

Dear Friends,

The fields are checked like a black and white cow, the singing larks are back from the warm south, the first snowdrops are flowering. What else do we need in order to say, that spring has started.

Autumn and winter kept us busy with harvesting and food preserving. After the Martins Market in Tallinn (Kersti's mother Eve Kislar sold candles) the candle production started again. As always the wish was very strong, to perform our Christmas Play, and so we did, performing twice for a school class and for our friends and parents. During the holy nights we tried to slow down a bit with all the work, and heard stories which we then painted. We also went to some concerts. For example we went to sing the Christmas story in regi manner in the Katariina Church in Tallinn or we heard several concerts, where also Birgit Õigemeel sang (Tohisoo, Kohila, Hageri). By singing the three kings story in regi manner under the Christmas tree in Vikerkaare house we closed the holy nights and our volunteer „kings” took the tree away.

The first of January Guido officially left Pahkla Camphilli Küla in order to live his own life in town. We wish him well and are happy, when he comes for a visit now and then. Also in the beginning of January Merle came to live in Tobias house. She helps in the house and in the weavery and brings sunshine to everybody.



In February, some days before the 4th of February, it was rather cold outside; the television programme "Sõida Maale" filmed us. You can see this clip when you go on this website <http://etv.err.ee/arhiiv.php?id=125004> It lasts ca 7 minutes, starts at 13:40.

We have had a whole row of round birthdays last year and this year:

Congratulations to

Michael (70) 08 /2011

Tiia (70) 10/2011

Kersti S.(40) 11/2011

Almut (20) 12/2011

Pim (25) 12/1011

Aime (accountant) (70) 1/2012

and Inge (40) 02/2012

Further cultural highlights were shrove Tuesday and the circus seminar in Katikodu.

During winter there were several volunteers and prakticants, who wanted to stay for a shorter period of time: Kätlin and Eda came for praktika and could be quite helpful just with Christmas preparations, Laura (Estonian), Agnese (Latvian) and Carmen (German) came as volunteers for a few months each. Sebastian, one of the volunteers from Germany, left us again after he had completed half of his voluntary service.

The icy roads in December let our Volvo come off the road and drive into the ditch. We had to buy a new used car. The drivers were lucky, and could leave the car unhurt.

Many electricity cuts made us in Tamme house feel very happy, that we have a wood burning stove. But we do really need a proper generator, which could also keep the water pump going.

In December was again a meeting about social farming. This time it took place in Jäneda, Jevgeni and Andres took part besides Jaak Herodes and Katarina. Although we are practising social farming already since 20 years, it seems to be not so easy, to formulate the so very differentiated picture of these many possibilities. In March there will be a third meeting, where the ideas might become a bit more concrete.

In February we hosted the Camphill northern region farmers meeting. Eric de Haan from Jøssåsen spoke about compost and the biodynamic preperates.

During Advent time some of us watched eagerly, how Birgit Õigemeel was doing in the weekly television programme, where they looked for the singing capital of Estonia. Kohila almost made it, but not quite. If Kohila would have won, we would have been able to fulfil ourselves a big dream. But still we were promised paints in order to paint our houses this summer. This is also a rather big dream, just like the realisation of many renovation jobs as well as getting our houses up to date with the newest fire safety regulations. Our account number you find on the last page of this newsletter if you want to help us in this situation.

In February we had the first part of our 20 year celebration. The 16th of February 20 years ago, the first co-workers and helpers from Norway came to live in Pahkla and to prepare the houses for the arrival of the villagers.

Our head of the local commune, Heiki Heppner had helped us to invite representatives of the Social Ministry (Social Insurance Office), in order to speak about our wishes concerning the service „life in Community”, which is provided by us, Katikodu and Maarja Küla, whose representatives were also present. After having birthday cake and coffee together we had a constructive talk and hope to hear soon, whether we have been heard.

