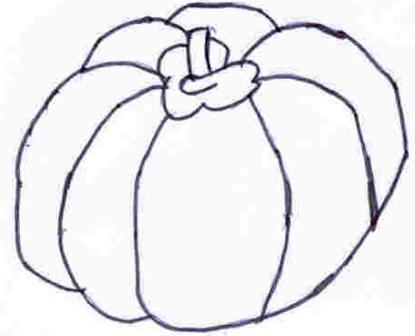


Dear friends,

as summer is now slowly coming to an end, the earth is already white in the morning and today we started to heat again, we have to look back over this years summer and try to bring to you a picture of what we kept ourselves busy with.



In the end of June we were invited to take part in an international art camp in Rapla. For us it was the first time that we were allowed to make music in Rapla church. We were so in awe by the big building and the sound there that we almost forgot to play the right notes.

In July some of us were allowed to gather much wisdom on the island of Vilsandi, others again went in August to Maarja küla or, to Haapsalu or to Pärnu, or just for one hour to Pirita beach in Tallinn, enjoying the huge waves, as it was the last day of summer. In September Helle house still went to the Peipsi lake and Tamme house to Lahemaa. Some could go home or visit relatives for some days, others again came here to visit us and to help us with our work. There was Miriam visiting and Matthias, Silja Rosenthal from München came for six weeks, Triinu came with her daughter and did a praktika, Uli visited with his friend Johanna. Margit Engel gave us the honour to visit us. Thank you Margit, that you came and stayed with us for one month. Also Tiina Levald came for a visit together with her father.



A school class from Aruküla helped with the potato harvest and very much appreciated was also Clara's help for several weeks in Tobias house. She had really just come at the right moment, when we needed her most. As there were not so many currants this year (only about 300 kg), we did not spend so much time with the berry harvest, but we were pickling and freezing fresh vegetables. There were also many different herbs collected, wild growing ones and those from our garden. They still need a rainy day to be cleaned and proceeded to herb teas.

We were glad, that Silvo announced his return to Pahkla and he became at once housefather in Tobias house, as Evelin and Johannes had left us. Lotte, a Belgian volunteer was here for one month, Perrine and Veronika left us after completing their voluntary service. By now all the new volunteers: Sanna from Sweden, Annika from Germany and Larissa from Belgium have arrived as well as our two civil service men Raphael and Ernest from Austria. You will find their articles in this newsletter. Rosie and Pierre are still introducing them into the art of working in the creamery and of milking, and only then they will leave again for England and France, after completing many furniture building jobs in Tamme house. Tamme house will certainly miss the most excellent french meals and the variety of self made bread Pierre treated us with.

But also realities of life we were confronted with. Groups of guests wanting to be shown around the village, and most important the fire safety training, where we were taught, how quickly a fire can develop. Ants' remark after the film was: "now I know how we have to do it, just put a candle to the sofa..." We also learned how to extinguish fire. It was extremely exciting to sit in the fire engine and to let the alarm sound. Afterwards all the fire brigades from Rapla and Kohila visited us in order to know, how our houses look like from inside, where the electric switches are and from where to get water from and so on. More about outings and fire safety training you will find in this newsletter.

As there were absolutely no apples on our trees this year, we were ever so happy to be offered by a lady in Hageri, to collect hers. Instead of making jam, we just ate them...Also from Põltsamaa we got apples from Tiit's friend. Those were now made into jam. Thank you very much.

From Tamme house dining room window we can admire a wonderfully red colored maple tree. It shines out like Michaels sword in front of the dark forest horizon. May the strength and courage of Micheal help us to move towards the darker season, to fight against the dragon in us.

Wishing you a golden autumn, Katarina

WEEK WITH FIRE BRIGADES

Monday a big fire engine and a smaller car came. Tiit showed them the village, the houses, the heating rooms, the stable. After coffee break they started to show us a film: There was to see, how quickly a house can burn down, if you are not careful with fire. It is not allowed, to let candles burn alone. We saw, that it is not allowed, to leave a fire in the forest, without extinguishing it completely. If fat starts to burn in a pot, you may not pour water on, but you have to close the lid. If someone's clothes catch fire, roll this person over the ground. The fireman told us as well, that a car can burn down in five minutes.

