

Christmas letter 2020

Albert & Beatrix



Dear family and friends,

Looking back at the year we are about to close, 2020 was without doubt a special year, with challenges that reverberated through the entire world, but also love, care and connectedness.

We wish you a happy, healthy and safe Christmas, and all the best for 2021.

Love from Norway,

Albert & Beatrix.



Starting 2020 in Copenhagen

We had an excellent start of the year in Denmark's wonderful capital city Copenhagen. Good food, interesting sights and each other, what more could we hope for when kicking off 2020.



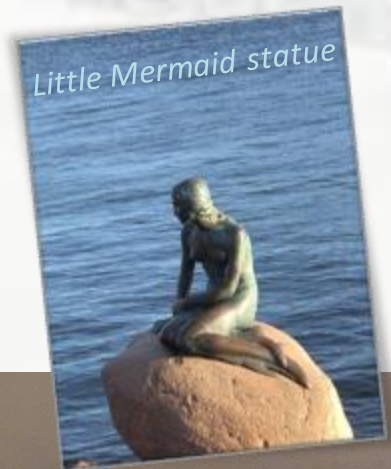
Strolling around Nyhavn



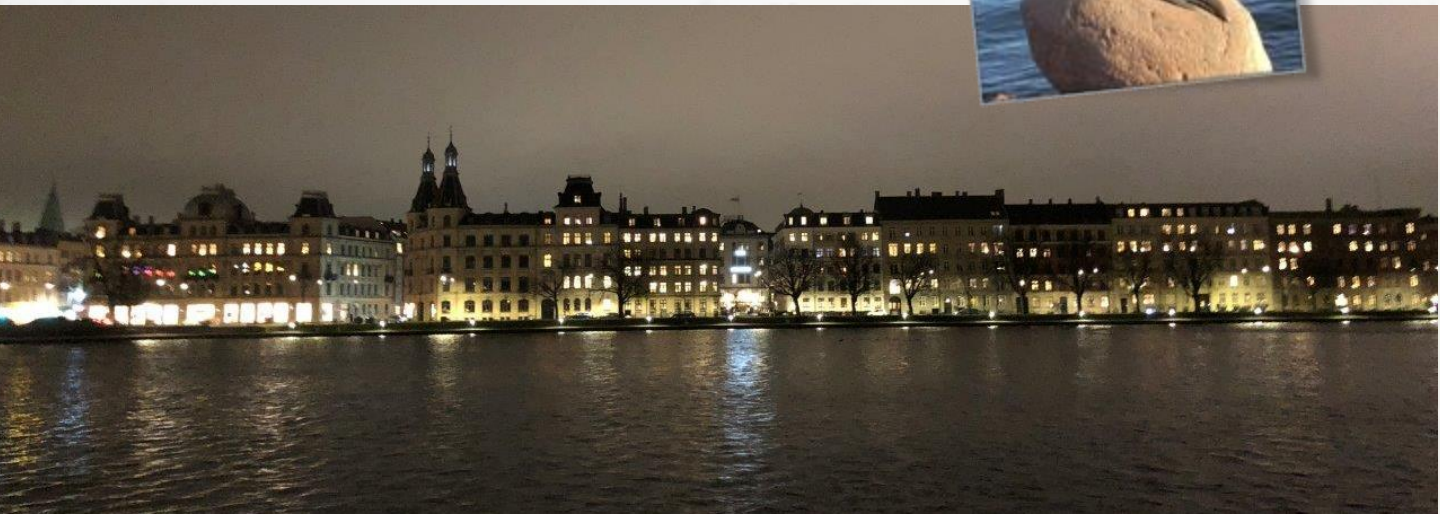
Rosenborg Castle



Visiting Tivoli

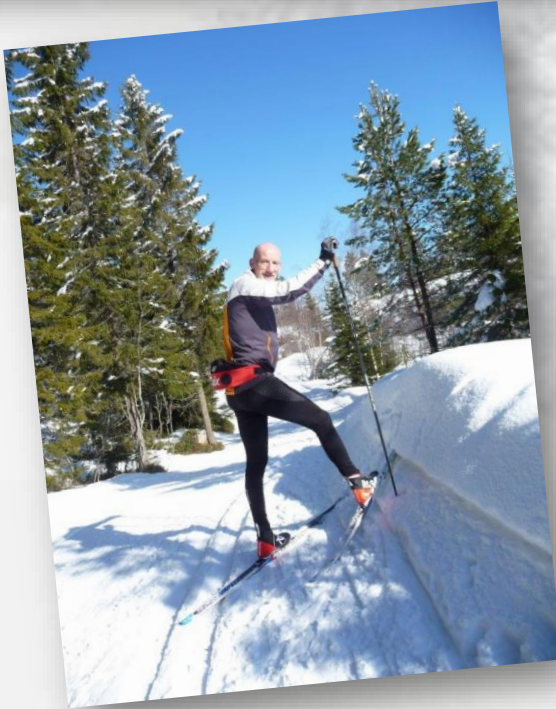
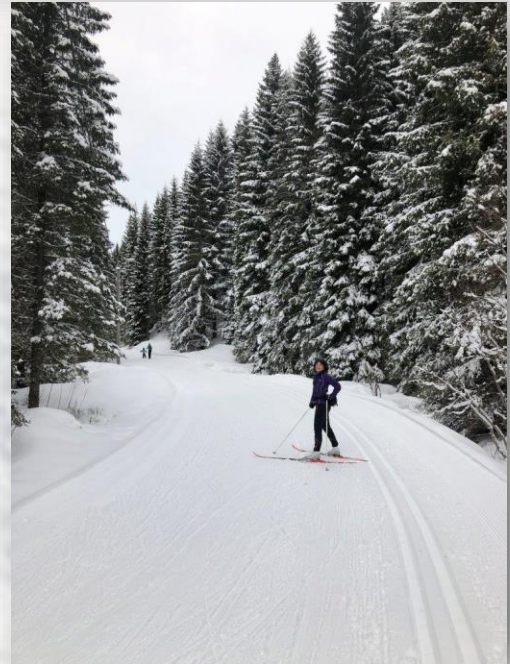


Little Mermaid statue



Playing in the snow

