



Dardesheimer Windblatt

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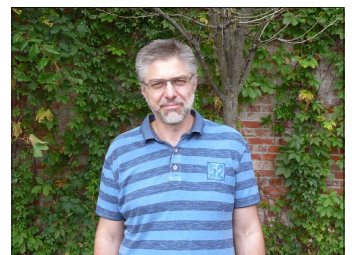
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Foreword of the 100th issue of the *Windblatt* by local mayors and the chairmen of the support associations – **“The Druiberg-Wind Farm revives Dardesheim, Badersleben and Rohrsheim”**

If you stand on the Brocken, the highest peak of the Harz mountain range, you can very well spot the wind farm on top of the Druiberg, located in the northern foothills of the Harz. Karl Radach, a pioneer of wind energy production, was also able to spot the wind turbine near Vienenburg from the top of the Druiberg when, in 1993, he started together with Heinrich Bartelt the first wind energy plant on that very mountain, just four years after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Before, the region had been characterized by agriculture, deer and hares, as well as a former Russian radar station till 1991, and no one had thought of the Druiberg as a place for a successful energy production. In 1993, nobody would have guessed that the wind energy plant was going to add new life to the local communities of Badersleben, Rohrsheim and Dardesheim.

That first small wind turbine awoke the region and its residents. All of a sudden, a lot of questions were raised, answers had to be found and the population's support for the project had to be won. That's how, the start of construction of the wind energy plant in 2003 also sparked the publication of the first *Windblatt*, aimed at notifying and informing, and of which today's copy is the 100th issue.

In many ways the wind park has grown to become an exemplary project of our region. New possibilities have opened up for the surrounding communities and their residents who are benefitting from it in different ways. In this issue, we would like to talk about some of them. Apart from higher commercial tax revenues, new job opportunities, environmentally friendly CO₂-free electronic energy, lease income for land owners and investment opportunities for local residents, among other things, the wind park's revenue has enabled the support associations and advisory boards to invest in their communities and infrastructure.

Various projects have been carried out and through the *Windblatt* we have been able to report about them. In the course of almost 14 years, a lot of visitors from near and far have come to see the Druiberg and learn about our projects and the many ways in which the use of renewable energy can be put into practice. We have welcomed guests from all continents, apart from the Antarctic. The local communities have been enriched by various competitions, the Environmental Protection Prize, reports on and by visitors and diverse information from local associations. Without the wind park and its supporters, a lot of this progress would not be possible, especially as far as projects on the communal level are concerned. For instance, we have been able to support all associations and anniversary celebrations, co-finance local festivities, renew the infrastructure, preserve monuments, support the fire brigades, provide necessary equipment, and eliminated defects.

For many years now, we have been celebrating New Year's together in Dardesheim. We have also always focused on supporting child aid associations and organisations. The revenues from the wind park have allowed us to do a lot of good things in Dardesheim, Badersleben and Rohrsheim. Many citizens have been awarded the Environmental Protection Prize for their commitment. In former issues, we informed about various research projects with different partners on the use of renewable energy. The *Windblatt* has always been at the forefront of all these events.

We would like to use today's anniversary edition of the 100th issue to say a big thank you to the wind park, to our residents and guests, as well as business persons and traders whose adds, articles and photos have been an important part of the *Windblatt* throughout its 100 issues. Without all of them, the **100 issues of the *Windblatt*** would not have been possible.



In the wind farm – lookout point on the Druiberg: from right to left, local mayors Olaf Beder (Badersleben), Ralf Voigt (Dardesheim) and Hans-Jörg Gifhorn (Rohrsheim), as well as the support association's chairmen Heimo Kirste (Dardesheim), Wolfgang Bock (Rohrsheim) and Bernd Knoop (Badersleben).

2003 - 2018: In 15 years, we have published 100 issues of the "*Dardesheimer Windblatt*" – The editorial office wants to encourage associations and citizens to increase their participation

So, here it goes, the 100th issue of the "*Dardesheimer Windblatt*". We published the first issue in autumn of 2003 whilst starting construction works of the Druiberg wind park. In the face of questions and discussions arising from the public we wanted to give the residents of the local communities a chance to inform themselves. We also aimed at gaining the residents' financial support for the wind park. "Ideally, all residents of Dardesheim ought to own at least a small share", the management of the wind park announced on page 7 of the "*Windblatt's*" first issue, which was published in early December 2003, after a conversation with mayor Günther Windel.

In the beginning, we received support from Dietrich Koch, the first private citizen to set up a grid-tied wind turbine in 1982 in Mettingen near Osnabrück. Subsequently, he was the chairman of one of Germany's two major wind associations for several years. Koch took part in the publishing process of the first issue of the *Dardesheimer Windblatt*. There was a lot to report on in the first few issues, especially as far as the progress at the construction site was concerned. Under time pressure, we would email articles and photos to Dietrich Koch, sometimes on weekends and just before hitting the deadline. His Internet connection was so slow that the photo and text delivery took hours. Once the first issue of the *Windblatt* was finished, Koch saved it onto a disk and sent it off to the print shop at Halberstadt, from where it was picked up and distributed to Badersleben, Rohrsheim and Dardesheim. Dietrich Koch turned 80 in August. Congratulations from the editors!



