

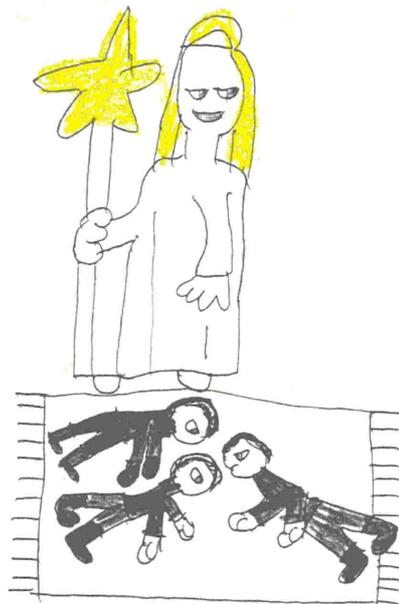
Dear friends,

This year everything was late: spring came late, summer too, and autumn was very long. Snow came very late as well and so we just did not feel like going back to the workshops yet, but worked still outside with the heating wood or inside with bottling vegetables and making apple juice and apple jam.

Finally, towards the beginning of December, we started to make candles again. The weavery started only partly, but next year it will certainly begin. And then we could start to think about the Christmas play, and decided that we will still start with rehearsals, also if it was already very late. During three weeks a very enthusiastic group of actors prepared the performances, which happened the 18th and 19th of December. And now we can think about the newsletter and our Christmas greetings for you. And again we are late with it.



At the end of October our new farmer Geoffrey arrived from France with his wife France-Hélène and their two children Raphael and Égelantine. They live now in Tobias house and find their way into the village. Heino and Silvi could now take their long waited for holidays.



In the beginning of November finally the first earthworks for the new house took place. And then everything went very fast: the ditches for the canalization were dug into the limestone, the fundament was prepared and is already almost finished. In front of the house is a deep hole, which looks like a swimming pool, but it will become part of the waste water cleaning system for that house.

There were more promises for money for the new house, so that the whole sum is together now. Thank you very much to all the foundations who could help us.

This is our big Christmas present. Thank you.

Wishing you a light filled Christmastime and
a fruitful New Year,

Katarina



THE NEW OFFICE

The office in Helle house has already for a long time been far too small. So we decided that the new office has to come to Männi house. But first this room needed to be renovated, as it was always far too cold.

First the floor needed taking out. This work was done by Guido. Then we took out the inner walls and the ceiling. When floor, walls and ceiling had been taken out, became clear, that there has never been any proper isolation. Under the floor was really an empty hole. Now we understood why it was there always so cold. Then fibro stones were put under a beautiful new wooden floor. The walls and the ceiling were covered with isolation material and then by gyps plates. Afterwards all was nicely painted. These renovation works were done by builders.

When all was finished, Tiit brought new (used) furniture from Tallinn: shelves, cupboard and chairs. A writing table was there already. Urmas helped, to carry the furniture inside. Katrin and Urmas helped to tidy up all the mess the builders had left. Kalju installed a new telephone cable. Now this is the most beautiful room in Männi house.

Thank you all who helped with the renovation works for the office.

Katrin, Urmas ja Vova

MY FIRST CANDLES



I work now in the candle workshop. First I made some dwarf candles and then I made birthday candles. Afterwards I started to make church candles. Then I learned how to melt the ends of the candles. In the candle workshop I have good friends. Sometimes, when they have time, are there also Josefin, Christoph or Elena. I like to work in the candle workshop.

Kersti K.

CUTTING DOWN OF BUSHES

The road edges near Männi house have to be cleaned of all the shrubs to a width of two meters. I saw with a “steel” motor saw and Urmas is the one, who through the branches onto the trailer. Then we bring them to the St John’s fire place. We had also to take down an old dried apple tree in Männi house garden. With three of us we pushed the tree over in the end. Together with Guido I pushed the tree, but it would not fall over. Then Katrin came and with her help we finally managed to let the tree fall over. It was very slippery, when we transported the branches. I drove the tractor and Urmas sat on the trailer.

Then we took on the next job, a whole pile of logs. I was sawing them in half and Urmas loaded them onto a pile. When a certain amount was sawn, we saw them into smaller pieces. Margus, Kaarel and Jevgeni started now to chop the wood and Ants piled it up. On Thursday also children from Aruküla Waldorfschool came to help us with wood stacking. I like to work together with Urmas. You can make jokes with him.

Vova

IN THE KITCHEN

Our new farmer came to us from France with his family. It took some time, until they had moved in, but then the day came, when I started to make lunch together with France-Hélène twice a week. She makes very good meals. I help her to prepare the vegetables and she makes lunch for two houses. I speak with France-Hélène in French and in English. I know a few words, but I learn more. French is a very nice language.