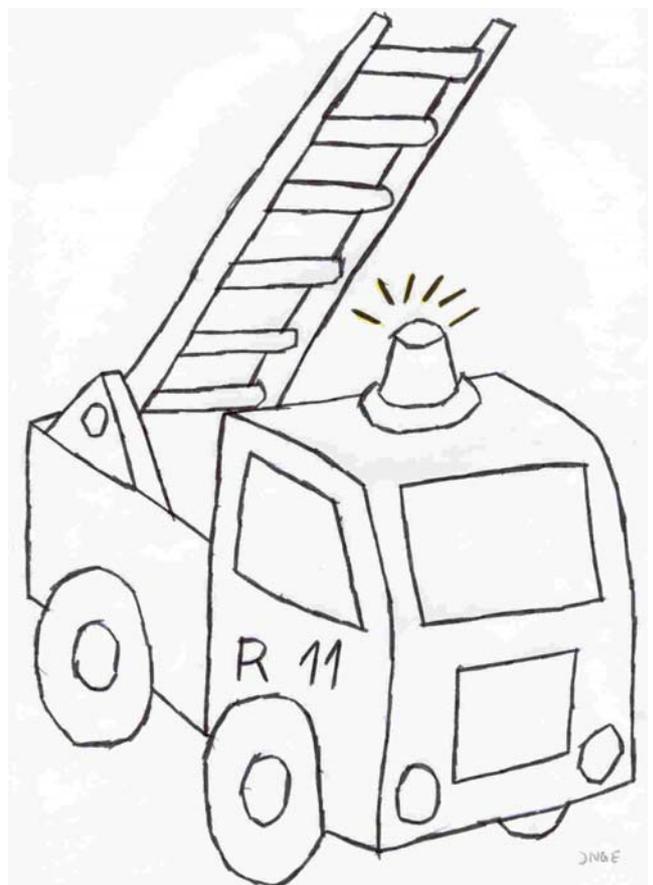
If something burns, phone 112.

After watching the film, we went outside, where the fireman made fire and everybody tried once to use the fire extinguisher.

Tuesday came two big and one small car of the fire brigades. Merle showed them the village. Afterwards we were allowed, to climb into the car of the Rapla brigade. It's name was flying Katariina. Finally they still showed us, where to press the button for the alarm and the blue lights. Wednesday came three fire brigades. We did not climb into their cars any more. They told, that paper boxes may not be in the heating room.

The last brigades visited us on Thursday.

Jevgeni





FIRE SAFETY TRAINING

Monday the trainer from the fire brigades showed us a film. Then we went outside, where they made fire in a metal basin. I extinguished the fire with a powder extinguisher. I liked this exercise. Everybody had a go.

Kersti K.

MY BIRTHDAY

Friday morning I woke up and all the others came to sing behind my door. Annika made my birthday cake. I got many presents. Tobias house family had gone for an outing to Haapsalu. Clara and Silvo gave me a beautiful box with a candle inside. In the evening all from Tobias house came to eat birthday cake. It was a very nice feast.

Kersti K.

HELLO, EVERYBODY!

I'm Annika. I'm from Germany and going to stay here for one year during my European Volunteer Service (EVS).

When I arrived here on the 1st of August, I was really surprised how warmly I was welcomed here! The people in Pahkla are very nice and I feel very well! Many are speaking German and English what I had not expected. At the beginning it is really helpful, but I wanted to learn Estonian as far as possible, too! Furthermore the landscape in Estonia is also wonderful. The sky seems so big and one sees so many stars at the sky! Unbelievable! Now I have begun with the work in "piimaköök", and it is really great – it is so interesting! I'm looking forward to living here for the next year and getting to know everyone better. I am very grateful to be allowed to have these experiences!

Annika

Tere!