Dietrich Koch accompanied the first 43 issues of „Dardesheimer Windblatt“ as responsible editor, here in 2006 in a TV interview in the wind farm with his electric Trabi

During the initial stage of the construction works, which lasted till December 2004, 18 wind turbines were installed. Subsequently, we built 5 turbines in 2005 and, finally, completed 6 more in 2006. After this initial stage, new topics had to be found to fill the following issues of the *Windblatt*, which presented us with the challenge of finding ever new events and news from the surrounding communities to report on. We would inform about political and the local associations' activities, festivities, and the progress and development of renewable energy, for example. We quickly realized that filling a magazine of 8 to 12 pages on a regular basis is not an easy thing to do, which was why we changed from a monthly to a bimonthly format in 2007.

Ever since, the editorial work has been carried out exclusively by staff members of the wind park. At some point, we thought about making the 100th issue the last one. However, we have decided that for now we would like to carry on, hoping to receive more support from the local communities, the members of the three support associations and all other readers who are welcome to participate. We want the *Windblatt* to be a newsletter made for and by the people of Dardesheim, Badersleben and Rohrsheim. Our competition "New Energy" which we have been carrying out in this vein for many years, has always been well received and sparked participation. Perhaps, someone would be brave enough to take the next step and write a reader's letter or an article on life in the local communities from time to time? We would very much welcome this.

Keeping the *Windblatt* alive can also provide us with the chance to improve the coordination and collaboration between the support associations and communities. The problems they face due to a lack of public funding and demographic change are evident and here to stay. We do not publish the *Windblatt* for profit.

Above all, we aim to facilitate the exchange of information in our local communities and promote solidarity amongst them. The magazine may also serve as a platform where citizens can discuss challenges that their communities may face in the future. If we can achieve this, we wish to carry on publishing the *Windblatt* in the years to come. So, dear readers, please do participate!

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Heinrich Bartelt

Visiting the Druiberg wind farm:

Harz University of Applied Science, South Korea and *Funkloch-Festival of the Kultur Camping Association*

In the context of the University event "energy transition: challenges and implementation" a group of 15 students from the Harz University of Applied Science from Wernigerode visited Dardesheim. "When it comes to the implementation of the energy transition, an excursion to Dardesheim is a must", group leader Professor Volker Ruwisch said. "Here, you can see that a lot can be achieved with a bit of goodwill. This wind park project is exemplary especially in comparison to other big players of the energy industry." The students were all ears when local mayor Ralf Voigt explained about the charging stations and solar systems in the town centre, electric cars and the big electricity yield which the wind turbines on top of the Druiberg feed into the grid. During the final discussion the main question was raised: Why aren't there more communities to follow suit and help reach our climate protection goals?



The group, led by Professor Volker Ruwisch, and local mayor Ralf Voigt concluded their visit at the visitor's wind turbine on the Druiberg

On July 4th, Prof. Dr. Choong-Yul Son, South Korean vice president of the World Wind Energy Association (WWEA) and Yeol Cha Dong, member of the Korean Wind Energy Industry Association (KWEIA) in Seoul, came to visit us. During their detailed conversation with Ralf Voigt the main questions addressed referred to the challenges of gaining the public's acceptance of installing new wind turbine plants. Compared to Germany, which has a population of 82 million people and produces 55.000 MW from wind energy, South Korea, with its population of 51 million has the capacities to produce around 1.300 MW of wind energy. The country aims to expand its capacities to 17.500 MW in order to reach its 2030 climate goals and increase its share of wind energy to around 20% of its energy production. According to the KWEIA representatives, the public is sceptical as far as the implications of onshore wind energy are concerned. Around 70% of new wind turbines are supposed to be installed offshore. Thus far, 27% of the country's energy still comes from nuclear energy. However, following Germany's footsteps, the government is planning a nuclear power phase-out. According to the two guests, their visit to Dardesheim has given them interesting ideas for the planned energy transition in South Korea.



Our guests from South Korea (from right to left): Yeol Cha Dong and Professor Choong-Yul Son in front of the town hall



During the weekend of August 12-14, the music festival *Funkloch*, which has been held at the Druiberg every year since 2016, attracted numerous visitors from near and far. On Friday afternoon, the *Kultur Camping Association* from Berlin opened the site and invited the visitors to enjoy the diverse programme. On three stages,

in a chill-out forest and at lots of little interesting spots people were able to listen to live bands, dance to electronic music and relax to the sound of atmospheric sounds. As in previous years, the festival's aim was to create a space for people to meet and dance where different types of people can get together, weekend form a community and enjoy music together. In order to make the event more sustainable only recycled wood was used, power was supplied by the wind park and eco-friendly composting toilets were set up for the guests. All in all, the festival was a big success. The visitors - lots of them families and residents of the local communities, were enjoying themselves very much and there was a lot of friendly mingling. Contrary to last year's bad weather conditions, we couldn't have asked for more sunshine this time around. "Preparing the festival and partying with everyone was so much fun. We are already looking forward to next year and would like to thank the town of Dardesheim and the Association *Harz Regenerativ Druiberg* for their support and the friendly collaboration", one of the organizers and member of the *Kultur Campus Association* said.



