



(January near Caslte Duivenvoorde in Voorschoten)

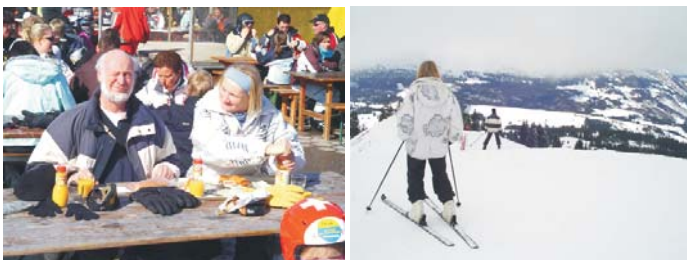
Happy Xmas and a prosperous New Year

Well, this year was much more favourable than we had hoped at the beginning. Free of any form of hospitalisation, we travelled a lot and enjoyed life every day. Although we did not travel a long distance we loved to see nearby Europe.

We spent a nice weekend with our friends in Oude Tonge in Zeeland (NL).

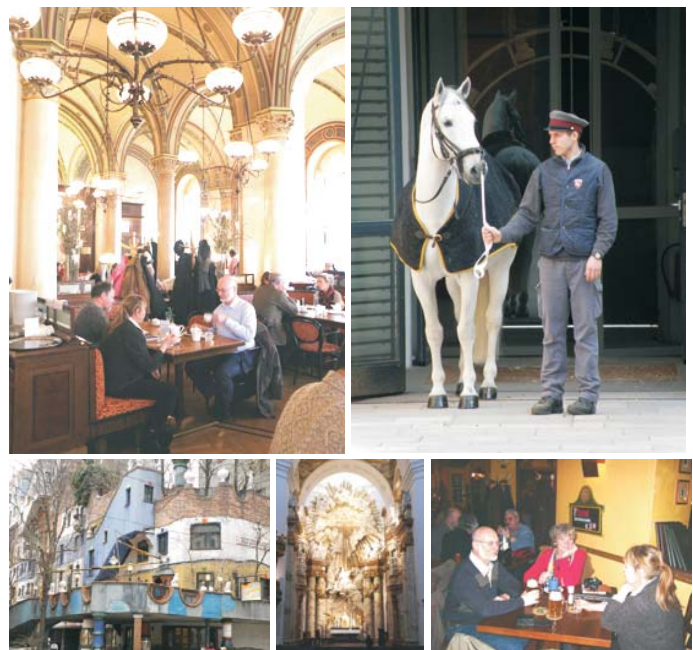


...We went skiing with Tates' sister in Luzern.
 . And to Vienna with **Anton and Marjan**.



Unfortunately its was very cold there, so we had to stop in many bars/Wiener Café's to warm up. We, and specifically Teets, who longed all her life

to see them once, loved the show of the Lippizaner Horses. And there were a lot of other beautiful things in Vienna.



In May we visited **south England/Wales**. Where we met some of our friends and of course **Marcel**



View from Marcel's home at NT

Dover Castle

and his dutch friend who travelled back with us to Holland. We visited a National Trust mansion near Bath and the Dover Castle built into the chalk rocks overseeing the channel.



Füssen. Nice small romantic medieval villages and little towns. And it was very cosy and enjoyable with the group. Thereafter we travelled to **Luzern** and stayed with **Yvonne (Tates sister)** where both sisters exchanged all their gossip! Back home again we did the laundry, packed again and travelled, via Rostock and the ferry to **Helsinki**, where we were joined by Barbara, Marcel, Arnoud and also our cousins Anita, Ingrid and Sjoerd and Remco. Very enjoyable, but these youngsters do have a faster pace than us, old guys!!! ☺ We hired two sailing boats, celebrating the birthdays of **Lum** and **Igor**, and with an adventure: we sailed both 34 footers on the rocks! An expensive navigation error!!! But at least it gives us something to tell! We were all unharmed.



The boats heavily damaged luckily stayed afloat.

