



Dear Friends, Colleagues and Acquaintances,

The Bjørner family is doing well.

In **Charlotte's** family **Caroline** (15) had her holy communion, i.e., Lutheran confirmation, in May. Her grandmother from China came with her daughter and husband and their daughter (from Stockholm, Sweden). After a fine church service we all met for lunch at the Asia House: welcome drinks on the ground floor of that magnificent and historic building, and luncheon in the downstairs rooms. **Camilla** graduated (18) from High School in June, top tier, all 12s, and has now begun her study at Copenhagen University: Economics and Mathematics – and she loves it. Grandpa': this is real math.! **Wei Wei** continues to commute between here and China. He is acting drama i Beijing, Shanghai, and other cities, and also in Taiwan. Also in movies and TV series. He played in a drama on the "Musik-teatret" here in CPH earlier this year. Great to see him act out! He also helps us very much with garden work and many other things. We see them regularly: here and there and enjoy seeing the girls grow up!

In **Nikolaj's** family **Marianne** (18) also graduated and now studies medicine at Rice University's Baylor Institute. She followed **Nikolaj** to a conference in Oslo (he was co-chair) in June and came here afterwards for 6 weeks on-and-off: 4 days here, 3 days in Gothenburg, then a 5 days here, then 12-14 days in Amsterdam, Barcelona, San Sebastian and Bilbao, with Kari 2 days around Fyn and Ærø, and the three of us, 3 days on Bornholm: Svaneke, Gudhjem, Erteholmene, etc. Her visit was, for us old ones, the highlight of the year: a young, wonderful woman on the threshold of many wonderful years of study. **Nikolaj** came by, mid April, for a weekend of helping us, with Wei Wei, to clear out rubbish from our greenhouse and cellar. **Bodil** and **Nikolaj** went to a conference in Fiji in November, a week, with **Katrine** (16) and **Jakob** (14).

**Kari** (72) continues her P&Q: delivered a grand 6-by-8 feet Grandmother's Garden order in March – quite an achievement. Also an exhibition here and there. For our summer travels she sewed three dresses and for our recent Golden Anniversary "Honeymoon" in Rome another three dresses! Otherwise her weeks are "punctuated" by swimming on Mondays, patchwork ladies here on Tuesdays or in the two local P&Q clubs, [Nordic] stave-walking on Wednesdays, gymnastics on Thursdays, etc. This year she did all the lawn mowing. Late afternoons she oversees *an heure bleue*: Cocktails or long drinks.

Together we went to **London** for 5 days in March: [www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/london](http://www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/london) (Dines gave a lecture). **Dines** went to **Moscow** for a short visit in April: [www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/moscow](http://www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/moscow) (invited by the Academy of Science – gave two lectures). Together we went to **Portugal** for two weeks in May/June, see: [www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/2015/Portugal](http://www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/2015/Portugal) – a week-long PhD Course. Dines again in **Portugal** in Sept. (24–28) – for a Festschrift talk. October (2–31) saw us motoring around **Austria and South Tyrol, Italy**, with 2 weeks in **Vienna**: [www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/2015/wien/node6.html](http://www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/2015/wien/node6.html) – three seminars and a two week PhD course: 2+2 hours/day! Our ♥ Golden Anniversary ♥ was spent, 4 days in **Rome**, 9–13 December: [www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/2015/wien/node7.html](http://www.imm.dtu.dk/~dibj/2015/wien/node7.html).

**Dines** (78) spent the year, as usual: Early morning reading the daily newspaper, mid-morning and afternoon alternating between reading "serious" books or, as now, a spy novel, and work on thinking & writing scientific work, and, again, in the afternoon, the best Danish newspaper, Kristeligt Dagblad. This year I continued reading Dostoevsky, Kai Sørlander – the finest philosopher today, Sørine Gotfredsen's *Løft Blikket* (about ever growing narcissistic tendencies) and Thomas H. Beck's *Stol på Gud – og hold krudtet tørt* [Trust in God – and keep your powder dry]. Usually a daily view of a pre-recorded crime/spy/thriller TV programme (Miss Marple, Poirot, Lewis, [Young] Morse, etc.). I also circulate around the Copenhagen area some, but not all Sundays for High Mass: SG, THB, Katrine Bang Lilleør, Christian Fink Tolstrup and Thomas Reventlow Bruun. Dines' eyes were operated for cataract this summer. Life & Kari are glorious!

**We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**, Kari &

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