





The Year 2014

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The Year 2014 started in Denmark. We had planned to celebrate the New Year evening together with Erik and Karin in a summerhouse. Unfortunately Karin had a bad flu just before New Year evening. So we celebrated the New Year evening by ourselves. We have now planned to spend the New Year evening 2014-2015 together with Erik and Karin – that we are looking forward to - and are really hoping for no flu this year.

A couple of days into January we drove to France and spent the rest of the winter there. One of the really nice things by staying in France in the winter is that the days are 1½ to 2 hours longer there than in Denmark. It's so nice with a sunset about 5.30 pm. instead of about 3.30 pm.

Some of the time we used to isolate the house, which was good both for heating economy and comfort in the house as general.

We have bought a car registered in France

In this way we can go by airplane to France and stay there for a long time without renting a car for perhaps two months.



And yes – It can also be a bad weather in January/February in Saint Martin Lys. So once - a picture from a rainy day. (It's the only picture we have of the car[©])





The first picture is before the isolation and the new inside wooden walls.

The house is built in massive stone wall which can be very cold even in the mild French winter – So the change was **very** noticeable

For the first time since 1995 we have in 2014 spent the Easter in Denmark. Even it's a lot of years since we have been in Denmark in the Easter – The Danish Easter hasn't changed.







Normally we are staying two or three weeks during the summer in Saint Martin Lys. This year we stayed in Denmark. Particular in 2014 it was the right decision while the weather in fact was much better in Denmark than in South France. This also means that we had a lot of time to make our garden pretty nice including a vegetable garden with potatoes, beetroot, strawberries, pores, carrots, beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, cucumber. In our working- life there has not been time for a vegetable garden.







June 28 we had a family gettogether. Our immediate family was gathered. We were about 40 persons and had a really nice weekend with our children, siblings, nephews and nieces, their children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Christian and Linda arrived Friday June 27 from Germany and stayed by us. Linda's daughter Martina and family arrived also Friday, but stayed in a hotel in Roskilde. The rest of the family arrived Saturday. It was incredibly nice to be together with all the family. The next family get-together will be June 27- 2015.

There has also been family gettogether in the family Mortensen (Marianne) and cousin celebration in the family Clausen (Claus). The cousin celebration in the family Clausen was arranged by us and cousin Hans-Jørgen and his wife Lisbet.



Christian had brought his harmonica in the plane from Munich. When they arrived we thought they had a lot of luggage. But in one of the two suitcases was only the harmonica. It was really nice with harmonica music by our summer party.



We had a nice time in the beautiful Danish summer. The days before had been pretty bad, but the weather was really nice throughout all the weekend.



The Family Mortensen has a cozy time by Jørgen and Jytte in Roskilde.



The Clausen's having some fresh air after a great dinner in Kirsten's and Ole's "wood"







Just after the cousin celebration in the family Clausen in the first part of September we flew to south France and stayed there for 1½ month in a gorgeous late summer.

This year we have also visited Linda and Christian in Zeitlarn in the beginning of November.

In 2014 we have also enjoined to be together with the rest of our nephews and nieces – Allan, Catharina and Benjamin (Claus's) and Carsten and Anita (Marianne's). Anita turned 30 in 2014 and held a nice party.



We had some really nice days by Linda and Christian and saw a lot of Germany around Regensburg.

We have also had overseas visit since Marianne's cousin Laila from Canada visited us a few days.

In 2014 we have had no cycling holiday. But any way we are ending up cycling almost as much in 2014 as in 2013. We have biked a lot in Denmark this year in the wonderful Danish 2014 summer. We often biked the 31 km to Kalundborg to visit Marianne's mother and to keep her garden. So these days counts well in cycling accounts - we also have to bike back to our place.



It was a little about our *Year 2014*.

Marianne had made a really nice bicycle layer cake to Claus's 62 years birthday.







The Year 2014 was also the year where

Mette January 11 turned 35 year

Marianne April 17 celebrated her birthday

Cecilia May 1 turned 35 year Klaus May 28 turned 38 year

We June 13 celebrated our wedding day

Viola June 13 turned 6 year Jette June 19 turned 30 year June 22 turned 9 year Isabella turned 11 year Nikolas July 21 turned 3 year Alfred August 7 Heidi September 8 turned 37 year Jonas September 16 turned 33 year Henrik November 23 turned 36 year

Claus November 27 turned 62 year (and thus a full year older

than Marianne)

We have enjoyed all the birthdays through *the year 2014* and are looking forward to celebrate the Christmas Eve by Henrik – Heidi and the grandchildren Nikolas and Isabella in Højsted only 18 km. from us.

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Cousin

celebration

2014 in the

family Clausen

Summer party 2014 closest Family



Family gettogether in Family Mortensen