

THE B7 BORNHOLM CHAIRMANSHIP



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B7 FACILITATOR'S NEWSLETTER

What's happening this year?

Ambitions:

Ambitions Bornholm has a plenty. Not only will they work with 5 themes:

1. Tourism
2. Youth
3. Silver-Grey Gold
4. Maritime
5. Sustainable Energy

Bornholm also plans to:

- develop an action plan for the strategy
- implement a communications policy
- make B7 a legal entity.

And just in case there are a couple of Sundays to spare, it plans to get closer to the other Baltic Sea organisations: CBSS, CPMR-Baltic Sea Commission, BSSSC, Union of Baltic Cities together with getting closer to the Baltic Development Forum and the Baltic Europe Intergroup. That should be just in time for Saaremaa to take over in 2008.

New Wave:

As you can partly see at the top we have a new wave - could only get some of it on the page.

Projects:

With the coming new structural funds period (2007-13) and a co-financing rate of

75% from the EU, the new Central and South Baltic programmes there, apparently, is no better time to design and implement projects. What is important is that all of the member islands live up to their commitments to contribute to the projects. People involved in the BEN and Baltic Master projects are very pleased with the content and quality, there is no problem with finance so lets make this year a special project year.

Communication:

The Mayor and President of the B7, Bjarne Kristiansen, is keen to improve communication and to give time for dialogue. All meetings and events are designed with at least 2 full days and adequate time for the politicians and the workers to talk, plan and hopefully implement their ideas and plans.

Bjarne's ambition is to have at least six newsletters this year.

This one focuses on the Chairmanship programme and team.

The Chairman, Jørgen Kvist, soon to be a part of the fellowship of the silver-grey gold is keeping his powder dry. He still has to come with his surprises for the year.

Have a good B7 year!



THE OFFICIAL "BAD" PICTURE OF SOME OF THE TEAM THAT PUT TOGETHER THE BORNHOLM PROGRAMME

The Bornholm Team: and the interviews



Bjarne Kristiansen on Vilm
Life was easier as Vice Mayor

Bjarne Kristiansen: preparing Bornholm for growth

Bjarne Kristiansen is the Mayor of Bornholm. At the moment there are many changes and a lot of reorganisation going on within the islands public administration. We could not meet Bjarne face to face but got the following answers in a mail. The year has not begun very well, Liverpool have lost twice to Arsenal in 4 days!

Q: What is your favourite sport and team?

A: football, Liverpool FC

Q: If you could be anyone for the day, who would you be?

A: Lucky Luke

Q: Best piece of advice you've ever been given?

A: Kiss me

Q: Your favourite meal and drink?

A: free ones

Q: What would your autobiography be called?

A: "Popular by stroke of luck"

Q: How would you change the world?

A: Close down every television

Q: Your favourite TV show?

A: Matador

Q: Your favourite CD or group/singer?

A: Beatles, Queen etc

Q: Your ambition?

A: Create unity in the future local and global development

Jørgen Jespersen: Our energetic environment man



Jørgen Jespersen
Working with the environment in every way

Jørgen is Mr Environment: he is head of Bornholm's environment, he sings, he helps his wife with the rose garden - just tell me what he cannot do, and we won't believe you. Oh, he spells like an American. Our interview with Jørgen was a bit more formal.

Educated and trained as a traffic-planning engineer it has been a pleasure to have had the responsibility for the environment in Bornholm for more than 20 years (don't talk about specialists!).

International work has been a pleasure and a leisure all the way through - acronyms have become a part of my life: LIFE, SAPIC, IEEA, SUSWAT, BEST etc.

My favorite **sport** is golf, since I became a member of the high class tournament BALTIC MASTER in 2005.

My favorite **drink** is Highland Park 12 years single malt from Orkney Island (sorry Åland - your Ålandos is only second!).

My favorite **composer** is the English composer Benjamin Britten (1913-1976) - my CD collection of almost all his production covers almost 100 CD's.

My favorite **TV-show** is a portrait serie with Ingmar Bergman with Gotland and especially Fårö as background.

My favorite **hobby** - besides B7 - is singing. I am a member of the leading choir of Bornholm: the Nylars Choir. Come to Bornholm for Easter this year and hear us perform Haydn's Theresienmass.

From April 2007 I am partly retiring working only 20 hours a week. But B7, Baltic Master and hopefully TransPlan Energy project will still be important tasks for me.

Henrik Eybye Nielsen: hedonist and hunter



Henrik Eybye Nielsen
Always affable

Henrik was in a hurry but in good humour!

Q: What do you like best & least about your current job?

A: Ohhhh working with B7 what else?

Q: What is your favourite sport and team?

A: Football and Barcelona

Q: If you could be anyone for a day, who would you be?

A: Mayor of Bornholm

Q: Best piece of advice you've ever been given?

A: You can always get friends it is worse to get money

Q: Who would you most like to invite home to dinner?

A: Fidel Castro

Q: Your favourite meal and drink?

A: Could it be lobster with Dom Perignon followed by a

double espresso and 15 years Havana Club ? Yes it could !

