

Family Lindström-Hellström – 2014 in summary

Life rolls on relentlessly and in weak moments one might describe the new year as the old year look-a-like ... But a probing into the catacombs of memory quickly clarifies “all the new” that has happened – even though it is really hard to understand how it all worked out. Life in a nutshell...



Rebecka is now in her second year in Uppsala and the education for nurse she manages splendidly. She loves the career choice she's made and the way seems staked out for a future midwife. Extra satisfaction that her fiancé Jonas (yes, they are now engaged) after diligent studying now entered the education he sought after. A highlight of the year was when cousin Ollie took a break from the USA and visited relatives in Sweden (and now the whole family, after



many years of administrative hassles, finally has become US citizens)... Rebecka still appreciate visiting “home” and spending time with her parents when time permits!



The summer of 2014 will be remembered as our old friend Hubert – long & dry. As usual it was wonderful at Grytö (although the “Grytö struggle” saw a new champion), but this year there was also an excursion up to Storhogna and a week of hiking...



An equally wonderful disruption of everyday life was three autumn weeks in Thailand. The stay in Koh Lanta gave unforgettable boat trips to magically beautiful coral reefs close to the dream-like islands. And it was not wrong to finish holiday in Bangkok – either by the hotel pool (R) or in bag shops (E)!



This year it was Christoffer's turn to take the exam. After 3 years of technical IT studies (which should have been wrapped up in 3 months given how rarely they had lessons), it was time for party – see: www.ointresse.se/krille-student.htm A year off was on the program (with continued relaxing & some traveling with pals), but by the end of August, Christoffer got a job as technical support for Apple products and the personal transformation we have witnessed is almost indescribable. Super!



One of Christoffer's first move on the way into the adult world was to buy a new heavy motorcycle – a Kawasaki ZX-6R “Ninja”. Unfortunately, he didn't realize it requires a driver's license to drive it, and economics to ensure (it will cost him \$10,000 / year)... Hockey is nowadays played in Viggbyholm IK. Young Christoffer's luxury problem: How do you gain weight?



2014 become a “gap year” for Rickard “the Birder”. “Only” nine new species (total 309), but a celbert visit from a Hoopoe at home in Täby. This year other animals have been in focus (e.g. monitor lizards on Koh Rok & aquarium fishes at Koh Haa)...



Eva impressed with an 18 m deep dive after a 27 year break!



As shown in the picture to the left Eva's new “puck dimple” requires re-filling. Her red hair can be explained as an “old lady experimentation”... Eva as a manic walker continues & she has now explored all escape routes in Thailand in the event of a new tsunami!



Rickard has found an additional hobby – Volvo 140. Two from 1972 were procured this year (a DL & a GL) – see started website: www.ointres.se/volvo_140.htm Quite fun, but they prove daily that they are old cars! Otherwise, the highlight of 2014 was the spine surgery fixing the “spinal stenosis” that has plagued the alderman for so many years! Another hobby is genealogy research – never sleep!



Rebecka, Christoffer, Eva & Rickard wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Now we look forward to 2015 – be healthy, keep smiling and nurse your fighting spirit!

