

Visit from Cashel in May 2011

Niall Gregory from Cashel visited Friends of Europe in Naestved from the 7th to the 10th of May. He was invited to celebrate the European Day together with us and was accommodated privately by Hanna and Erik in Fensmark.



Saturday evening a local jazz band played in the Folk Music House and we went there to have our evening dinner together with many members of Friends of Europe. The weekend activities in the house are organized by a local club. The members of this club alternate each other in making the cooking, set the tables, the dishwashing and the clean-up afterwards.

Sunday before lunch there was a sightseeing tour to the town of Naestved with Erik as guide.



The celebration of Europe Day took place Sunday afternoon and was arranged as a picnic to the memory stone from the Charter meeting in Holmegaard in 1991. The stone is staying in Fensmark. Niall was asked to do the principal speech and did that very well remembering us about the purpose of the Charter: people meet people. And so we did!

We agreed upon a wish that the European day ought to be a holiday so it in the future could be possible to have the picnic on the day and not the day before!



Monday was a sightseeing day. Erik had arranged a tour for Niall around in South Zealand and some of the islands south of Zealand. We visited the remains of the Medieval fortification of Jungshoved, we saw some of the famous churches because of their mural paintings on the island Moen and we went to the White cliffs of Moen. Here we too visited the Geological Centre who in a pedagogical way tells about how Denmark was created from 70 million years ago until today. Later on we went to a more than 5000 year old passage grave from the Stone Age. In the town Vordingborg we finally visited the medieval ruins of the Kings Castle from about 1160 and the famous remaining tower called the Goose Tower because of a goose on the top of the tower place as an outrage against the Hanseatic League.



Monday evening at the town hall in Naestved Niall met the Danish delegation to the annual meeting in Cashel to inform the group about this up-coming event.

Tuesday morning it was time to find the plane back to Dublin after an intensive and eventful stay in Denmark.