

*The year 1998*

The year 1998 has been a very eventful year for us here in Moerkoev.

We jumped the gun and started the year already December 27. 1997 where we started making access to our extension by pulling down the old gable to make the extended 25 m<sup>2</sup>/280 sq. foot a part of the house and the living room. After 2 days we had finish this part of the job.

Next part was a new woodceiling, which also was made between Christmas and New Year. Klaus was here very helpful because Claus and Klaus both were able to reach the ceiling without any ladders.

After that we went on with a giant project. We had decided to have a floor made out of clinkers in all the living room.

The first day we worked from 6 a.m. to 3 a.m. the next night. We were just a little tired when we went to bed. The next morning we went up early to finish the job. It was a very very big job. But we are very satisfied with the result.

After the first week the house was almost normal again. But the indoor climate was very moisture. The extension is made out of brick and cement. We managed it's all right our self. But our house-plants didn't liked at all.

The last week in January we went on vacation in Norway for skiing.

It was the first time Marianne and Jette ever have been skiing.

The look was very "exciting" the first couple of days.

After that they went on like pro.



Marianne thinking.

Can I do it?

The next greater project was a new kitchen. We had bought a new kitchen as a kit. When we first have leaned to put the different pieces together it was rather quickly to build the kitchen.

After 1½ day the kitchen was finish.



Such a Kitchen kit can be a crazy thing to put together

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After that we only have to put up walls, papers and make some painting.

Like last year we were going to France in the Easter visiting Flemming and Bis (Claus brother and sister in law). It's really wonderful going south in this time of the year because you are going down to the spring.

Did we now have time for relaxing? No the weather was getting nicer and we decided to pull down our old carport and outhouse because it was almost blocking our entrance. But our outhouse and for that matter also our carport was more filled with everything. So we had to build a new outhouse before pulling down the old one.



May 8 was the day for Jette's confirmation. It was really nice to have our new living room and kitchen. We were about 30 people with out any problems. In the afternoon the weather was getting really wonderful with temperature over 21 C (70 F) and no wind. So we were drinking coffee in the garden. We enjoy very much this day.



Henrik  
Jette and  
Klaus  
At Jette's  
Confirmation

Then nothing was happening until June 13. This day we were getting married. Once more it was a pleasure to have our new living room. This time we had decided only to invite our children, parents and our brothers and their wife's. We had a really nice day where we became some very nice presents. Also this day the weather was perfect.



June 13 1998

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On June 27 we went on for summervacation with our caravan. We were going to Zadar in Croasia (former Yugoslavia)

On our way to Croasia we pasted through Prague. It's a very old and interesting city. In all our vacation we had a wonderful warm weather. On our way home from our vacation we got a rather unpleasant call from Bis telling that Flemming had had a heart attack while they were staying in France. Flemming was sent to hospital in Clermont Ferrand in the central France. At this time we were in the central Germany at Kassel. We decided to go home with our caravan and then go to France the next day. Fortunately Flemming is quite well now, but has to undergo a bypass surgery in January 1999.

This year we are celebrating the Christmas here by us in Moerkoev together with Marianne's 3 children and her parents. As you know we celebrate Christmas December 24 in the evening. After having a really nice dinner we light the candles on the Christmas tree and sing some Christmas songs while walking around the Christmas tree. After that it's time for the presents.

December 23 we (Marianne, Claus and Jette) celebrate "little Christmas evening" with Cecilia in her place together with her family.

We hereby wish you and your family a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Best regards

Marianne Claus



Heidi (Henrik's fiancée)  
Cecilia  
Klaus  
Jette

Other day of importance

April 17	Marianne's 45 <sup>th</sup> birthday
May 1	Cecilia's 19 <sup>th</sup> birthday (Claus's daughter)
May 28	Klaus's 22 <sup>nd</sup> birthday (Marianne's son)
June 19	Jette's 14 <sup>th</sup> birthday (Marianne's daughter)
November 23	Henrik's 20 <sup>th</sup> birthday (Marianne's son)
November 27	Claus' 46 <sup>th</sup> birthday