

HUNDEDAGE DOG DAYS

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Hundedage

Skolen og skolegården summer igen af ungt liv. Børnene er igen samlet efter den lange sommerferie. Et nyt skoleår er startet.

Det er august – vi kalder den også for høstmåned. I høstmåned fyldes landskabet af arbejdende maskiner. Mejetærskere, traktorer med kornvogne og traktorer med grab foran store ladvogne med halmballer. Store, brede maskiner ikke blot på markerne, men også på landevejene. Ofte kan vi selv i nattens mørke i det fjerne høre en summen fra en mejetærsker, der fortsætter arbejdet. Kornet skal høstes, og måske venter regnen de næste dage.

Havens træer, der svulmer med æbler, der snart er modne. Og havens fugle, der nu er svulmet i antal. De unge, kåde og uerfarne fugle er fløjet fra reden, og katten og spurvehøgen synes at have en uendelig appetit på de små fjerprydede væsener.

Men denne periode er jo også hundredagene. Hundestjernen Sirius blander sig i vores skæbner, når den i august stiger op på himlen nærmest Solen. Vi ved det, og de gamle ægyptere vidste det: Den skaber forandringer. Både med lykkelig og ulykkelig udgang. I det gamle Ægypten faldt Sirius tilsynekomst sammen med Nilens årlige oversvømmelser. De tillagde stjernen magiske kræfter.

Vi ved jo alle, at hundredage både vejrmæssigt og i øvrigt i forhold til vores liv er uregnelige. Der er jo en kendt sag, at vi ikke skal foretage os væsentlige og afgørende ting i hundredage, dvs. fra den 23. juli til den 23. august.

Så jeg vil være forsigtig og springe over havearbejdet og rengøringen. I stedet vil jeg sætte jeg mig ud på terrassen og læser en god bog. Det vil kunne få mig til at føle mig tryk igen.

Dog days

Again, the school and schoolyard are buzzing with young life. After the long summer holidays, the children are back together. A new school year has started.

It is August – we also call it the month of harvest. During the month of harvest, the landscape is filled with working machines. The combine harvesters, grain trucks and grab tractors in front of large platform trucks with bales of straw. Big, wide machines not only in the fields but also on the roads. Often, even in the darkness of night, in the distance, we can hear the buzzing of a combine harvester continuing to work. The grain must be harvested, and perhaps the rain awaits in the next few days.

The garden trees swell with apples, that soon will be ripe. And the birds of the garden, which have now swelled in number. The young, inexperienced birds have flown from the nest, and the cat and sparrowhawk seem to have an endless appetite for these little

feathered creatures.

But this period is also the dog days. The dog star, Sirius, interferes in our fates when it in August rises into the sky closest to the Sun. We know it, and the ancient Egyptians knew it: it brings about change. Both with happy and unhappy endings. In ancient Egypt, the appearance of Sirius coincided with the annual floods of the Nile. They attributed magical powers to the star.

After all, we all know that dog days, both weather-wise and otherwise in relation to our lives, are unpredictable. There is, of course, a well-known fact that we do not have to do important and decisive things during the dog days, i.e., from 23 July to 23 August.

So, I will be careful and skip the gardening and cleaning. Instead, I will sit out on the terrace and read a good book. It will make me feel safe again.



Jylland, august 2023

Jutland, August 2023



Lille Vildmose, august 2021

The bog, Lille Vildmose, August 2021



Lille Vildmose, august 2021

The bog, Lille Vildmose, August 2021



Østhimmerland, august 2022

East Himmerland, August 2022



Komdrup Kirke, august 2022

The Church in the village Komdrup, August 2022



Kællingbjerg ved Kongerslev, august 2020

Kællingbjerg outside the village Kongerslev, August 2020



Ved Vaarst, august 2020

Outside the village Vaarst, August 2020



Ved Sigsgaard, Nørre Kongerslev, august 2020

Near Sigsgaard, outside the village Nørre Kongerslev, August 2020



Lille Vildmose, august 2020

The bog, Lille Vildmose, August 2020



Naturreservatet Vejlerne, august 2019

The nature reserve, Vejlerne, North Jutland, August 2019



Lille Vildmose, august 2019

The bog, Lille Vildmose, August 2019



Lille Vildmose, august 2021

The bog Lille Vildmose, August 2021



Lille Vildmose, august 2019

The bog, Lille Vildmose, August 2019



Kongerslev, august 2019

The village Kongerslev, August 2019



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