My name is Ernest Aigner, I am from Kirchdorf, this is in the south of upper Austria. I arrived here as a Civil Service Men of Austria on the 27th of August, before this I finished the Commercial High School in my hometown. After this I felt the need for some kind of balance to the learning time, when I got to know about Pahkla Camphill I thought this would fit for me. As I really like working with people and doing work, where you can see the effect afterwards. One example is the milk, when you milked it on your own, you always think about it while you are drinking. By now I am actually able to milk, when I saw it the first time I was quite afraid as I had never worked with cows before but now, just 5 times milking later, I really like the cows and looking forward to work with them for one year. Some not so nice experiences I saw here in Pahkla is how to build up a nice compost and how to slaughter a Pig, especially the second one was really terrible to witness it, but I am still happy that I have seen it, because now I know what happens to animals which I eat. So I am looking forward to a fulfilling year with all you here in Pahkla!

Ernest

INTERNATIONAL ARTCAMP "RAPSAK" IN RAPLA

The 26th of June the international art camp started in Rapla. Ants Tammar had invited us to take part. We were asked, to give a concert for the festive opening in Rapla church. So we played and sang music by German and Estonian composers. It sounded very nice in the church. It was a mighty feeling, to play there. Then the governor of Rapla county and the major of Rapla and many more gave speeches. Afterwards we went to the white house behind the church, where we were doing arts together with the German guests from Kaiserslautern. We could do glass-painting, oil painting and work with clay. First we did glass painting. The paint had to dry before we could fill in the colours. The second day we were painting and the last day we worked with clay. Merike made a face like Pippi with braids. Jevgeni made a boy. We had lunch in a Rapla restaurant called Dandelion. After lunch we went by bus to Tarsi Tourist Farm, where we were taught how to make dolls or simply beings using only materials we had found in nature. The next day after artistic activities we went to Varbola fortress.

As it was raining, we sat under a small roof and had an improvised German-Estonian song festival. The stone, we had to look for there, we painted the next day.

The last evening there was dance evening in Vahtra day centre with a band. We danced with the people from Rapla and a bit also with the Germans. The German people came from the partner town of Rapla which is Kaiserslautern. The art camp was rounded off in the Rapla library with the opening of an exhibition of art made by people from Kaiserslautern, from Rapla Vahtra day centre and from Pahkla Camphill Village as well as the works we created during the camp. Jevgeni brought there also his two pictures of Aristoteles and Platon. We from Pahkla performed there with an Estonian folksong and a folk dance. It was nice to make art together. We still got lunch and then we said bye-bye to the Germans and to Ants Tammar and left for Pahkla, where the berry harvest was waiting for us.

Jevgeni and Katarina

We opened the art camp with a concert in Rapla church. The audience liked our concert very much. I did glass painting. Afterwards we had lunch and then we went with a big bus to Tarsi Talu. The second day I was painting. After lunch we went to Varbola fortress. The next day we made faces of clay. In the evening there was disco in Vahtra day centre. Friday we opened with a concert the art exhibition at the Rapla library.

Kersti K.

HELLO, DEAR READERS,

I am again back in Pahkla. For two years I learned/worked on a bio-dynamic farm in Germany. Now I try to use my knowledge here. I live again in Tobias House and work a lot together with Kalju, Heino and Silvi. Speaking about the farm, the potato harvest is just finished and the winter grain has been sown. We are lucky, that the weather is still a bit warm and we do not need to put on warm winter coats yet. It is still possible to run around dressed with T-shirt. In the course of two weeks three cows calved. Three new calves. That's nice. I will start to drive piimaring again and will every time take along one villager, to give also them the possibility to meet our clients.

Many greetings from Silvo.

Servus !

I have been living here for one month. It is incredible how fast time goes, when you are nearly all the time busy.

Oh, sorry I have forgotten to introduce myself.

My name is Raphael and I am from Austria. There I live in a village in the south of Vienna. I went to a Waldorf School for twelve years.

