

DEAR FRIENDS,



The cranes, the geese, the swallows prepare themselves for their journey to the south or have left already, the maple tree on the field is deep red and every morning the fog rises up from the river: Autumn has come. The potatoes are harvested, the grain is drying, the apples ripen on the trees, the pumpkins still grow, forests are full with mushrooms: autumn has come. It is getting dark outside early, the wind blows strongly and the rain surprised us on the field whilst collecting the potatoes, making us soaking wet and our boots heavy with earth: Autumn has come!

The clear sky at night is filled with sparkling stars, the autumn storms tear the leaves from the trees and you have to stand firmly on the earth, if you want to continue your path. Firmly we have to stand in order to maintain that, what we have achieved.

20 years Pahkla is now old. The 20th of May we celebrated this birthday with a festival-conference together with many guests. (See also the articles by Eve Kislar and Jaak Harodes) We are grateful, that we have come so far. For the future we have to consciously take steps, which will enable us, to carry on with this work. For this aim, together with Maarja Küla, Kati Kodu and other organisations we founded a new roof organisation in order to have a stronger voice. For us it is important, to see the real needs of people and do our work according to our understanding of the image of man and the needs of the earth. The aim of this new roof organisation is, to bridge the gap between our ideals and the rules and regulations the state confronts us with, which often paralyze our best intentions.

After our volunteer Almut completed her voluntary service with us, four new volunteers have come from Germany. They introduce themselves in this newsletter, their names are: Tabea Denker, Svenja Poeppel, Karolin Jäschke and Matthias Holländer. Nikola is still here, helping to show the new volunteers their tasks.

It needs courage, to go out into the dark autumn night. The light in ourselves has to shine now in order to light up this dark night. The archangel of autumn, Michael stands beside us, when we want to follow the light and not give in to the dark forces. His sword we can see in the shooting stars. They

bring meteor iron down to the earth, which, when it comes into our blood, gives us michaelic courage.

Wishing you a wonderful autumn and a good Michaelmas time.

Katarina

CANDLES AND POTATOES

The potatoes are harvested and in process of being sorted out. We have four different kinds: Laura and Maret (red ones) and Juku and Antti (yellow ones). If you want to buy them from us, please do so.

The dark time and with it Advent and Christmas are not so far any more. Our beeswax candles are waiting to be ordered and sent to you. The storage room is full!

20 YEARS PAHKLA CAMPHILL VILLAGE

For our 20 year festival conference we prepared a brochure, highlighting the history of the village and also giving space to comments by a mother and the chairman of our trust, which I want to share with you here:

The right things come to you at the right time. Pahkla Camphill Village came towards me already before it was founded, together with the founding of Nõmme Waldorf School. As the only possibility for further development for my daughter I saw teachings based on Steiner education and after school finished the Camphill Village, which is carried in the spirit of Karl König. It is difficult to describe my and as I believe also other parents gratitude and satisfaction to Pahkla Camphilli Küla and the people here for their dedication with which they do their work and how they live their everyday life. Pahkla Camphilli Küla radiates good news for all, who care to notice it. For me is of importance, that I have found for myself my life philosophy, which helped me to get on with problems which might occur in everyday life. You only need to speak with the villagers and with the co-workers in order to get new motivation and worthy thoughts which help you to walk your daily path. I wish the village luck on the way out of the age of youth and all the best for the future.

Eve Kislar, parent

Almost 25 years ago, in the position I held then, I had to control what was done with the money, which was given to a state institution for handicapped people in order to improve their life circumstances. A previous control had brought to light that it was cold, draughty, and that beds, blankets and bed sheets were not enough. But – there was a high fence built around the houses for the granted money, to protect the people living in the villages nearby from the people in care. Normal was, that one was afraid of mentally handicapped people and that they had to be isolated from society.

Some time later I had the big joy to be present at the beginning of Pahkla Camphill Village. Now, looking back over old times, my joy seeing the success of Pahkla is even bigger. The village is being noticed in the municipality, in the region and in the state. We could prove that people with different abilities and development crotchets can work together, improve their society/community and its culture and care for each other needs.

We have changed the way of looking at the human being. We have received the respect of the neighbours, we are invited more, than we are able to go for visits, and people visit us, in order to convince themselves with their own eyes that we manage with the different works and all other problems which life brings with it.

