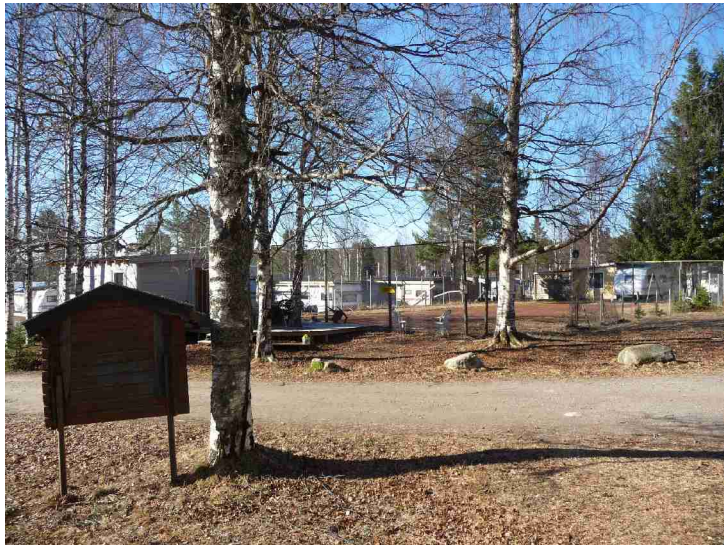


## SOLØR THE 16<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL – TO THE 20<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL

Just after returning from Thailand, we found out that we had to have a visiting round to relatives of Anne Berit in [Solør](#).

We of course used the camping car, and we checked if it was possible to stay at [Skaslien Gjestgiveri](#). It turned out to be too early. They had not opened yet for camping cars for the season, so we went a bit further and got a place at [Finnskogen Turist og Villmarksenter](#) at Skasenden by the lake [Skasen](#).



This is at Skasenden, a view from where we have parked the camping car. The snow melting is not finished, yet, so it was quite muddy around.



It looks to be a popular place. They offer overnight stop in motel cabins and they have a camping site in the northern end of the lake Skasen.

They have a pub where they serve fish and game from [Finnskogen](#) or the Finnish tradition meal "Motti". They have dancing arrangements from time to time.

They have a beach, playing ground, water slide, beach volley court, tennis court, hiking paths (Finnevegen og Finnskogleden), hiring out boats, canoe, kayaks. In the winter they have ski trails and a skating rink.

They arrange wilderness hikes and visit bear's winter lair and beaver huts.

All this according to their brochures.



Visiting Solveig and Reidar Sollien.  
Reidar is brother to Anne Berit's father.



Visiting Torbjørg and Ivar Hytjanstorp.  
Torbjørg is sister to Anne Berit's father.



Visiting Ingrid and Kåre Sletten.  
Ingrid is sister to Anne Berit's father.



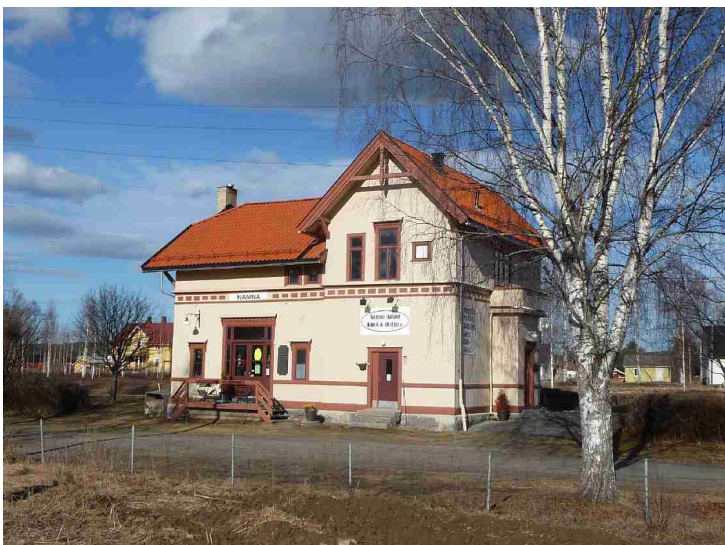
The boys, Kåre and Kjell.