One day later we had invited to the yearly „Friends Day Meeting”. A whole day we spoke about the situation of curative education and social therapy in Estonia together with 40 people who had come from Maarja Küla, Maarja Kool and Hilariuse Kool. It was a festive occasion and a worthy start to our 20 Year Jubilee.

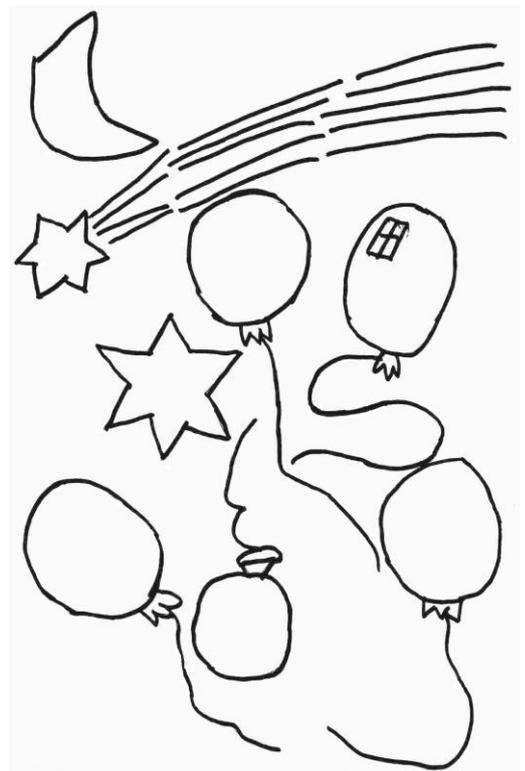
These 20 years seem to have gone past so quickly. Much has changed in the meantime, some things stayed the same. We will try to look back over the last 20 years at our spring festival conference, to look at the history of Camphill and our Pahkla history.

During music lessons, in the workshops and during meetings we prepare a big festival/conference for Sunday, the 20th of May, when we want to invite you to celebrate together with us our 20th birthday. There will be concerts, lectures, exhibitions, market, buffet and some other surprises.

**We invite you to our
20 year jubilee spring festival conference
20th of May 2012
from 12.00-17.00
in Pahkla Camphilli Küla**

(Who wants to come, please register beforehand. Please find out about accommodation yourself, as with us there won't be unfortunately enough space.)

Happy Easter! Katarina





NEW YEARS EVE

This year I was in Pahkla for New Year's Eve. There was a festive table in Vikerkaare House with much food: salads, sausages, cakes and drinks.

With melted beeswax which we poured into water we tried to read our luck for the new year. At midnight we went outside to see the fireworks of the neighbours. Inge's brother gave us a firework surprise which was beautiful to watch. Nikola managed to lighten it. Afterwards we had some French red wine and wished each other a happy New Year.

Kersti K.

We all came together and we ate. In the beginning Tiia helped us to remember what happened during 2011. Then we played and danced and we poured wax into water and read in it our luck for the year 2012 . Then we read a verse and went outside to watch the fireworks.

Jevgeni

CHANGES

When I came here 18 years ago from Imastu, I shared a room together with Ants in Tobias house. Now I have my own room in Tamme house.

In the garden we were digging with spates in the beginning. Now Kalju makes the beds nice and soft with the milling cutter.

When I came, the pear trees in the big garden were still very small. Now they are big and last autumn we could harvest a lot of pears.

I learned to make candles in the old workshop, which is not any more. The candles, I make now are much better, because Vikerekaar house is so much stronger than the old roof, we were under before. First I was an apprentice in the workshop, now I am master and make the big giants, which are also being used as altar candles.

In Imastu we had Maria Wunderlich as singing teacher, but here I also learned how to play instruments. First I learned how to play the kannel and then how to play chrotta.

In Pahkla I learned how to work in the stable. First I worked together with Kristiina then came Merike and now I help her.

When I came, there were only three houses here. Now there are five living houses and the workshop building Vikerkaar.

I am satisfied with my life here in Pahkla and grateful for all I was able to learn here.

