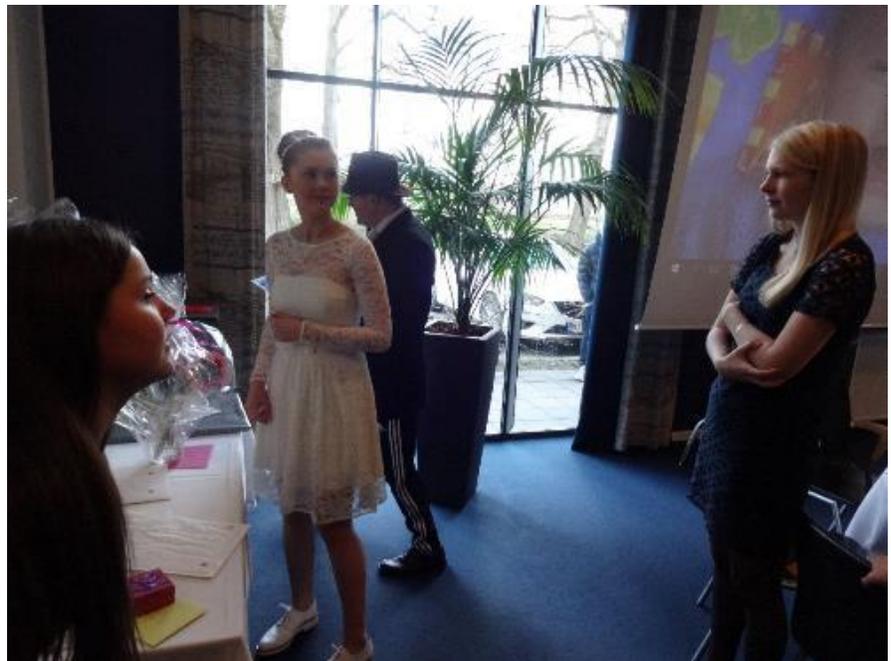


Annual Report for Inga and Erik 2016.



In February we celebrated the 3 year birthday of my oldest great grandchild Jasper. Here he is with his father Lasse and the many birthday cakes for all the members of the party at the home of my ex wife Nete.

Late in March we went to Silkeborg for the confirmation party of Kamilla, the daughter of Inga's niece Anne.



From Silkeborg we drove to Flensburg in Germany, just south of the border to Denmark. Here we stayed for a couple of days at the wonderful Hotel des Norden. We made a number of trips to places North and South of the border.

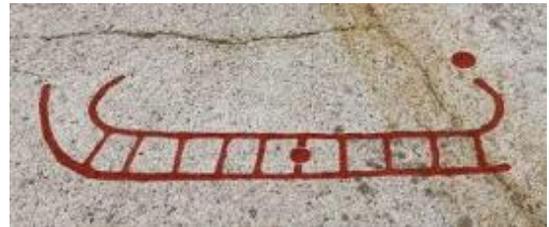


Here Inga swims in the indoor/outdoor pool of the hotel. It was freezing and slightly snowing, but the water temperature was 30 degree Celsius, so we both enjoyed the pool morning and evening every day.

We went to Schleswig. There we spent the day at the museum at Gottorp castle, where we amongst others saw the 4th century AD Nydam boat, found in Southernmost Denmark, which at the time of excavation in 1863 belonged to Germany.



We also saw the Bronze age Hjortspringboat (350 BC), which strongly resembles the boat petroglyphs, we have seen in Bornholm. There is a long tradition for Danes as seafarers.



Our favorite food in the borderland particularly on the German side is "Krabbenbrot". A sandwich with common shrimp. These shrimps are called hesterejer (horseshrimps) in



Danish, a somewhat derogatory term, indicating that they are not fit for human consumption. In my opinion they are the most tasty of all shrimps. In Denmark one can only get them in the borderland. We tried to have them for lunch every day.



Back home both of us worked in the garden whenever the weather permitted. For several years we have wondered if we were able to keep our garden in order. So far we have succeeded, even if Inga now takes a heavier load upon herself than before.



51 years ago I received the Esso prize for my scientific activities. Earlier prize winners are always invited to the annual party for new winners of the prize which now is called the Statoil prize. As the oldest prize winner I received nice flowers and had to address the assembly. For me it one of the highlights of the year.

We were invited to the one year birthday party of my youngest great grandchild Majka, the daughter of Rosa.



In June we drove to the Borderland again. We could not resist the swimming pool at our hotel and the Krabbenbrot. Most of the time we were on the Danish side, amongst others visiting the medieval cathedral of Ribe with the modern mosaics by Carl-Henning Pedersen.



We also visited Hedeby (in German Haithabu) , close to Schleswig, the most important town in Northern Europe between 800 AD and 1050, when the town was destroyed. Some of the houses of the town have been reconstructed.

In Schleswig we also visited the cathedral with its outstanding altar made by Hans Brüggemann around 1520. It has about 400 wood carved figures.



Inga is a master knitter. She works professionally for a wool shop producing knitted models and is also busy at home with private work. Here she has made a crocheted cover for our 100 year old armchair.

On 21st August I celebrated my 90 year birthday with a party for 35 friends and members of my family. It took place at Kollekolle, a conference center not far from where we live.



We had a wonderful lunch. Here Inga and I sit together with my son Steffen's wife Marianne (next to me) and my friend for 75 years the tapestry weaver Jette Thyssen and shown from the back, my sister Ruth.



We spent the afternoon and evening in the library with dance, speeches (here by my friend and colleague Ole Have Jørgensen), readings, drinks and night meal.

For the third consecutive year we went to the Danish Island Bornholm in the Baltic Sea, one of our favorite vacation places. We made many walks. In the forest Almindingen we met this herd of European Buffaloes.



We visited the typical Bornholm round churches with their 12th century frescoes. Here a doomsday picture in Østerlars church.





We missed our hotel in Flensburg and went there for the third time this year. Here I take a swim while it was raining.

We spent a day in Frøslev, a concentration camp in Denmark close to the border, established by Gestapo in 1944. It mainly housed arrested members of the Danish Underground movement. To-day it is a museum.



We are now in December. Later this week we are making a birthday visit to my granddaughter Rosa, who with her family recently has moved to the town of Gilleleje at the Kattegat coast of Sealand. As a birthday present we bought two Kelim cushions at the antic shop of my friend Florek, who had plenty of them to choose from.



Christmas we will spend with my son Steffen and his family in Aarhus. We are busy with our Christmas preparations. Inga has crocheted spruce cones for decorating the Christmas tree.

And I have been busy preparing Christmas chocolates.

For New Year we will be at home preparing for our trip in the beginning of January 2017 to Lanzarote, one of the Canary Islands.



Finally, we send all of you our best Season's Greetings.