One year ago I was supposed to search for an civil service place. I wanted to get one in a foreign country. Finally I found Pahkla Camphilli Küla in Estonia. Estonia? I had to look at a map!

But now I know quite well where Estonia is located and I will learn more and more about that beautiful country in the course of the next 11 months.

Here in the village I enjoy living with the villagers, who are very open-minded and frank. Thus I feel well integrated. Apart from that I also like the working-atmosphere. It is a wonderful feeling to work together with so many people.

So I am looking forward to the experiences to follow and lessons I am going to make.

I also want to say thanks to all the people who made it possible that I can stay here.

Raphael

UNO games and language practice

Hi, my name is Larissa, I just finished high school and I am now almost two months working as an EVS volunteer in Tobias House. I came here because I wanted to work on a farm and the social work, too, really appealed me. As I didn't know exactly what to study next year, maybe it will be a foreign language, learning Estonian is an interesting challenge. For learning languages Tobias House is the place to be. I am from Belgium, speaking Dutch, Ernest from Austria speaking German and all other people speaking Estonian with "English subtitles". Kristiina is seriously studying German, lessons being given by the Austrian boys and everyone else likes to say a "Gutenacht", "Goodnight" or "Head ööd" in all languages. As you will probably understand it sometimes gets mixed up and we end in sentences like: "Sa ei oska, I choose punane, nüüd on minu turn!" Just one example from UNO, lately played almost every evening. Both Marek and Kristiina are getting better and better at it and therefore our laughing can sometimes be heard in the entire village. Not only the playing but also the cinema evenings cause lots of fun. Living room turned into kino, with popcorn, cookies and seats on different heights, we altogether watched Shrek and – earlier this month– Open season.

As you hear, I like it here, more than I had expected. Of course also life in Pahkla gets like home after a while, with little problems and funny things. But for the time still coming, I can only hope that it will stay as it is now, or even better.

Larissa

SUMMERCAMP ON THE ISLAND OF VILSANDI

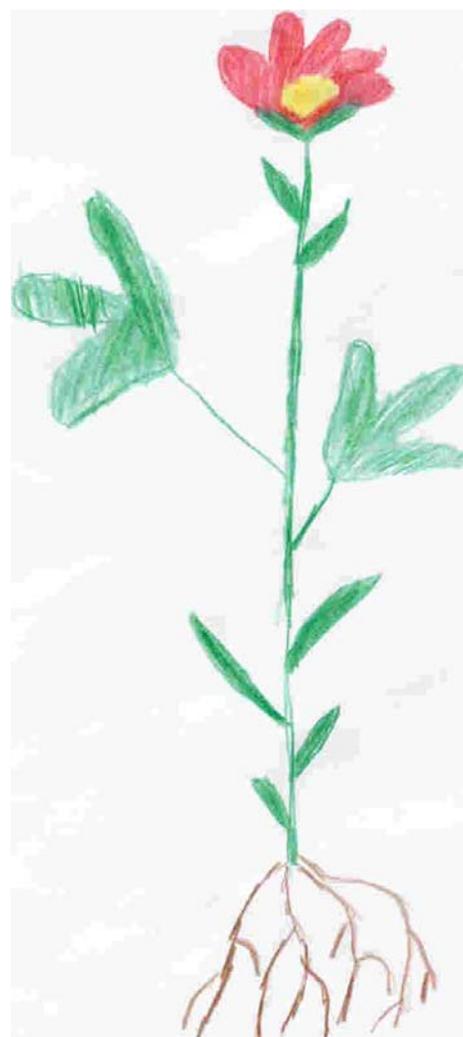
From the 19th to the 22nd of July there was the summer camp of the anthroposophical society on the island of Vilsandi, where Katarina wanted to take part. It was meant to be a very interesting place, that's why she took Merike and me simply along. In the morning Katrin brought us to Virtsu to the ferry. On the way

there we left Malle in Teenuse at her mother's place. In Virtsu it was very windy, even a bit stormy. With the ferry we went to Muhu. In Kuivastu we found a green school bus, which was to bring us over the island Saaremaa to the boat to Vilsandi. It was a long journey. The others took the fast boats but we went with the slow one. The sea was quite rough and Merike liked the first boat trip in her life very much.