Visitors enjoying "live music on the art stage" in the big hall next to the "Windarena". (Copyright: Kultur Campus e.V.)



During two mild summer evenings visitors enjoyed the "Windarena" which had been turned into a techno stage. (Copyright: Kultur Campus e.V.)

The Dardesheim church square festival on 23 and 24 June was once again a great success – Local mayor Ralf Voigt thanks all participants, supporters and sponsors

Although the weather during the church square festival was slightly chilly the atmosphere and the party were great. After a welcome talk by local mayor Ralf Voigt an ecumenical mass was held at 2 pm on Saturday afternoon in an informal, entertaining way. Afterwards, the choirs of Hessen, Badersleben, Schwanebeck and Dardesheim/Schöningen performed. The audience was delighted by the show delivered by the children who attend the day care centre Zwergenklus, as well as the performance of the horse-vaulting club and the sports club. The female senior dance group impressed the audience with their two acts, while the young ones enjoyed the sports van set up by the local sports youth club. One of the highlights was the proclamation of the winner of the traditional shooting competition, the "marksman king" Max Klaus of only 19 years, and his "marksman queen" Nadine Karste, as well as "queen of the people" Corinna Brüser.

Altogether, it was a colourful afternoon-event with coffee and cake and a great atmosphere. Everyone was keen to see the town orchestra directed by the new conductor Jan Rozeňal. When the whole church square erupted with applause after the act it was clear that he had been well received. There were two more highlights - "Kristin" played life music, and football fans were able to watch the match Germany-Sweden on a big screen that had been set up inside the church for the first time. Later on, the band "Two Riders" from Halle played and made the audience dance until late into the night in front of the stage.

As usual, Sunday morning started off with the parade of the marksmen at 9 am as announced by the marksman club. Afterwards, people were enjoying breakfast on the church square whilst listening to Rhoden Orchestra and later on to the music of "Radio Dardesheim" until the end of the festival. Simultaneously, 16 associations and institutions from Dardesheim competed in the table-top football championship.



At the beginning of the church square festival there were contemplative and amusing thoughts, both, today and formerly, in an ecumenical worship on the festival stage in front of the Stephani church

The church came first, followed by the sports club and the two support associations. The afternoon quickly arrived and all associations and participants helped clear off the church square. Within two hours, all was packed up and back to normal. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this very successful festival happen! A special thank you goes also to the sponsors: Heinrich and Elke Fuhrmeister, Jens Tonnemacher, building contractor Schmidt, Corinna Brüser, Martin and Birgit Bethge, Wolfgang Beier, beauty salon Aphrodite, "Blatt und Blüte" Angela Windel, Frank and Anke Juska, Dr. Angela Leib, Radach-Wachsmuth GmbH, haulage company Kalbitz GmbH, travel agency Michael Voigt, Windpark Druiberg GmbH & Co. KG, Steinfeld family and Dr. Dorit Wolkow. Without the support of the sponsors we would not have been able to keep the church square festival free of charge. Our motto "Together you can achieve a lot" has characterized this year's festival and will also do so on 22 and 23 June 2019 when we will celebrate the 825th anniversary during the church square festival.

The Friends of Vintage Vehicles of Dedeleben are planning a threshing show for the Dardesheim church square festival 2019

In 2010, a fire almost destroyed a vintage threshing machine from 1938, owned by the Rausendorfs. By coincidence, in 2012 our association was able to purchase the threshing machine from its owners. Moving it to Dedeleben was a real challenge since the fire had destroyed important parts of the old vehicle. Our 15 team members from Dedeleben and surrounding communities have taken on the task of restoring the vintage threshing machine. During our annual vintage vehicle events (every 2nd Saturday in September) we are proud to present our treasures. In order to give young and old alike a chance to marvel at our vintage vehicles we would like to ask you to

spare a small donation. We are also always happy to welcome new members from the region. Finally, we would like to invite everyone to join us at our event on 8 September at the riding ground in Dedeleben! Contact: Tim Baronat 0173/7741108. We are planning to do a threshing show at the agricultural farm in front of the fire brigade on 20 June next year during the celebrations of the 825th anniversary of the town of Dardesheim.



With this old threshing machine a threshing show is planned on 20.6.2019 at the Agrarhof

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8 May: Day care centre *Zwergenklus* celebrates its 51st anniversary in the former hospice *Sankt Annen*

For 51 years, the former convent *St. Annen* at Braunschweiger Tor in Dardesheim has housed the day care centre *Zwergenklus*. In 2017, its 50th anniversary was supposed to be celebrated, however, due to a staff turnover the celebration had been delayed until May this year when the day care centre celebrated its 51st anniversary. On 8 May, there was a small party with guests who the day care centre team directed by Steffen Grundmann had invited. Mayor Inge Wagenführ, local mayor Ralf Voigt, guests from neighbouring children's centres, former colleagues and representatives of various associations of Dardesheim enjoyed a little show. They were all glad to hear that the day care centre team was doing very well. Steffen Grundmann thanked his staff for their commitment, introduced two new male nursery teachers and praised the good collaboration with the parents' board.

