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Newsletter / updates

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First of all: Welcome to all the new subscribers. It is a big pleasure for us to see the big interest for our site. The number of visitors and subscribers are increasing with an amazing speed. The number of monthly visitors is now around 50.000. We are very surprised!

Kokkari: The weather in Feb. was very unstable. Temperatures shifting between 2 and 20° C. and the wind between calm and storm. Some days with dry weather and some with heavy rain. One day Kokkari even got a little snow!

Since the middle of Feb. there has been snow in the mountains – it looks nice (but cold).



It is 'cold on the top' in contrast to the political/economic situation, there it is 'coldest' close to the bottom of the pyramid.

In Kokkari everything is normal for this time of the year. Very little traffic, only a few people in the street, many shops closed and ... Here are some pictures from the last 2 weeks.



Flowers in Kokkari



The trees are having their “Spring-cut”



The parking place still needs drain!



As usual: Cats everywhere!



The beach by Alfa Bar.
This day it was absolutely not inviting to a swim.
2 days later the sea was like a mirror!
The water temperature is for the moment around 17° C.



What time is it?

Do not trust the church!

Is it 'meeting-time' and 'quitting-time' for workers or service for 'A' and 'B' people?

This winter the church was painted. First white all over then partly back to the old warm yellow. Last week the church door also was painted.



So now everything looks nice – at a distance!

A closer look shows something else! Here a few examples:



We do not understand that any craftsman will deliver that kind of work and that any customer will accept it and pay for it. Similar examples can be seen everywhere within all professions. The finish is missing – no professional pride is visible.

Webcams & the site:

During the last month we have had some down-time. All caused by our internet provider.

First they had to restore all data on the server hosting our site and use a one day old backup.

Then other problems showed up.

For a few days we could not update our site and the upload from the cameras were very unstable. The result was that the cameras stopped working because they received too many error messages (one per minute!).

Jan took the walk to the roof of Tsamadou Hotel and restarted the cams there, but the Alfa-cam was more complicated. Here we again got help from Ioannis who (as always) solved the problem for us.



The picture shows Ioannis fixing the problems at Alfa Bar and talking to Torben in DK via Skype to check that it works again.

The season 2012:

We will not join the discussion about the crisis and we will not judge or advice about it. We see and hear more than enough both from people on Samos and from the news.

Luckily the situation on Samos is much better than the situation in the Greek mainland.

We hope that the people on Samos can look forward to a good season. We know that many of the 'repeaters' already have made their bookings and look forward to go to their Paradise island again.

Our projects in 2012:

We have for the last couple of years tried to find a web based weather station to install in Kokkari. Until now without success due to 2 things: too high price or too low quality. Our search will continue!

We have a few stories / subjects which we want to finish for example: the old watermills in Kokkari and all the small churches / chapels in the area plus some other things.

We also have to make an update on our 'Kokkari-map'. There are so many things of interest on Samos to tell about – the deeper you dig the more you find (and hear about).

We will be very happy to receive suggestions for possible subjects!

Our project-work will begin in about 1 week when Torben is 'home' on Samos on his first trip this year. The tickets for the next tours in June and August are already waiting to be used!

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Best regards from

Jan & Torben

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