with his spear. He cured Amfortas. A small boy was coming to water the plants. I like Percival the most because he is a good man. There were 3 acts and two breaks. At one o'clock in the night we got back home. I bought the program before the opera started.

Jevgeni

„I CAN AND WANT TO HELP“ FIRST AID COURSE IN PAHKLA

In Pahkla live people, who always want to learn something new. One of them would like to learn about medicine and so we had the idea, to organize a first aid course. We wrote a project (Anneli wrote the project) and found Mare Liiger MD, PhM, who said yes to give this course. We are grateful, that the lottery fund supported us. The name of the course is: „I can and want to help“.

The course takes place in two parts: in Mai was the first part where we learned to put bandages onto different wounds, how to call for help in case of an accident and much more. We all practised these handlings. 13 people of Pahkla and Kati Kodu took part. Villagers and co-workers learn together. With excitement we wait for the next part of the course, which will take place on the 23rd of September.

Katrin and Katarina

Impressions from the first course:

First Mare spoke, how a girl was pushed down the staircase and that she could not walk anymore afterwards. She spoke also about other accidents. She warned that Christmas decorations could break and how her mother warned her, when she was still child. During the course I learned, how to put bandages onto wounds. The „wound“ was actually made of rubber, which was put on the hand and the leg of the man. Then we put a bandage on. We also bandaged the head. With a big doll we learned to artificially make a person breathe what you must do, when a person has drowned in deep water. Then you should also call the ambulance.

I liked it a lot, to participate in the first aid course. It is good, if we learn something new. When an accident happens, I can help the others. One new thing we will learn this Friday, what it will be Mare did not tell us yet.

Jevgeni



INGE DREW A MAP OF OUR VILLAGE:



Hello,

My name is Sebastian (20 years old), I come from Southwest Germany and live in Pahkla Camphilli Küla since the 1st of September. I already learned how to milk the cows, how to clean the stable and in the creamery I learn, how to make cheese and yogurt etc.

And in the potato cellar I have to make big boxes for the potatoes, unfortunately mostly on my own.

People, I work together with are all very nice to me and forgive me the mistakes, which slip still into my work.

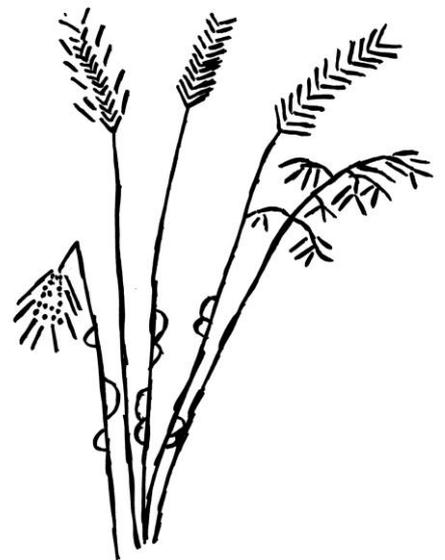
With the Estonian I do still have my problems, but I am optimistic, that it will get better during the next weeks.

I am looking forward to a year full with electricity cuts, snowstorms and light situations I am not used to yet.

Volunteer Sebastian

Hii,

we are Pim and Larissa. In the end of June we moved to Pahkla with our 5-month-old son David. Larissa has lived here before but for Pim this is the first longer stay in Pahkla. Before we lived in Holland where Larissa was studying and Pim worked fulltime. Now we live in Tamme house. Larissa is home with David and Pim is mainly working on the farm. We also take care of the sheep. We hope that Pahkla will become our home.



Pim and Larissa

Hello,

my name is Almut Frisch and I will be staying here for a year. I come from a small town in the middle of Germany. Before coming here, I finished school and I wanted to do something different for a year before I start university. So far I have been here for a little more than a month. After the first week I was able to move into my room in Tobias maja, before I stayed in Comenius due to the problems with the water in Tobias. I got to know many people and I like the village. Of course it takes some time to get used to it and the language is pretty difficult for me but I hope that I'll soon be able to understand more.

I started working in the milk kitchen with Franziska and I learned how to milk which was pretty interesting as I have never done any of those things before. Now that the cows are indoors during the night I will also work in the stable. I also cook twice a week together with Marek and Maarjo and sometimes Merle. At the beginning it was difficult for me because there were so many new things and new people at once but now it is easier. I'm looking forward to all the experiences I will have throughout the next 11 months and I hope it is going to be a great year for all of us. I'm glad to have come here and I hope to be a great help. I am also looking forward to the winter although I have heard many negative statements. I hope there is going to be a lot of snow. I really like my house, the Tobias House and I think I will get along well with Claudia.

Almut

WE SELL:

Candles: it is now the right time, to order the candles for Christmas! The pricelists you will find on our website: www.pahklack.org

Potatoes: We had a very good potatoeharvest. You can come and buy potatoes from us.

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