Visiting Aud and Knut Beck.  
Aud is Anne Berit's cousin.



Visiting Margit and Ivar Sollien.  
Ivar is brother to Anne Berit's father.



The old Namnå Railway station on [Solørbanen](#) between [Kongsvinger](#) and [Elverum](#).  
The station was shut down in 1982.  
The passenger traffic came to an end in 1994 and the track is now only used for goods, mainly timber.



The old school at [Namnå](#) was built in 1894. It was then named "Kvernbakken skole". In 1902 the name was altered to "Navnaen skole" and in 1911 to "Namnå skole". Shut down in 1954.  
The house is now a private residence.



Here it was a café in the “old days”.



Textiles shop.



Visiting Karen Holter.  
She lives at Persholen where Anne Berit was born.



Visiting Åse Fosseidengen. She is sister to Anne Berit's father. The daughter, Else Marie, is also visiting.



Åse and Else Marie.

This thermometer was outside the main entrance at Torbjørg og Ivar's.





The flood stone at Grøset was unveiled 03.08.1996, with the inscription «The country people's fight against the big flood in [Glomma](#) 1.-6. June 1995. 7 thousand m<sup>3</sup> of stone, 300 thousand sacks of sand».

The stone is showing flooding highs: 1789 Storofsen, 1995 Vesleofsen, 1675, 1916, 1850, 1934, 1966 og 1967.

Storofsen is the name of the flood, which struck the inland of Norway from 20. to 24. July 1789. The flood was caused by late snow melting in the mountains, rain and high temperature, also in the mountains.



More pictures from the camping site before we leave.





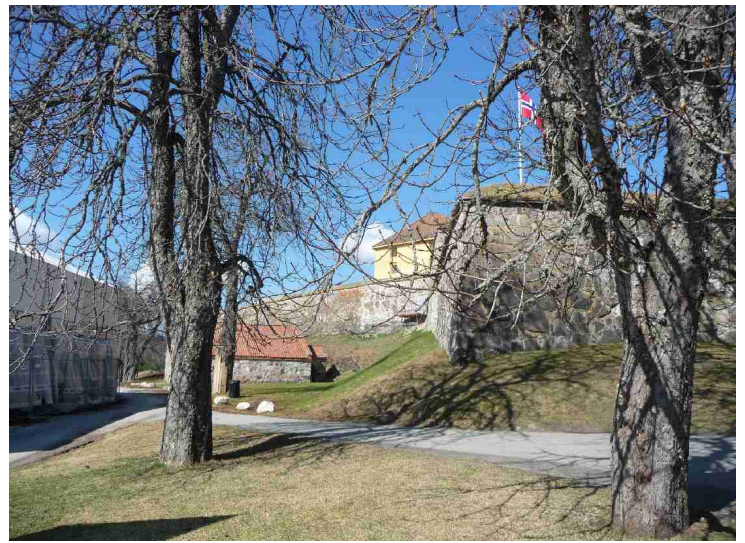
Coming from Skasenden looking outwards Kirkenær.



Visiting Solveig Johansen who lives at [Kongsvinger](#). She is the sister of Anne Berit's father. Her son, Frode, is also visiting.



Approaching [Kongsvinger Fortress](#). We have gone past so many times without stopping, that we now thought it was the time.



Kongsvinger Fortress was built the years from 1673 to 1784 with basis in the predecessor “Vingersundet skanse” (entrenchment) from 1658 on the west side of Glomma at Glommakneet (The Glomma knee) at Tråstad. The entrenchment is later also mentioned as Tråstad entrenchment. Various maps indicate that there also have been entrenchments where Vinger church later was built, but it was superfluous when the fortress was built farther up. The fortress is today owned by Nasjonale festningsverk (National Fortifications). Kongsvinger Fortress has never been besieged or conquered. Nevertheless, the fortress has been of big strategic importance of the defence of the southern Norway.



At the main gate.



The arsenal with the old barracks to the right.



The new barracks.



The battery of the powder tower.



Visiting Else and Ivar Brattbakken who lives in [Askim](#). Else is the sister of Anne Berit's mother.