

Inga and Erik's Annual Report for 2020.

Covid-19 in Denmark.

As for everybody 2020 has been completely different from earlier years. The corona virus has cast its shadow over all of us. Even if the head of the Danish Health Authority Søren Brostrøm on January 22 claimed that it was very unlikely that covid-19 would hit Denmark, it only lasted until February 27, when we had the first confirmed case and then it went up very fast. On March 11 the Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen gave a press conference which was transmitted over TV. She stated that on that day (March 11) the number of diseased in Denmark was 514, one day earlier 157 and 2 days earlier only 35.



She announced a number of very strict measures enforced with short notice and appealed to the good will of the public. It took some time before the restrictions worked. From April 10 the daily number of infected people went down. In the beginning of July there were days where hardly anybody was infected. So, most of the restrictions were lifted. But it did not last. Particularly, since November there has been again an exponential rise. To-day (December 16) the total number of infected people since the beginning is more than hundred thousand and there are again strict measures working and more are coming. The death rate is increasing and the hospitals may soon have reached their maximum capacity. This general situation is similar to what has happened in other countries. But considering the size of the Danish population the relative number of deads here is one of the lowest.

Our situation.

Just before New Year we visited almost all our family. Thus, we had no need to see them again in the beginning of 2020. And when covid-19 arrived we could not go to see them again. We have lived very lonely since then.

With the steep early rise of Covid-19 we did not want to do our own shopping anymore. We noticed an announcement by the Danish Red Cross who offered to find volunteers to do the shopping for high risk people. We applied for this and got in contact with Kjartan M. Kinch, who together with his wife Stephanie for several months did all the shopping for us.



Kjartan is associate professor in Astronomy at the University of Copenhagen. His main field of study is dust on planet Mars. He was responsible for some of the equipment on Mars rover Perseverance, which was launched in July 2020 and is expected to land on Mars

February 18, 2021. We were most grateful for his service, which ended when the infections went down to very low figures mid 2020.

When covid-19 started to rise again, facemasks were not easily available. I used a self made visor and an ordinary dustmask, but now facemasks can cheaply be found everywhere.



Marianne



Steffen and I

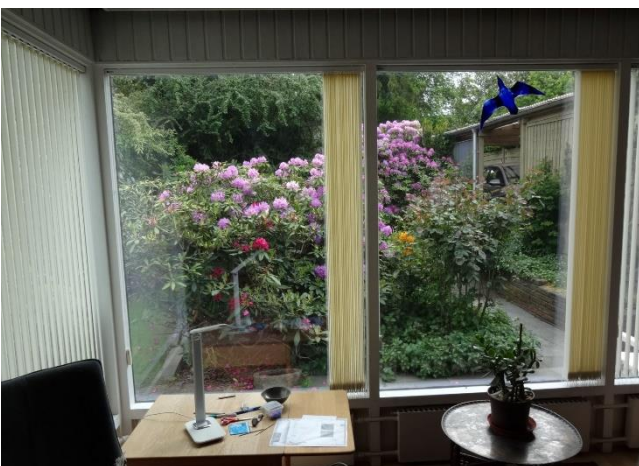
Only my son Steffen and his wife Marianne have come to see us a few times.

When spring arrived Inga and I again worked again in our garden. I can still manage to trim our large lawn. It corresponds to a walk of 2 km.

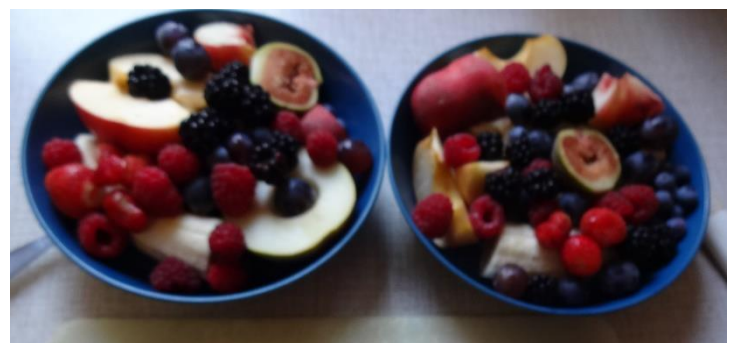


The swans in our lake had plenty of young.

We enjoyed the new terrace in front of our geranium beds and the view from our sitting room.



All this helped us to withstand our loneliness and the monotonousness of our life.



We have all kind of berries and fruits in our garden. Every morning Inga prepares a plate with fruits for our breakfast. Here she has included our own blackberries, blueberries and raspberries as well as a fig from our orangery.



In September it was the 2 year's birthday of Ella, my great grandchild, daughter of Amanda and granddaughter of my son Steffen. Amanda sent me this picture, where Ella decorates her birthday cake. Amanda expects her second baby in May 2021. In September she graduated as M.Sc. in social public health at the University of Aalborg.



In November Steffens other daughter Olivia married Rune, with whom she has the daughter Kala, 2 years old, also my great grandchild. Olivia is a pilates teacher and a professional ballet dancer and Rune works in advertising.



Our daughter Eva lives in Atlanta, Georgia, USA with her husband Peter and her two sons Eddy and Alex. For many years they have visited us during the summer, but that was not possible anymore this year. Eva is a ceramist and textile artist.



Eddy (20) studies medicine and makes laboratory studies in virology at the Georgia State University. Alex (12) goes in High School and is a clever player of clarinet.

Eddy with the family's dog Jenny and the cat Pumpkin

Alex studies at home, while his high school is closed





Rosa, the daughter of my late daughter Lone has her birthday just a few days before Christmas. For many years we have spent this day at her home together with other members of her family. But this year we miss this opportunity. This picture taken more than a year ago shows her with her husband Lasse and her two children Majka and Jasper. Rosa is a skilled and well known movie producer and Lasse works in a company trimming trees.



Inga, my dear wife, helps to fight the monotonousness of my present life by daily changing her 50 or more stolas, sweaters, ponchos, cardigans or what else they may be called. They are all made by herself. Without her loving assistance to me I would not be amongst the living by now. This Annual Report is dedicated to her.

This ends our Annual Report for 2020. We sincerely hope that 2021 will be better for all of you and for us. With seasons greetings

Inga and Erik