Ralf Voigt explained that there has been a kindergarten for over 100 years in Dardesheim, which started as a seasonal establishment in the early 20th century. Until 1967, the kindergarten moved several times. After 1946, it became a permanent institution with a crèche (0- to 3-year-olds), a kindergarten (3- to 6-year-olds) and a school with a day care centre. Until 1990, the children were looked after in three different buildings. When the premises at the former customs office (on Löwenplatz) became too small, the former convent *St. Annen*, which had housed refugees after the war, was remodelled.



The Kita dwarves, who presented themselves in blue T-shirts, also had a lot of fun

In 1967, the kindergarten and its 6 staff members and 60 children who are divided into three groups moved into the freshly renovated building. The garden, which had already been used as a playground before, has been made bigger and now keeps serving the kindergarten as a playground. Unfortunately, a few fruit trees had to be cut down, which led to a lack of shade. The local mayor and mayor Inge Wagenführ have thus presented the day care centre with money and an awning. Other associations, too, have sent their congratulations, gifts and donations. After the formal part, parents and children joined in and the little ones entertained their audience with a set of old and new songs. The rest of the sunny afternoon, which was also an open day, was filled with activities and games for the kids, snacks and drinks were also on offer. A big thank you to all organizers and participants for this successful celebration!

Senior-friendly assisted living to support the elderly in Dardesheim

In recent years, the population of Dardesheim has dropped below 750 inhabitants, which represents the steepest demographic decline in the city of Osterwieck. Consequently, the support association of Dardesheim has developed a concept named "The future of Dardesheim" – financed by the federal ministry of infrastructure and transport of Saxony-Anhalt and the city of Osterwieck, in order to counteract the current trend. Instead of having to look for senior-friendly accommodation elsewhere, having to leave behind their familiar surroundings, the elderly should be offered assisted living facilities in Dardesheim. At the same time, unoccupied rooms on upper floors, which are unsuitable for the elderly, could be used for cross-generational living and provide housing for young families with children. In this way, young families who lack space in their homes and are unable to create rooms for their children, will no longer be forced to leave Dardesheim. An investor has already been found for the construction project "Assisted Living" near *Wernigeröder Tor*. The city of Osterwieck has yet to clear the building areas for construction for residential purposes. The process

has already been initiated. However, since there already is a construction area that has also been cleared for construction, the interurban administration (that does not differentiate between general housing and assisted living) does not see the need for additional construction sites. Due to the latest land reforms that turned the town of Osterwieck into the low-order centre of the city of Osterwieck, Dardesheim stopped being a low-order centre and thus saw its power reduced: only low-order centres are allowed to reserve living space that exceeds the local demand. Without the low-order centre status, it will be difficult to free up additional construction sites in Dardesheim, which could then be used, among other things, to set up assisted-living facilities. Since the municipality Huy does not meet the requirements to gain a low-order centre status, it has been decided that Dingelstedt, Badersleben and Dardesheim will share a low-order centre (with the secondary school meeting the schooling requirement). Unfortunately, the right to reserve exceeding living space only applies to one of the three municipalities – Dingelstedt. Ultimately, this means that Dardesheim might face difficulties in executing the senior-friendly assisted-living project.



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Heimo Kirste, chairman of *Förderverein Stadt Dardesheim e.V.* on the support association:

“All citizens, companies and associations should be involved”

Who would have thought so in July 2005? When the authorities refused to recognize the advisory board of the wind park due to its loose organizational structure, the board members got together in the restaurant *Ratskeller Dardesheim* on 28 July 2005 to found a registered support association for the town of Dardesheim. This would probably not have happened without Heinrich Bartelt's vision of a “citizens' wind park” and Günther Windel and Rolf-Dieter Künne, both of who were forward-thinking in their decision-making at the time. The creation of the support association was meant to guarantee a long-lasting collaboration between the administration of Dardesheim at the time and the Windpark Druiberg GmbH & Co. KG which had been agreed by contract. Back then, only very few people believed that the endeavour would be successful. But they have been proved right! At the time, were still demonstrating against wind turbines in other places people. Over the years, the towns of Rohrsheim and Badersleben have followed suit and established their own support associations in line with their predecessor's model which have proven successful. Due to the association's generous support during the past 13 years since its foundation, we have been able to do a lot of good things for Dardesheim. Without this support and the members' voluntary work we would not have been able to invest in roads, pavements, buildings, the fire brigade, the day care centre, the youth club, the country inn *Zum Adler* as well as various associations and clubs. We would therefore like to thank all members and supporters! Another reasons why the support association has been successful is that all member associations and clubs are represented in an equal way, which means that decisions are usually made by an ample majority. Furthermore, the support association works hand in hand with the town council. When it comes to investing and supporting, there has always been a focus on sustainability, saving energy, environmental protection and supporting the youth. For the past four years, the support association has also organized the annual church square festival of the local

