

Christmas letter 2009



Dear friends!

Another year almost over, a new one about to begin.
In this 2009-edition of our Christmas letter, we look back at a wonderful year,
and we like to share some of the highlights with you.



From Flatåsen with love,

Albert & Beatrix



Winters in Trondheim

The beginning of 2009 started with so much snow that all traffic collapsed, including cruise ships, and people were advised to shuffle the roofs of their houses! It made of course for great skiing ☺



Goodbye Rotterdam, hello Flatåsen

After 2 ½ yrs on the (collapsed) housing market, Albert's apartment finally got sold this year. Selling Bea's apartment and finding our new dream house took no time whatsoever. In August, we moved to a beautiful house right at the border of Trondheim's outdoor area. The hiking/skiing trail starts next to our backyard!



Summer holidays

In July we had a 2-week holiday in Japan. We had a terrific time with the people, culture, nature, and endless shrines and temples. The food was weird but delicious, the climate extremely humid, and the people amazing. We will definitely go back 😊



Japanese breakfast

10 000 'Tori' at Fushimi Inari Taisha



Intricate woodwork in Hakone



Pagoda in Kyoto

Visiting the Netherlands

We had several occasions to visit our family back home. Aunt Pieta gave a big family party when she turned 80, Marrie & Ger celebrated their 30th anniversary at Texel, one of the Wadden islands, the Jonkers organized a family reunion, and Maartien & Sandra threw a 70's party.

Texel



Pieta Vereijken at her 80th birthday

The Jonkers reunion



In September, we spent a week on the coast in Zeeland with all our parents. Great fun!

Zeeland



70's again



The Netherlands visiting us

We had a small crowd of visitors in 2009. Here are some impressions of the fun we have had.



Ger and Marrie trying to walk in the snow



Frank playing in the snow



Berrie grinding Bea's skates

Especially March was a popular month for visitors, with Berrie, Marrie & Ger, and Frank coming to play in the snow. In July, we had a joint holiday with Maartien, Sandra and their kids Yoeri, Carmen & Doran. With them, we walked in the mountains, went fishing, and barbequed like crazy.

Hiking in Dovrefjell National Park



Finally, November brought Marretje and Cor & Annie inspecting our new house. Against all odds but in line with their hopes, it snowed that week!



Working 'abroad'

Sometimes, our jobs take us away from home ...



*Albert in Orkanger,
Norway*



Beatrix in Oxford, UK



Beatrix in New York, USA



Beatrix in Växjö, Sweden



*Beatrix in Jyväskylä,
Finland*

Beatrix in Bologna, Italy



*Beatrix in Ottawa,
Canada*

*Albert in Brekstad,
Norway*





We wish everyone
a Merry Christmas,
and joy and
happiness for the
new year.

Come visit in 2010!

Albert & Beatrix



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