The villagers of Pahkla Camphill Village may be an example for all, irrespective of their ability to think logically. Nobody is afraid of us but the peace is appreciated and the spiritual atmosphere which villagers and co-workers managed to create in the village.

20 years is a short time. We did manage. Estonia needs us and our example also further on. Let us live up to it.

Jaak Herodes

Chairman of the Estonian Camphill Village trust

RENOVATIONS

Helle house roof was for many years in a very bad state. With the help of project money we could finally start to have the house renovated. It is quite an undertaking, to renovate the roof during a wet summer.

With help of the „Ettevõtlikud Naised” and Siiri Sisask and Birgit Õigemeel we got some buckets of paint for Tamme house outside walls. A big, big thank you for this help. Several guests painted this summer parts of the walls, so that we have now a Selina and Uli wall, a Tartu wall and a

Herbert and Heidi wall. There is still the possibility to paint some more walls, if you find a day, when it is just not raining...

After we were lucky to get some renovation money for Helle house, Tiit also tried to write a project for Männi house renovation and to install fire signalisation systems in every house.

Many more projects are waiting, as the houses of our 20 year old village show signs of deterioration and cry for new insulation, electric systems and paint.

Katarina

MY WORK WITH THE HERBS

When the sun shines, I collect herbs. When it is raining, I cannot collect them. I collect all sorts of herbs, which grow in the garden: Applemint, lemon balm, curly and black mint, thyme, cornflower, anisisop, isop, origano, koriander, chamomile, lavender, primula, peppermint, st. John's wort, nettles, yarrow (actually collected the yarrow Merle) Calendula (Kersti S collected them), black currant leaves, rose petals and much more.

It's fun to collect herbs for herb tea. The herbs have different smells. We let the herbs dry on nets. Then they have to wait in bags, until it is raining, and we start to prepare them for tea. When they are all cleaned, Katarina makes according to recepies different tea mixtures: Evening tea, morning tea, cough tea, women's tea and some more mixtures with interesting names. In the morning Inge makes breakfast. She uses the morning tea. In the evening, before I go to sleep I have a cup of tea. I like very much tea which is made of herbs, I collected myself.



Kersti K..

OUR SUMMER

Summer came with many mosquitoes. Mainly in the evenings they were zzzzzzz-ing around your head and biting you everywhere, so that it was quite difficult, to do your work. If you wanted to do something, they ate you. But we repaired the fences and the cows could go to the pasture and eat grass. We had four calves. One cow is called Ürdi. We were given a small new bull calf of our Estonian breed, whose name is Antonius. The stable got chalked, now it is nice and white.

This year we made hay. All depended on the weather. It turned so and so, but in the end it got done. Big rolls were made, open hay and hay bales as well, which we sent to the hayloft. We weeded the fodder beets, carrots, onions, sweedes and parsnips. We got all done. The onions are already harvested and dry in the garage of Tamme house. We collected red and black currants, we ate strawberries and now the apples start to be ripe. Kalju harvested the grain with the combine harvester. Urmas, Vova, Jevgeni and Andres helped him. Then straw bales were made and we loaded them. I enjoyed the nature and did my work. On Vova's birthday we went to Pärnu. Vova had a round birthday, he became 40! With Almut I went to Tallinn, with Herbert we visited Arvo in Viirika. Many guests came and said that the stable is so nice and clean. I looked after the flowerbeds, and then we cleaned the grain. With the help of Reet and Silvi we work: Urmas, I, Marek, Vova, Andres and Jevgeni. I very much like to work with them. My chickens give many eggs, every day I get 30 eggs.

There came many guests: Florin with his wife, Uli with his wife and two children, Veronika, Herbert with his friend, and guests from Switzerland, Sweden and Germany. Guests at the Märjamaa Folk festival, a folk dancing group from Grenoble in France, came to perform for us. They were wearing interesting traditional clothes and played on old folk instruments.

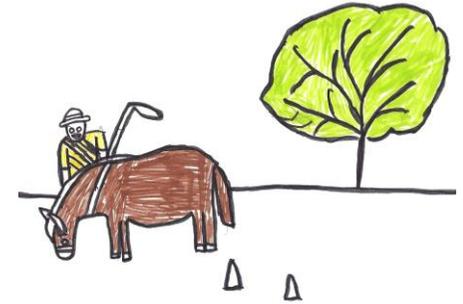
Kairi was mowing our lawn with the lawnmower. Builders renovate Helle house. They started with the roof. And that was our summer. With sun and with rain. And so the time turns.