associations. The support association also pays for craftsmen who carry out repairing works around town, as for instance in the library and the park, fixing pavements and modernizing the street lamps. The town's associations and clubs also support the youth and promote cultural activities. Moreover, the study “Responding to demographic change” has been co-financed. The results (for instance creating senior-friendly housing) are out and have to be put into action. Despite the obvious problems, such as a rural exodus, demographic change and declining municipal structures, the association's members try to face the enormous challenges in order to shape the future – within the scope of their possibilities. Who else would do so? In the years to come, the support association will focus on the decline of cultural and communal activity (associations and clubs are struggling to recruit new members), apart from maintaining the infrastructure of Dardesheim (country inn *Zum Adler*, community hall, day care centre, fire brigades, roads, park etc.). In addition to this we are facing a drastic change as far as subventions for renewable energy are concerned. This is why I would like to reiterate the need for all citizens, companies and associations to participate: **“The future is ours and this town is our home.”**



The content members of the support association *Förderverein Stadt Dardesheim e.V.* in front of the town hall after one of their meetings.

Agenda Dardesheim

- 22/10, 2 pm** Autumn festival / *Zum Adler*
- 26/10** Day care centre lantern parade
- 28/10, 5 pm** Monastery gospel choir/
Church Drübeck
- 11/11** Town orchestra, autumn concert/
Zum Adler
- 9/12, 2 pm** Christmas concert / Church
- 15/12** Tower music / Church square
- 22/12** Christmas party /
Town orchestra Dardesheim
- 24/12** Christmas mass / Church
- 15—23
June 2019** Celebration of 825th anniversary
of Dardesheim

Agenda Badersleben

- 23/09, 2 pm** Confirmation anniversary/
Protestant Church
- 03/10, 10 am** Ecumenical service /
Protestant Church
- Sept./Oct.
17/11, 4:30 pm** Octoberfest / sports club
Saint Martin's Day celebration / Catholic Church
- 18/11, 9 am** Remembrance Day /
All associations / war Memorial
- 08/12** Christmas market / all
Associations
- 12/12** Christmas party for the
elderly / singers meeting
- 16/12, 3 pm** Advent singing and liegt for
peace / Catholic Church
- „Advent windows“** on Fridays at 6:30 pm:
30/11, 07/12, 14/12 and 21/12

Agenda Rohrsheim

- Until 16/09** summer camp at the swimming pool
- 22/09** Octoberfest marksmen association
- 28/09** Autumn festival solidarity corps
- 12/10** Torchlight procession volunteer
fire brigade
- 13/10** Autumn festival sinning club
- 23/11** Advent party solidarity corps
- 24/11** Christmas party marksmen ass.
- 30/11** Christmas market kindergarten
- 01/12** Sharing the „christmas stollen“,
marksmen association
- 15/12** End-of-year party / volunteer fire
brigades
- 19/12** Christmas party solidarity corps
- 23/12** Christmas brunch / sports club

Bernd Knoop, representing all members of *Förderverein Badersleben e.V.*:

“It would take a long list to enumerate it all...”

The *Windblatt*, which has existed for almost 15 years, is celebrating its 100th issue – this is a true success story for our region that we have been reporting about. To start with, it wasn't easy to convince people of the huge importance that renewable energy would have for our society in the future. This is why the support association Badersleben e.V. was founded in collaboration with the wind park *Druiberg*. The funds we receive from the wind park are used for the good of the associations, churches and activities in our town. It would take a long list to enumerate it all. The clock of the protestant church has a new splendour to it and the path that leads up to it has been repaired, too. With another generous contribution the support association financed the repair of the organ in the catholic church. In order to finish construction

works at the swimming pool near the *Spring* on time for the start of the outdoor swimming season the support association has paid a pre-finance of 7000 euros. Unfortunately, the administration was unable to fix the damage. All members were happy to help. We nearly lost our wind mill in Badersleben, since the grain business Magdeburg was going to sell it. However, Lutz Winkler and Bernd Knoop managed to change the management's mind and prevented the deal in 2009. Despite having to give up on a considerable share of their funds during four years, the members of all associations supported the decision to save the wind mill. For Mr. Bartelt, co-founder of the wind park, this implied a certain financial risk – we would like to thank him for his support. Moreover, we maintained an important engineering monument in Badersleben so it can be admired by our citizens and future generations. Thanks to the support association we were able to set up a new cross and clean up the grave of Hans Niegen, a pilot who crashed in 1944. Every year, the support association also finances the male choir's uniforms, the pensioners' Christmas party, women's day and many other events in our town. A big thank you to the Windpark Druiberg GmbH for the great collaboration on behalf of our town Badersleben.



The founders' meeting of the support ass. *Förderverein Badersleben e.V.* took place at the home of the fire brigade in 2010. On the left, local mayor of Badersleben: Olaf Beder, last row in the middle: chairman Bernd Knoop.



Chairman Wolfgang Bock on the support association *Förderverein Rohrsheim e.V.*:

“Our biggest worry is how to maintain the swimming pool...”

