

In 23 of October 2009 at 6 p.m. o'clock in Kajaani was opening of Kekri week. The event was in ruins of the castle. There were dancing and singing people, torches and thanks giving speech. This everything and ruins of castle made really great and mystic atmosphere. Whole show took breath away.



In the middle of the lake it was goat made by straw and wood which have been burnt after week. In All Saint's Day at 1st of November.



Kekri is a very old Finnish harvesting festival celebrated in the autumn when the food for the winter had been secured and the duties of the year had been made. The New Year was welcome. Kekri was the greatest and the most important festival of the year.

The word „kekri” is very old and originally it meant „the last day of the year”. At Kekri people ate well: pies of berries and fish, there was also meat, cheese, porridge and all kinds of food. There were plenty of drinks, special kekri spirits also. Masters and servants all gathered around the same table. At Kekri time the servants also had their only week of the year off work. During the week servants ate well and visited each other and tried to get a new servant's place in another house for the new year.

Nowadays Finnish people have gradually forgotten the old kekri and it has given way for Halloween with the costumes and pumpkins. Fortunately, not all Finns have forgotten traditional Kekri. And Kajaani is one of this city where Kekri is still celebrates every year

After that we went to see amateur Finnish theatre. The show was very interesting although I couldn't understand dialogues. It was some kind of happening. We could tasted typical Finnish food and drink coffee.