So we arrived on Vilsandi. Our bags went by lorry and we went walking to the tourist farm. We looked for a good place and built up our tents. After supper we went to a big hall, where we got to know each other. In the evening we still helped the housewife to collect black currants for breakfast.

In the morning Kaie Konsap gave a lecture about the stones, you can find on Vilsandi. Then we went for a walk to a very small island. First the guide made us acquainted with the forest and all the plants which grow there. We had many forest strawberries on the way. Then we went through the water with shoes and trousers on to Kiviloo island. There we found sea cabbage and we tasted it. There were also interesting stones to be found. Back we had to walk again through the water. Suddenly all the others had disappeared and with the six of us we got a bit lost in the forest. But on such a small island you cannot really get lost, so after some while we found our tourist farm again.

Saturday and Sunday there were four lectures which were given by Wolfgang Schad from Germany. He spoke very interesting about evolution, how stones, plants, animals and men developed. During the long breaks we went for walks to the lighthouse to collect fossils or to the beach to swim. Katarina found some fossils under the water. Sitting on the beach we were drawing plants, as we had just heard about Goethe's idea of the plant. After the last lecture we still got fish soup to eat and then we packed our things together and travelled back to Saaremaa, where again the green bus was waiting for us in order to bring us to Kuivastu to the ferry. We made a stop at a shop in Kuressaare. In Virtsu Katrin and Urmas met us and brought us back to Pahkla. It was a very interesting camp but there were also many mitches, which needed to be fought with before you could go to sleep.



Jevgeni, Merike, Katarina

OUTING TO MAARJA KÜLA

Saturday morning we left for to drive to Maarja Küla. First we had to bring milk to Lilleorg, then we travelled on the Tartu road. We also got a little bit lost, but in the end we found the right road. Katrin had worked for one week in Maarja küla as teacher in a camp and she had invited us. We came with our bus: – Rosie, Ants, Pierre, Urmas, Merike, Sanna, Jevgeni and Kairi. When we got there, we went first to the river to have a picnic. Pierre and Rosie had made pizza and cake. Then we walked through the

village. We went into the German House, where we were offered tee, coffee, biscuits and sweets by a very friendly house mother.

Then we wanted to have a go with the rowing boat. We went to the shed, where we took live jackets and oars and went back to the river. Five people fit into the boat. First Pierre and Urmas and then Rosie and Urmas rowed the boat. Ants went for the first time by rowing boat and he liked it a lot. All the others liked it as well. The weather was nice and warm. When we came back to the village, Urmas played football.

At five o'clock the foam feast started. A real disk jockey had come and made foam for us. The foam came out of a pink pipe. We all danced in the foam and were very happy. There was a lot of foam, we were completely covered by it. In between only Huko's head shone still out. In the end we were all wet. Then we went to the sauna. First the boys and then the girls. After sauna was soup eating and then the big disco started. The whole village and all the guests danced. Pierre rested a bit, because some people had still to drive back the same evening. They got back at three o'clock in the night. Poor Pierre and Rosie, and they had still to milk as well... Jevgeni and Urmas stayed and slept in the tent. Jevgeni went to sleep earlier, because his eye had become red from the foam. We made him a chamomile compress. Urmas and Katrin danced until one o'clock.

The next morning the camp finished. We packed our tents together and said bye-bye to everybody. Then we went with the three of us, Urmas, Jevgeni and Katrin, to Värskla where we went to eat in a Setu tea house and a visited a Setu farm museum. There were many different old tools and we could see how people lived in former times. At the Peipsi lake we climbed up a tower and bought eight bags of onions. In Rápina we looked at the gardening school and went for a walk in the park. Finally we drove back through Tartu and in the evening we happily arrived back in Pahkla.

Ants, Jevgeni, Urmas ja Katrin

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