On Whitsunday we sailed with Lum's brother and sister-in-law **Hanneke and Nils**, to Urk and Enkhuizen. In July we had our 3 weeks and 200 miles long trip along the **Romantische Strasse ("Romantic Road")** in south Germany with the travel group we knew from our Russia trip.. From Würzburg to



Romantische Strasse



Exhausting of course for **Daniela**: All those Honhoffs in her flat, while she still had to go to her work!!! Our compliments. Obviously she enjoyed the visit too.

After this visit back home we had to clean the camper and do the laundry and pack again so we could go to the Ardennes, where Tates' brother



and his wife **Wim** and **Joke** celebrated their 40 years marriage anniversary. We went back home together with Yvonne. At that time Tates had a very busy week with Hodi (her company), so **Lum** entertained Yvonne with a visit to the beach and museum etc. Directly after **Yvonne** left Lum's sister **Miro** and her husband **Winfried** came to stay, and **Anton** and **Marjan** stayed to help their daughter decorate her new home. We celebrated Dutch **Sinterklaas** (Santa Clause) with 18 members of the Honhoff clan. Celebrating Sinterklaas means to make a surprise present and write a poem for one of the people.

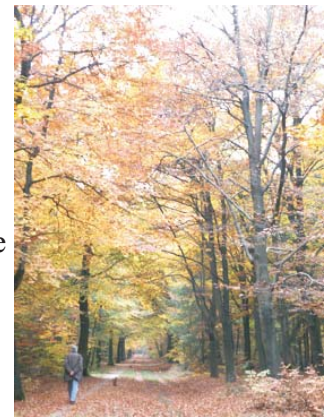


Every year a lot of creativity is needed to stay original. But we succeeded again this year.

Hodi had a very good year in NL and Belgium. Especially the treasure hunt (Mystery tour) for adults is a hit. These packages need a lot of work to produce. One new treasure hunt was introduced and one was totally renewed. Tates, assisted by her cousin Pauline and Barbara, sold a lot of treasure hunts this year. More than any year before. Nearly 20000 children did a treasure hunt from Hodi (NL and Belgium).
(www.speurtochten.nl/www.treasurehunts.co.uk)

We do less and less dingey sailing . We now only sail in good weather conditions. We can hardly hold the boat when the wind is over 3 Beaufort.

We only sailed regattas two weekends. But we can't say goodbye to the Lasers. We will try to sail next year too. We'll see...



walking in "de Treek"

In the mean time, when we are not travelling, we are busy with tennis, bridge, aquarelling hiking and biking and we enjoy those activities very much.

As you can see, I (Tates) like to use my new camera and I want to share the results with you. So this year the Honhoff courier has more pictures end less Text than last years.



Hiking with Yvonne near Luzern.



Igor en Daniela still live in Helsinki. Igor works as IT professional at a company who delivers software for energy companies. Daniela works at a company that sells a business process that reduces health related

absence of employees. Both Igor and Daniela enjoy themselves a lot, they work hard and do exiting things, e.g. in Finish nature. Igor has to travel to Holland a lot for his work to meet his Dutch customers. Tates likes this very much!



Marcel works at the National Trust. In summer time as employee, in winter time he works as volunteer. NT works with seasonal workers so he has no permanent contract. He

applies for jobs a lot, but at the moment there is hardly any job to get in nature preservation. He lives wonderfully at the NT building and only in summertime he pays some rent. He enjoys climbing along the Wales' cliffs, does Tai Chi, surfs on the waves at shore and sails regattas as member of a 10-men team on a 40-footer.



Arnoud enjoys working as a programmer at a company that develops software for automating greenhouses. Plants grow and move in containers through the greenhouses. He is valued a lot by his colleges and will be sent to Russia to implement software in a Russian greenhouse near Moskow. He has a nice circle of friends with which he does a lot of activities.



Barbara and Mark like it a lot in their new home in The Hague. **Mark** works as IT professional and programmer with a new company. **Barbara** will start with her final thesis

soon to finish her study Communication and Multimedia in May next year. She is still a snowboard instructor and stopped instructing regatta sailing. Mark likes to work on his motor and dismantle and rebuild his collection old Vespa's (Italian scooters). Furthermore they like their pets a lot. A young cat playing with his old mate. The old cat likes his rest but allows the young one to tease....