Malle

SUMMER CAMP IN KÄSMU

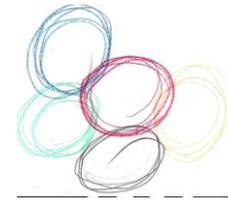
For the summer camp in Käsmu came together many people from all over Estonia. Merilin from Kati Kodu had organized the camp.

When we arrived, we did some gymnastics with Ain. Then we registered for the workshops. We chose the workshop with ponies. Inge and Katrin were together with me. We ran slalom and did hurdle race. We also went through big rings. Thursday we performed, what we had learned with the ponies. Afterwards Merilin shared out the diplomas and Ain gave us the presents, we had made for each other. We packed our things in the bus and went to have lunch. We also had some ice cream. The weather was nice and warm. When we finally arrived back in Pahkla, the village meeting was just about to start.



Kersti K.

KÄSMU CAMP 4-5th JULY 2012



The bus driver was Katrin, In the workshops we learned to work with ponies. We learned how to care for the animals. My pony was called Susanna. Kersti's pony was called Villu and Andres Pony's name was Fiona. The workshop was led by Moonika, Piia and Toivo. There were photographs taken of us at the beach.

Maarjo

WATER FESTIVAL IN FINLAND

The Camphill Northern Region Summer Festival was this year a water festival and took place in the beginning of August in Sylvia Koti in Finland.

First we went with the fast boat to Finland. We arrived in Helsinki and went to the market where we had some potatoes with sausages. We walked to the town. Jevgeni had a look into the Doom church. We walked to the bus station and bought tickets, had some ice cream and waited for the bus which took us to the Sylvia Koti. In the hall we were received with coffee and cake. In the evening there was a Magic Show. Then we sat into bus and drove for half an hour to Parinpelto. There was a beautiful camp site. For us was there a small hut where we could sleep safely. People from Latvia and Norway were our neighbours. The next morning we drove again to Sylvia Koti. There was a lecture. But before that we made music with chime bars and Katarina sang

water music with everybody. The lecture was about water from the spiritual point of view. The lecturer was Lars Karlsson. The next day Jussi Ingervo spoke about water as a source of life. And the third day Ulf Nilson told us water fairytales. We remember from those lectures that Earth consists of water, how mist goes to the sky and comes down to the earth as rain; in the Earth is water. We heard about icebergs, and that once long-long time ago there was a lot of water on the Earth so much that Noah had to build his boat. Moses opened with his stick a rock and water came out. He saved his people and led them through the sea. The foe drowned. Jussi spoke about that we have to use water more consciously. Because we do not know how long we will still have so much water. In other countries there is much less water than in the Northern countries and the one who has lot of water is also much richer. We should not pollute water but we should take care that water stays clean. Water is the source of life. Without water there is no life.

After coffee brake we had workshops. We took the dancing workshop with Matti and Ulla Maija. We danced every day for one and a half hour jive. There were also outings. We went to Tapola and spent half a day there. Ludwig showed us the village and spoke about Tapola. We ate there as well. We got also ice-cream.

The second day after lunch happened games in Parinpelto. But the feast started with singing performances by several Camphill villagers. We performed the "Heeringa Song" (song about a herring). We had fried sausages to eat and danced. In the evening we went rowing on the lake. One after the other we learned how to row. It was very difficult to keep the right direction. We went to the sauna and only the most courageous ones went swimming (Merike and Andres). On the third day all workshops showed what they had been doing. We danced. Ludwig's workshop showed all sorts of tricks with water. Others performed eurythmy, or sang or showed pictures they had made together. The last supper was a big surprise. A festive meal waited for us in the foyer of Silvia Koti hall. And Merike and Andres gave interviews for Tapola newsletter. Then came the folk dancers who danced very fast. That was breathtaking and simply fantastic. We went to the sauna, we swam, we walked along a forest path and found blueberries. Only Katarina saw the shooting stars at night, the others wanted to sleep.

Andres found himself a girlfriend, her name is Sabine. She is German and works in Norway. Her husbands name is Sven. Andres taught her Estonian every free minute.