Since making a mutual sponsoring deal with the *Wind Park Druiberg* 10 years ago, Rohrsheim has been receiving funds. For a town with no commercial enterprise this is a real blessing. In 2009, the support association Rohrsheim was founded. It is made up of two representatives from each member association and active group. The association's aim is to support local associations and activities. We bought a swing for our playground and artists installed a climbing path made of robinia wood, made calculator scales and toys, built a new roof for the basement entrance, etc. In front of the marksmen club, a wooden bench has been installed. A part of the funds has also been invested in new flags for the fire brigade and the marksmen association. The fire brigades received a projector and bigger tents, which may also be used for communal purposes.

The church has used the funds received during several years to renovate the church windows and the altar. Further refurbishment projects are planned. When it was the town's 1075th anniversary, the town's club received a donation. Thanks to the funding, the hunting club was able to install a raised hide and create a biotope. The solidarity corps, the sports club, the singers club and the marksmen association used their funding to cover their general expenses and cultural events. Our biggest worry is how to maintain the swimming pool. We have reserved a part of the funding for this purpose. It is thanks to the funds received from the wind park that we have been able to take all of these important steps. In turn, we have talked about the concerns of the wind park during the meetings of the support association. We hope to continue the collaboration with the wind park and keep up the mutual support in the years to come.



The support ass. *Förderverein Rohrsheim e.V.* usually meets at the community hall at *Gemeindeweg* chaired by Wolfgang Bock (back, centre)

2nd report from Uganda, by Hildegard Rode and Ulrich Narup:

Exciting times in a country that welcomes refugees

Since the end of March, Uli and I have experienced all sorts of adventures in Uganda, where we have been sent to work for a development programme organized by the GIZ (German Corporation for International Cooperation GmbH) and co-financed by the BMZ (Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development). In early May, we moved into our rented apartment, which is located around 4 km outside the centre of Kampala on top of a hill, from where we have a nice view on the capital. The climate is subtropical and temperatures are mild and usually around 25 degrees. Due to frequent showers humidity is very high and sometimes makes you feel dizzy. Apart from the traffic situation, Kampala, which has



Hildegard Rode at her house, overlooking the capital Kampala.

over a million inhabitants, is a laid-back city with its heritage from its British colonial past still alive. At the outskirts and in some parts of the inner city slums have formed. The rural exodus hasn't slowed down. People are extremely friendly and happy to help. Things are done in a very laid-back fashion, much more slowly than in Germany, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. Three weeks after our arrival we did the first trip to the interior, to Gulu, which is located in the north. There, we visited a regional non-governmental organizations (NGO) forum where different associations were presented. We realized that large parts of the north had been involved in civil war until 2008. The aftermath of the war continues to affect the region. For instances, there are many child soldiers who have to be integrated back into society. Due to the war, the economy has stalled. Many people are traumatized and haven't been able to go back to a normal every-day life. The standard of living is low, Uganda is one of the poorest countries on earth. 75% of the population depends on agriculture and the conditions for farming are good: the soil is fertile, there's lots of sunshine and sufficient water. Since colonial times, the main export commodity has been coffee. However, unemployment rates are very high, most people work in the informal economy with no form of social security, which creates a lot of poverty and makes it hard to get by. There is a small wealthy elite, the difference between the rich and the poor being huge. Since Uganda's independence in 1962, the GIZ has been present in the country, focusing on water and

energy supply and rural development. It also has a minor project on good governance and human rights. Personally, I work for Uganda National NGO Forum (www.ngoforum.ug.org), which is the umbrella organization of all NGOs. Uli works for UNREEEA (www.unreeea.org), an association for renewable energy, focusing on organizational and political consulting. We are currently getting to know the organizations we work for and are going to prepare a document on the different tasks and topics they work with.

Uganda's president Museveni has been in power for 30 (!) years and is not thinking about resigning. This has led to resentment among the population as well as political stagnation. Especially young people want to see a change and democratization efforts. Nonetheless, when it comes to taking in refugees, Uganda is a role model. Currently, there are more than 1 million refugees in northern Uganda (which has a population of 42 million), most of whom have fled the civil war in South Sudan. The government enables the refugees to be self-sufficient, providing them with a house made of clay and a plot of land. Traditionally, Uganda and the neighbouring states have had a very liberal approach to immigration since they have experienced themselves what it means to be a refugee. After the war, most refugees return to their countries. However, this is not yet possible in the case of South Sudan. International NGOs are operating to provide healthcare and education. In order to prevent conflicts, a 70-30 rule has been established: 70% of aid funds go to refugees and 30% to the communities that house them.



