

NANTMOR NEWS

Welcome to the first issue of the revived Nantmor Newsletter!



NO PEEPING!

The courtesy footpath past the house has been successfully diverted to the other side of the wall, ensuring more privacy from passers-by for groups staying at the centre. The lobby outside the back door has been enclosed by an outer door, one advantage being that passing groups can no longer make use of the outside toilet.



END OF THE QUEUE?

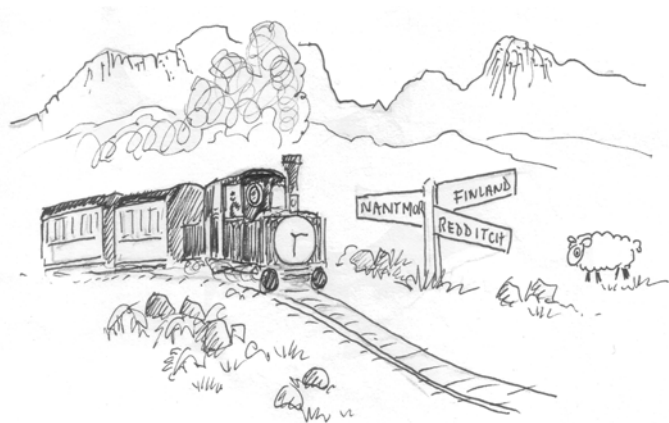
Plans for the bathroom refurbishment continue to evolve. There is now a choice between installing better shower and toilet facilities with cubicles in the existing but enlarged bathroom, or converting Cnicht bedroom into a shower and toilet block. Without a doubt this will prove a relief to the bigger groups using the centre. Next year could see toilet and shower queues become a thing of the past!And what's more, there are rumours of better bunk bedsmattressescarpetswhatever next?

FROM FINLAND TO NORTH WALES

During the first week of October a party from Walkwood School, Redditch was joined by a group of Finns from the Paamajakoulu school in Mikkeli. Cnicht and Snowdon both conquered, the group explored Caernarfon Castle, took a trip on the Welsh Highland Railway, safely scaled giddy heights at the Beacon Indoor Climbing Centre, visited Portmeirion and sampled exquisite home-made ice cream in Beddgelert. Their last evening together saw a barbeque followed by a hilarious but challenging session of games, quickly mastered by the fast-witted Finns. The children all agreed that it had been "their best week ever!" Having amazed our visitors with the un-finnish peaks of Snowdonia the group look forward to their return visit to Finland next May, with promises of icy lakes, log cabins and of course saunas!

WELSH HIGHLAND RAILWAY

This recently re-opened narrow gauge track wends its way through stunning scenery from Caernarfon to Rhyd Ddu, and will eventually link up with Beddgelert and, via Porthmadog, Ffestiniog. The section south of Rhyd Ddu is at present undergoing repair and reconstruction.



CLUB WEEKENDERS FEEL THE HEAT

November's club weekend felt the first heat (well ...just ...) from the new fire. The old "Villager" had seen better days, and with a broken fire basket and leaking doors has been replaced with an impressive multifuel stove capable of heating the dining room more efficiently. Saturday's heavy rain tested everyone's waterproofs - and the drying room facilities - but did nothing to dampen (or dilute) spirits. A really good weekend was enjoyed by all!



COMING SOON

A reminder that there are still places on the next Club Weekend, 2nd - 4th December, and still just time to book. All are welcome, members and non-members alike. Remember it's the pre-Christmas Club Meet so booking includes Christmas pudding with brandy sauce (extra brandy this year, I promise) and hot, home-made mincepies! With the short December days what better way to while away the long winter evening than to relax by the fire....



And if you can't make the December club weekend there's always 6th - 8th January. Try out your new Christmas - present - outdoor - gear? ...and what better excuse for more puds, brandy sauce and yet more of those mincepies!

Please send your news and reports / photos / comments / stories / places of interest / ideas / whatever, to be included in the next, Spring, issue to: jane137@gmail.com

We want to hear from you!

[A spare copy has been enclosed. Please forward to any other interested group or individual. Membership enquiries to: david.diart@btinternet.com]

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