Kristiina

KAAREL'S LIFE IN THE VILLAGE

Today it is cloudy and it snows. The roads are wintry. In between it was very slippery, and then we had to "ice-skate". Then snow came again and we could walk normally again.

We make every day candles. It's so warm in the workshop like in a Finnish sauna.

I work also outside. We went to the forest, where we cut branches together with David, Josefin and Geoffrey. The branches we tied around the fruit trees in the big garden, that the wild animals like elk, deer and hare would not eat the bark of the trees. I got a ride on the trailer together with the branches. I was also chopping wood, which we brought to the heating rooms. Then the rooms will be warm in winter. Then it is good to be inside. Behind the window I see snowy trees, like in a fairy tale.

In the evenings I went for walks outside together with Kristiina and Näsü. We saw the shine of the Tallinn lights at the sky. Under the lit sky lies Tallinn. We also looked at the lights, which shone through the windows of the houses. We walked to the crossing, where we could see, how cars drove towards Tammiku. On the way back we heard strange noises behind the trees, there were probably wild boars. Back in the village, we still talked a bit before we went to sleep.



The next morning I woke up, had something to eat and went to work. I like, when I can speak with people. I speak mainly with Katrin, Vova or Urmas. We spoke about making heating wood. At 11.00 we went for coffee break to drink coffee.

The only time during the day, which is still better than coffee break is supper, because it's me who prepares it.

Merry Christmas to all of you.

Kaarel

HOW I LEARN FRENCH

I have a small French wordbook from which I write down words. David lends me a conversation book and he helps me with the pronunciation. In the evening I learn words by heart and then I try to speak with David. Soon I will be able to speak French.

Kristiina

GUDRUN VON WESTBERG

When I was still in Imastu, Gudrun came already for a visit to Pahkla. Christian showed her the rooms and the old stable, where then was still the stable. We have those photos. When she was young, Gudrun lived in Pärnu. She visited us always together with Anne Aero and Mati Nurk. Gudrun collected used clothes, which she put into banana boxes and sent them to us. That was her “profession”. When we got these clothes, we shared them nicely out. I got t-shirts, jumpers, trousers, suits and socks.

Many of the clothes, we carry every day, came to us through Gudrun. Gudrun thought a lot of us and she was a good reader and translator of our newsletters. She was always very interested in our life. Once Gudrun celebrated her birthday with us. Herbert came here through Gudrun.

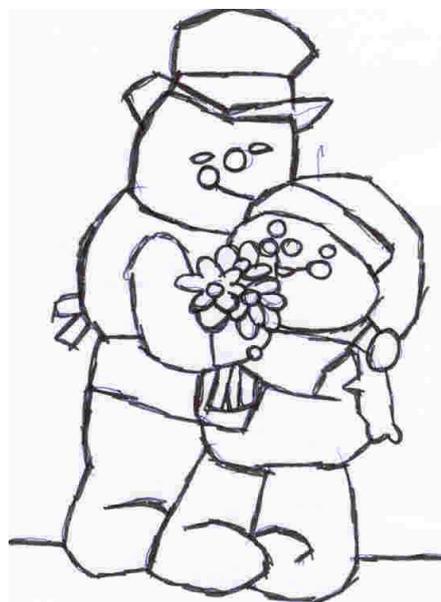
One week, before Gudrun died, we heard that she is very ill. She crossed the threshold Saturday before the first of Advent. She was 87 years old. We are very grateful for everything, she did for us. She was a very good person with a big warm heart.

It was very interesting, that Gudrun’s grandfather lived once in Pahkla, where then, now 130 years ago, his aunt (Baranov) lived. Gudrun von Westberg, (von Stackelberg) got into contact with us more or less by chance, as she was given our address by somebody, when she wanted to donate her 75th birthday money to an institution in Estonia. So she heard first of us.



Jevgeni and Katarina

HELLO!



We are the newly arrived farming family who have recently arrived in Pahkla from central France, where we managed a 30 ha biodynamic farm producing vegetables, milk and beef which we commercialized locally. Looking to giving a meaningful evolution to our lives we answered to Pahkla’s request some 20 month ago, and are now experiencing our first Estonian winter, preparing ourselves for the 2006 growing season.

Our endeavour is to improve the farming infrastructure and techniques, reaffirm and professionalize the Biodynamic impulse, improve the viability of the farm and improve the quality and autonomy of Pahkla's food tables.

A seemingly complex challenge, we'll try to keep you informed through this newsletter of our progress.

Our names are Geoffrey, born in England in 1949, France-Hélène born in 1962 in the North of France and Raphael and Eglantine our children, respectively 6 and 4 years old.

Geoffrey

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEWYEAR
 Hyvä Joulua :schöne Weihnachten :christmas

JOYEUX NOEL ET UNE BONNE NOUVELLE ANNEE
 God Jul og godt nyt år

MARGOS
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