"Civil Society in Uganda": Ulrich Narup and Hildegard Rode have arrived safely in Uganda and started work. The photo is showing Hildegard Rode (on the left) with her colleagues from the aid programme

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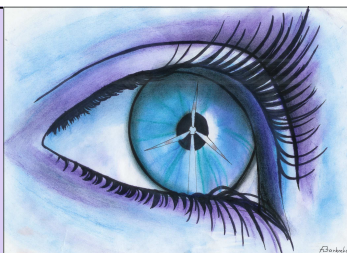
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22 participants have voted on the best competition entries since 2005

In the last *Windblatt* issue we called for a “final elimination” in order to select the best competition entries of the „New Energy“ contest which we have been holding since the 22nd *Windblatt* issue in 2005. Twenty-two people participated, 5 of whom won a 50 €-prize. The winners are: Anke Aschenbrenner, Jessica Borchers, Christoph Brüchert, Kathrin Küchenmeister, all from Dardesheim, and Monika Schwarz from Rohrsheim. The following entries got the most votes: Dardesheim resident Heinz Rupprecht's idea of a “wind farm organ”, the photo taken by Dardesheim day care centre *Zwergenklus* after visiting the visitors' wind turbine no. 25, Rohrsheim resident Angelika Barkatsch's photo “wind turbine inside the eye”, the photo taken by Kim Heinze from Hesse, showing self-made wind turbines made of maple leaves and the painting “wind turbine-lady with a hair-dryer“ by Sabine Fiedler-Krieger. These five selected entries will receive an extra prize worth 50€. The *Windblatt*-editors would like to send a warm thank you to everyone who participated and is going to participate in our contest, sharing great ideas and interesting entries. Everyone is welcome to participate. Feel inspired by the winners from the past! What is it that gives all of us, and you personally, “new energy“? Please do not hesitate to send your contributions to the editors: Zum Butterberg 157c, 38836 Dardesheim, or via e-mail: windpark.druiberg@t-online.de. We award prizes of up to 100 € per *Windblatt* issue. If you are particularly creative the prize money may even be higher.



In 2007, the country inn *Ratskeller* was reopened and on the occasion Heinz Rupprecht played on his “Town-of-Dardesheim-wind-park-Druiberg-barrel-organ” and his “wind-park-harmonica” with a three-blade-propeller (with his painting “wind park Druiberg overlooking the Brocken“ in the background). The photo was entered at the contest in *Windblatt* issue no. 49. Since it promotes the town of Dardesheim and the wind park the editors rewarded it with 50 €.



In summer 2006, then 16-year-old Angelina Barkschat from Rohrsheim, who at the time attended the Thomas Mann Secondary School at Dardesheim, submitted this very impressive drawing “magical eye” at the contest of the 38th *Windblatt* issue.

She added the following explanation: "I have called my drawing 'putting the future's focus on renewable energy'. The eye is looking into the future. What would happen if fossil fuels finally run out? Everybody knows that we cannot go without electricity, which is why we depend on innovative ideas, such as wind energy. None of us should lose sight of environmentally friendly wind energy and solar energy. The photo won a prize of 50€.

After their visit to the wind farm, Bärbel Gerloff and Bianca Rabe who work at the day care centre Zwergenklus send us the following message which was published in 2014 in issue no. 85: "First of all, we would like to thank you for the great morning at the wind park. Both, young and old loved it. The children told their parents all about us if we could go back to see. We would like to submit the photo of the wind park and participate in the competition with the title: 'Despite the autumn wind we wander up to the wind park. And the children exploring the wind turbine care centre won 50 € for their effort'."



In August 2013, we received a letter from Kim Heinze from Hesse: "I am a year 11 student from Fallstein Secondary School in Osterwieck. As part of our art project 'land art' I made a little wind park with several wind turbines using natural materials, i.e.

grass, marples leaves and stems. I think they perfectly symbolizes the environmentally friendly "green energy" which wind turbines produce." Kim Heinze won 40 euros.

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In spring 2008, Sabine Fiedler-Kriegel from Rohrsheim explained to us in *Windblatt* issue no. 52 that she was going to “blow away spring fatigue with some fresh air and



wind energy. I've used my energy and creativity to make this drawing: the wind powers the wind turbine which produces energy that powers the hairdryer." We thought this was a great idea and awarded her 50€. We will continue to reward special ideas with special prizes.

“New Energy Contest“: 8 participants from 3 towns submitted 40 entries

A total of 160€-prize money goes to Westerburg-Dedeleben, Dardesheim and Badersleben

In the present anniversary issue no. 100 we would like to thank 8 of our readers for a total of 40 entries, some of which we had already received in time for the 99th issue. Unlike before, the photos we receive no longer tend to include titles or descriptions to explain their meaning, which makes it harder for us to select the winners. We would therefore like to ask you to add a little description to your photos, explaining why you think they are beautiful and what they mean to you. Of course, you don't necessarily have to send a photo, we also welcome poems, little requests on a relevant matter or interesting and funny photos that show people from our communities Rohrshiem, Badersleben and Dardesheim. These are the winners of the anniversary *Windblatt* issue no. 100, all of who were awarded 20 euros:

Stephanie Schieke from Westerburg-Dedeleben sent us five photos, among them the below one showing the wind park from the direction of Westerburg with an old tree in the foreground and the wind turbines at the backdrop of the Brocken mountain. Her comment: "Despite the weather not being very nice today, the view was breathtaking."



Back in April, Kai Küchenmeister from Dardesheim sent us a photo with the following title: "The first day of spring in Dardesheim". The Druiberg mountain was still covered in snow and the dog seems to be keeping watch over Dardesheim glancing at the Brocken mountain...