Also Norway closed down in March, but the COVID-related restrictions did not prevent us from going outside and enjoying the wonderful winter landscape.



Cleaning our terrace from the last snow



2020 in music

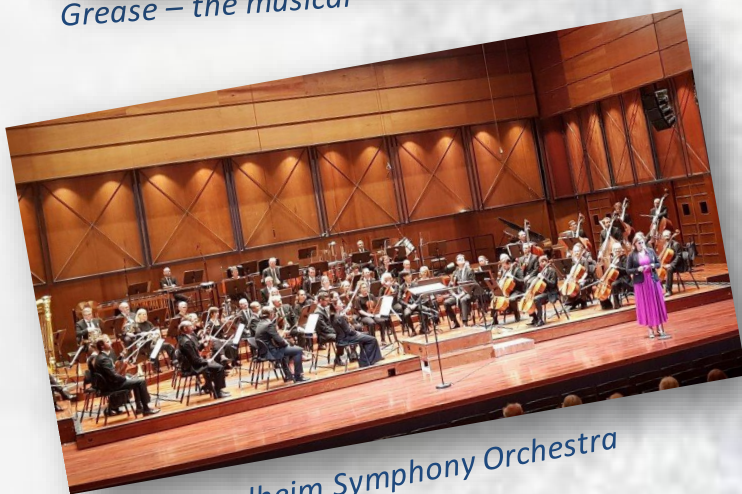
Although many concerts had to be cancelled due to COVID-19, we still had some fantastic musical happenings this year, both classical, modern and more hard-core 😊



Grease – the musical



Trondheim Spektrum events



Trondheim Symphony Orchestra



A-ha



Trondheim Chamber Music Festival – Restaurant Credo



Trondheim Symphony Orchestra

At Bea's work

Normally Bea travels a lot for her work but not this year. Only trip abroad was in January to Amsterdam for a doctoral defense and Bologna for the Mobex conference. The rest of the year in a nutshell: home office and endlessly online.