Jevgeni

NEWS FROM THE FARM

For Inge's birthday jubilee a white lamb was born in the stable. It does not have a name yet, but maybe it will be named Inge. In January a black lamb was born. The chickens give beautiful eggs. They are coloured: light blue, light green white and brown. The chickens were outside today for the first time this year. They are really very sweet and lovely. On Kristiina's birthday two calves were born, one cow calf and one bull calf.

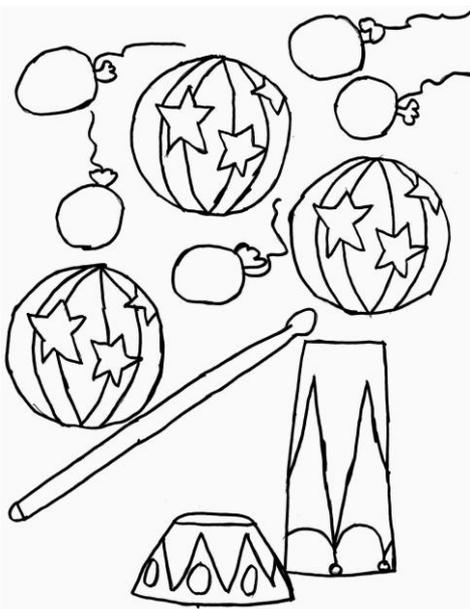
Malle



CIRCUS

It was the 8th of March when we went by bus to Katikodu. The bus driver was Katrin. Vova, Urmas, Inge, Nikola and I went.

We Made circus together with people from Katikodu. Everybody was there to receive us. Raivo greeted us with Women's Day flowers. Ain Klaassen made many tricks with us. I played the drums. We through with big hoops and played with small rings on our arms. Then we let silk cloths fly through the air and we all made cown's noses.



Afterwards we drove back to have Malle's birthday party.

In the morning of the 9th of March the circus days continued. We put our noses on and let the long ribbons fly. All applauded. We performed a trick for four people with small balls: Elar, Kerli, Katrin and I. All applauded. Afterwards we had a circus meal.

Kersti K.

We played with three balls and silk cloths we let fly through the air. With long ribbons we made tricks.

Inge



My works in the creamery

Three days a week I work in the creamery: Friday, Saturday and Sunday. We make milk products like cream cheese, yogurt, yellow cheese and white cheese. Since more than a year Eve, who comes from Kohila, works here. She is a nice person.

In the morning I get up early, at 5.00 hours. I go to the creamery to make yellow cheese. That takes half a day. At the moment we have little milk, the cows wait for their calves. Still there is always enough work.

Kairi

OUR JOBS

I have lessons with Katrin Kirsipuu. I learn mathematics and writing technics. Together with Katrin Pedaste and Katrin Kirsipuu I glue articles into my book in Mäni House. Monday, Tuesday and Friday morning I milk the cows.

Andres



With me all is all right. I came to Pahkla from Viljandi. In Viljandi I rested, in Pahkla I do work. In the weavery I make carpets together with Eve. I have so many friends. My biggest friends are Kirsipuu, Pedaste and butterflies. In the stable are many animals. I like the bulls. Still more I like strawberries and raspberries. I like to be here. I like to have a cup of tea and I also like the big sun and the green grass.

Many greetings to all, from Merle

Today I was in the kitchen. Friday evening I bake pancakes. Sometimes I mill the grain for the animals. In summer I make fence posts and mill the grain. Stable works I don't do any more. I work mainly in the candle workshop. In summer I ride my bike on Thursdays. Sometimes Katrin Pedaste takes me along to Tallinn for the milk circle. Saturdays I clean my room and Sundays I help in the kitchen.