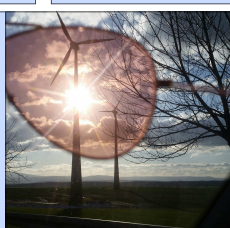


Stephan Gscheidt from Dardesheim sent us several photos, one of which came with a funny description: "Road from Dardesheim towards Hesse – some residents implemented the proposal to make our little town a bit more green..."

Benno Alexander Flume from Badersleben also sent us several photos of beautiful sunsets at the wind park of which we liked the one below best: it depicts a harmonious arrangement, the colours are beautiful plus the sun seems to have a mouth and chin made of clouds...



We chose the photo taken by the Raddatz family from Westerburg/Dedeleben because it reminded us of this year's hot summer when we wouldn't stop wearing our sunglasses for weeks on end. Coming from Rohrshiem, they took a picture through their sunglasses of two wind turbines and the sun at the backdrop of the Harz mountain range.



Uwe Krause from Badersleben, too, capture some summer atmosphere. His photo shows of beautifully blossoming sun flower in front of a rapeseed field. In the background you can see the old wind mill of Badersleben that was traditionally used for grinding corn, providing humans and animals alike with "new energy".

Sigrid Preydel from Badersleben sent us a photo of the renewed grave of sergeant Hans Niesgen, born in 1919, who was killed in an air combat in 1944 in the sky above Badersleben. In his remembrance a new wooden cross made by artist Bastian Elzner was recently set up on his grave. The photo shows (from left to right): Erhard Merten, Ernst Prothmann and Lutz Kühnel who carry out the grave maintenance, supported by Ulli Schulze from Anderbeck. Sigrid Preydel added the following comment: There can only be one lesson learnt from the past: no more wars!



Ronny Grundmann from Pabstorf sent us this beautiful panorama photo of the wind park and the castle Westerburg. Its spire points at the *Brocken-towers* that are clearly visible this time around.

Did you know that...

...thus far we have held 13 New Year's celebrations (from 2005 to 2018), awarding a total of 65.150 euros for 145 environmental prizes (450 € per project on average). You, too, are welcome to submit your application for the environmental prize awarded by the *Wind Park Druiberg* to finance a planned or implemented project. The application form is available at the town hall or online <http://www.energiepark-druiberg.de/wp-content/uploads/pdf/FormularUWS2018.pdf>.

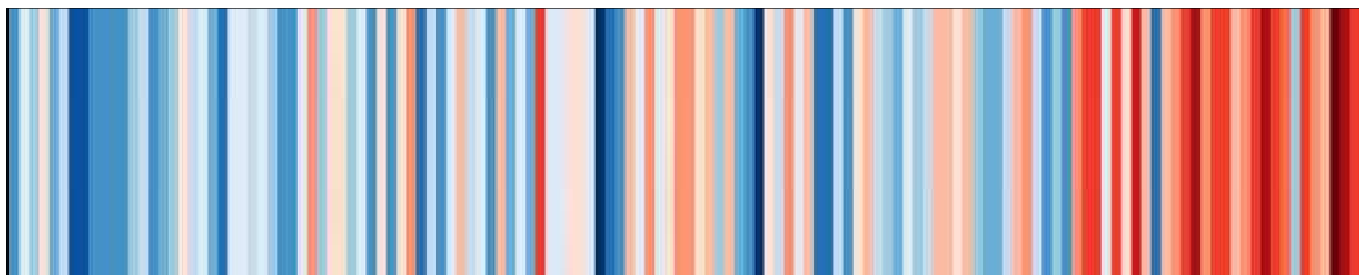
...starting with issue no. 58 (June 2009) up to issue no. 99 (June 2018), we have reported on over 210 national and international visits, including 18 different nationalities, to Dardesheim and the *Wind Park Druiberg*. On the wind park website you can find entries about the "town of renewable energy" in 13 different languages, amongst them 4 radio reports and 38 TV reports: <http://www.energiepark-druiberg.de/category/international/english/>.

...on October 3rd, 46 members of Dardesheim Town Orchestra, as well as representatives of the town of Dardesheim and the wind park will travel to El Perelló in Catalonia for the second time. As you might know, the Catalans last came to visit Dardesheim during last year's church square festival.

...for the first time in the history of Germany, during the first half of 2018 the share of electricity made from wind, sun and biogas (118 billion kWh) was larger than the share of electricity made from coal (114 billion kWh) – source: *Tagesschau* on 10 July.

...the Antarctic has lost three times as much ice in the past few years than it did in the early 1990s. As the TV channel *MDR* reported on 13 June, the next decade's climate policies will determine when the last perpetual ice of the polar regions of the Earth will have melted away.

...British climatologist Ed Hawkins has used red and blue stripes (see below) to make the raise of the temperature on earth visible (source: klimafakten.de, 16 July). The image shows the changes in temperature over the past 136 years, i.e. between 1881 and 2017, with blue symbolizing cold years and red symbolizing warm and hot years.



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