It was very nice, that we could meet our old friend from Sweden, Norway, Finland, Russia and Latvia. There were also 3 Estonian co-workers who work in Finland, Latvia and Norway. So we could talk a lot of Estonian. Thursday we packed our things and after breakfast a bus took us to Lahti train station. The fast train took us in one hour to Helsinki. It was a comfortable train which drove very fast. We passed all the cars.

In Helsinki we had lot of time. We had lunch in a house where also was cinema. We visited the Rock Church. It is built into the rock. Then we had to quickly go back to the train station to fetch our luggage in order to be at the fast bout in the right time. When we went outside on the bout there was very strong wind. We had to put our hats into the pocket otherwise the wind had blown them away. We came to Tallinn, went by tram to the train station, by train to Kohila, where Tiit and Kersti K. waited for us with our bus. It was really a great journey. We are very grateful that Liliana and Luis organized the festival so nicely and it was made possible for us to take part.

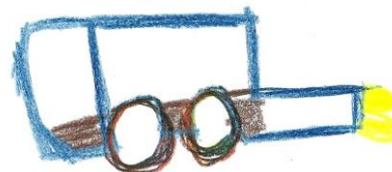
Katarina, Jevgeni, Andres, Merike

I MOVED TO MÄNNI HOUSE

I had to move to Männi house, as my friend lives there as well. He is called Urmas. He had an operation at his leg and I was the person, who could help him. Yesterday it was already 13 weeks that I live in Männi house. I am very pelased that I can be with my new friends.

Maarjo

WE WENT TO THE AIRPORT



Together with Katrin we went to Tallinn in the evening at 19.00. We went to fetch two new volunteers form the airport. We sat and waited for them. Their names are Karolin and Janine. Together with Katrin and Karolin we sat in the coffee shop of the airport and had some warm coffee or tea. Late in the evening we got back. Janine went to live in Helle house and Karolin came to my house, to Männi house.

Maarjo

TERE,

My name is Karolin and I arrived in Pahkla the first of September. I'm an 18 years old girl and live in a small village near Hamburg. In summer I did my exams.

The villagers and co-workers were very open and friendly right from the beginning so that I felt comfortable after a short time. Living in Pahkla is connected with a lot of different work like potato harvesting, cooking or working in the stable. I am also milking, which is a completely new but interesting work to me. In every part of daily living, I enjoy the close and deep contact with the villagers, volunteers, and co-workers.

I am excited what experiences the next year will offer to me.

Karolin



TERE,

My name is Tabea, I'm 19 years old, and I am in Pahkla as a volunteer for one year. I would like to tell to my impressions and experiences of my first two months here.

My new home for the next year is Tobias House, where I live together with Marek, Merle, Malle, Kersti and Claudia, our housemother.

After a few struggles in the beginning- when does what happen and where?- I now found my tasks to do and feel well in Pahkla. On one day of the week I work in the milk kitchen, where we produce our own cheese and yogurt. Therefore I also milk the cows. Part of the time I do it together with Svenja, another volunteer, what I really appreciate.

Another of my tasks is the "rubbish circle" together with Ants. Every Thursday we collect the rubbish of the village and take it to Kohila. Sometimes we also go to the shop afterwards.

Friday is my house day, which means that Merle and I cook together in the morning and in the afternoon Marek and I bake pancakes. I enjoy Fridays because they are often funny.

The rest of the time I help on the farm. In the moment we are busy harvesting the potatoes.

All in all I like being in Pahkla and I look forward for the next ten months to come.

Tabea

TERE,

I am Svenja, 18 years old, coming from Germany and I decided to stay one year here as a volunteer.

After two months here in Pahkla I can say, that I feel very well and that I am happy to be here! In the last few weeks I learned really a lot: making cheese and Yogurt, milking the cows and cooking for more people than I was used to. The next important step will be the language. It is not easy but it is getting better day by day. In every situation you can learn new words and also for the villagers it is fun to help you and to repeat until you got it. It is definitely learning by doing. And so your vocabulary consists in the beginning of words like milking, stone, cow, potato, rain and cheese.

Now, after being totally arrived in my new Estonian life, I enjoy my daily work, the incredible landscape, making jokes with our villagers while working or during our weekly game evening but also my free time with the other volunteers.

I am sure, the next ten months will be a really good time and that I will go back with a lot of unforgettable experiences, memories and friends.

Svenja

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