Wishing you sunshine and flowers, Marek

I like to do handicraft. I am interested in a whole lot of things. I prepare coffee break in Helle house, and also in Vikerkaar house. On Saturdays and Sundays I make lunch. The

children help me to prepare food. Last year I went to Germany. I visited Berlin, Hannover and Oldenburg. In Berlin Robert helped to get from one train to the other. We travelled together with Vova. I really liked to see the university where Malve's husband works. He gives lectures there. In Hannover lives Malve's family. Malve herself lives in Oldenburg with her husband and children.

Piret



I weave carpets. I heat in the heating room and on Saturdays I also heat the sauna. On Sundays I make lunch. On Sundays I also go to Männi house to play memory. Every morning I make coffee for Jevgeni and for myself. On Thursdays I bring our rubbish to the big rubbish container in Kohila I go there with Almut.

Ants

I have a lot of work to do: Heating wood I bring to the heating room and I tidy up the empty glassware. In the house I help with cleaning. In the weavery I made with Eve's help a cushion for Katrin Kirsipuu's birthday. Mondays and Thursdays I am in the candle workshop.

I had birthday and am now 22 years old. Kersti, Inge and Michael were invited for the meals. They are every year invited for the meals.

Tonight we go to Kohila to celebrate Katrin's birthday in the Veski Baar.

Soon I fly to Germany together with Claudia. I will meet Claudia's family and a week later I will be with my former volunteer Katharina in Dresden.

Maarjo

I work with wood together with Vova. We are sawing logs. We chop wood a bit by ax and a bit by wood chopping machine. Then the electricity does the work. When there is no woodwork I make candles.

In winter there were snowdrifts and the roads were snowed in. Kalju had to clear the roads.

Sometimes a small lorry drives past our houses. Sometimes there is something in the lorry. I like to watch this lorry.

Sometimes I am together with my friends. Marek, Ants, Jevgeni, and Kersti sit together in my room and we listen to music. Also Inge and Maarjo join us.

Many years I live in Pahkla already. During this time I became much stronger. Work made me to be a strong man.

Kaarel

THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Katarina, Andres, Agnese and I went to see „The Sound of Music”.

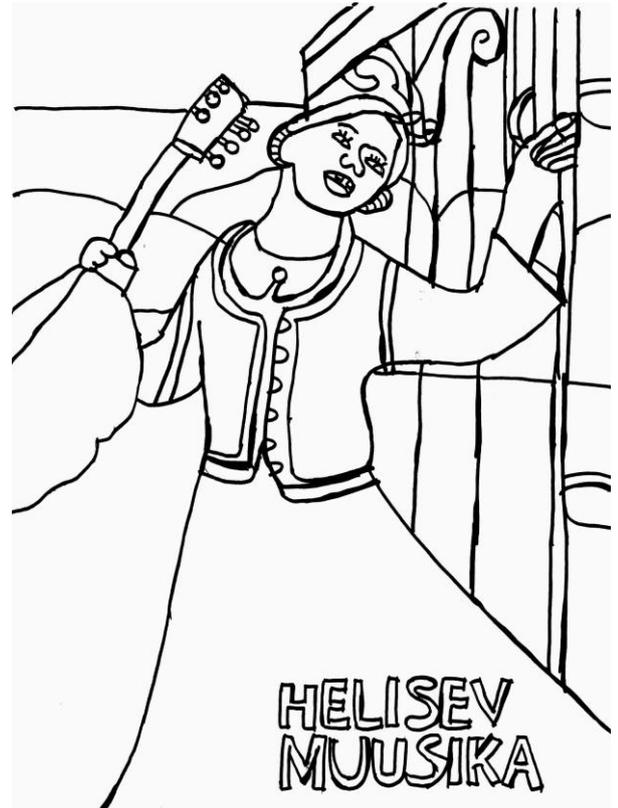
I liked it very much. We saw the story of Maria and the children. The children’s names were:

Liesl, Friedrich,
Luisa, Kurt, Brigitta,
Marta and Gretl.
There was much
music and dancing.

During break we
had some cakes to
eat.

Then we went back
to the train station
through the old
town. We went home
by train. Katrin
fetches us from Kohila.
It was a very nice day.

Inge



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