Meeting friends
in Bologna



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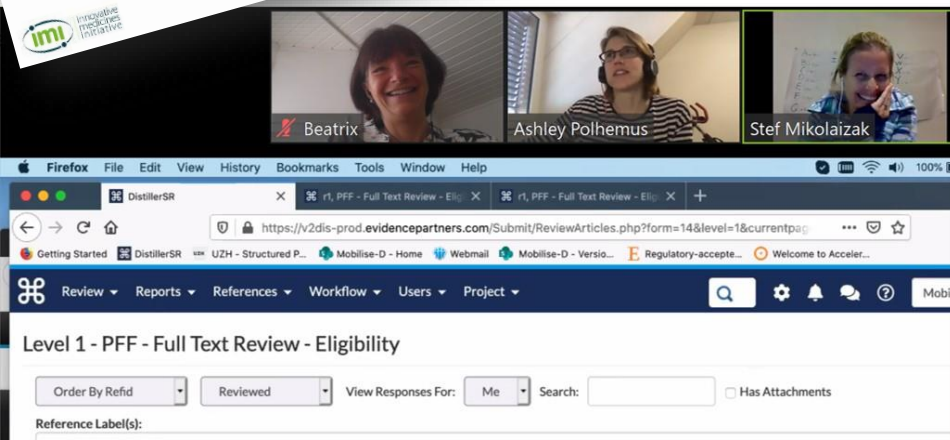
VERY rare face-to-face
meeting at the office



Online defense
of Tore Kristian



Mobilise-D took the
majority of Bea's time



Nordic flavours

Despite the small size of the city, Trondheim has no less than 3 Michelin restaurants, so not too surprising that this year's award ceremony was held here, right before the lock-down! All three places are fantastic, each in their own way.



Heidi Bjerkan's Credo is all about sustainability



Speilsalen in Europe's most northern 4-star hotel Britannia is stylish from top to toe, with a caviar bar and our favourite spot: the Chef's table, where the young chefs prepare your food right in front of you



Fagn is playful and likes to challenge their guests every now and then



Major courtyard project

This year we completed the largest project since we moved to Flatåstoppen: an extreme make-over of our courtyard. After several months of work, done by a local constructor, we (and our neighbours) are very satisfied with the result 😊



Albert's work

Albert's work at Stjørdal Municipality this year was largely characterized by the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Innfører hilse- og klemmeforbud, avlyser foreldremøter og stenger dørene på bosentre

Stenger skoler og barnehager i Stjørdal kommune
Kommunen gir til og med utfordrende skole for å stoppe spredning av korona smitte.

Nå skal flypassasjerer sjekkes av helseansatte



Newspaper coverage of the local measures



Meeting with the city council before COVID-19



As many others – working from a home office



Kommunestyremøtet i Stjørdal var torsdag samlet i Kimen kulturhus. FOTO: SKJERM DUMP

Meeting with the city council during COVID-19



Summer activities

Although travel restrictions were temporarily relieved, we decided to stay in Norway and enjoy the summer here with hiking, paddling and many barbeque dinners on our new terrace.



Mini holidays in Norway

Being stuck in Norway for the summer is no tragedy. Although we stayed mostly at home, we spent two long weekends cycling Ørlandet and Stokkøya with our friends Ingrid & Menno, and a third weekend kayaking and fishing at Hitra with Chaîne buddies Nina & Bjørn.



Ørlandet, just on the other side of the Trondheim fjord, is almost as flat as the Netherlands, so perfect for cycling



Island-hopping by bike around Stokkøya was a bit more challenging, but still perfectly doable

Nina and Bjørn have a great little property directly by the water, perfect for water (and culinary) activities ☺



Chaîne des Rotisseurs

This international gastronomic society is our favourite club. Especially where we live, in Mid-Norway, the society is very active and organizes many culinary events at a very high level. Some had to be cancelled this year, but fortunately, many could go on as planned. Dressing up to the nines and wearing ribbons is all part of the game 😊

*Traditional welcome drink:
magnum Bollinger champagne*



Culinary weekend in World Heritage mining village Røros



Young professionals giving us a wonderful experience