Q: What would your autobiography be called?

A: "As good as it gets"

Q: Give 3-5 words that best describe you.

A: Charming, intelligent, good looking and fancy hair

Q: How would you change the world?

A: Taking a day off the office

Q: Your favourite TV show?

A: "Get rich in 2 days"

Q: Your favourite CD or group/singer?

A: Ramstein

Q: Your ambition?

A: Beat our youngest daughter in PC games

Jørgen Kvist: hoping to score a try

Jørgen Kvist is leaving the public sector during this year to manage a private investment company. At the same time his wife has employed him as a skilled craftsmen to renovate a property on Bornholm and Jutland. So he will continue to experience life as a boss and a worker – but under very strict management!!

Q: Your first job?

A: Before university I worked as a journalist in the small town I grew up in. While at university I worked as a truck driver. I still have all the licenses.

Q: What do you like best & least about your current job?

A: Best: B7 Chairmanship, Least: long e-mails and long meetings.

Q: What is your favourite sport and team?

A: Football and FCK.

Q: If you could be anyone for a day, who would you be?

A: Santa Claus preferably around 24 December

Q: Best piece of advice you've ever been given?

A: 1) Mirror 2) Signal 3) Manoeuvre

Q: Who would you most like to invite home to dinner?

A: The good fairy

Q: Your favourite meal and drink?

A: Yes, definitely

Q: What would your autobiography be called?

A: "I tried".

Q: How would you change the world?

A: for the better!

Q: Your favourite TV show?

A: the weather forecast



Jørgen Kvist
Truck driver , Santa Claus
and Journalist

David Hunt

Not much space for me so mine is short.

Q: Your first job?

A: My first proper job was siting water boreholes in the Kalahari Desert.

Q: What do you like best & least about your current job?

A: Sharing hotel rooms with Henrik

Q: Best piece of advice you've ever been given?

A: Take people as they come

Q: Favourite book

A: East of Eden by John Steinbeck; The Shorter Oxford English Dictionary

Q: How would you change the world?

A: Ensure that people first suffer what they will have others to endure.



What a handsome chappy!

Karen Jacobsen: running the Bornholm B7 Secretariat

Karen is the accountant at the Regional Development unit. She is married and has a daughter. Any other information is secret, except for the fact that she does not speak English. Karen gave us the following interview:

Q: Your first job?

A: I worked in a fast-food restaurant - what else would I do growing up in America?

Q: What do you like best and least about your current job?

A: Working with David

Q: Best piece of advice you've ever been given?

A: Never sign anything before reading it first.

Q: Who would you most like to invite home to dinner?

A: Jamie Oliver

Q: Your favourite meal and drink?

A: Pasta and gin and tonic, just not at the same time.

Q: Your favourite TV show?

A: "ER"



Karen Lynn Jacobsen
Keeping the troops in line



The B7 gathered at the Annual Conference on Åland in 2006

Bornholm Chairmanship themes & programme 2007

Tourism Trends, strategies, branding and sustainable growth

Youth Creating activities for youth from B7 islands

Silver-Grey Gold Benefiting islands & benefiting from islands - the challenge

Maritime Maritime Green Paper: laying the foundation for the future

Sustainable Energy Stable, affordable energy: a pre-condition for growth

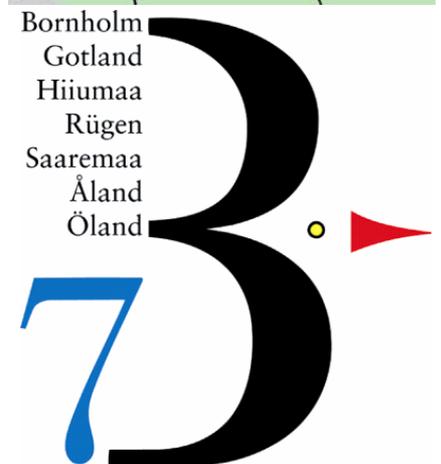


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Åland
Öland

Date	Venue	Events	Who
Jan 17-19	Berlin	Starting the Chairmanship year German EU Presidency	Board
Mar 07-09	Brussels	Lobby visit to Commissioner Borg Visit key actors involved with the Maritime Green Book	SC Board
April 16-17	Bornholm	Environment event and meeting with Baltic Sea Organisations (CBSS, BSSSC, CPMR-BSC, UBC, BSPC)	President Board
Jun 03-05	Bornholm	Tourism Conference Baltic Sea Region trends, strategies and branding	SC Board
July 02-06	Bornholm	B7 Youth Camp	Youth Group
Aug/Sept	Bornholm	Baltic Islands film festival	Youth Group
Oct 04-06	Bornholm	Youth Conference "Young on B7 islands: needs and solutions"	Youth Group
Oct 08-10	CPH	Meet the Danish Government: New regions and municipalities. The Danish experience.	SC Board
October	Brussels	Energy Conference: Isenet and B7	Brussels
Dec 05-07	Bornholm	Annual Conference: Theme: Business Development	SC Board

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