

ISLAND OF INSANITY

Return to the Mansion of Madness

51.1781° N, 4.6673° W

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

The Barn

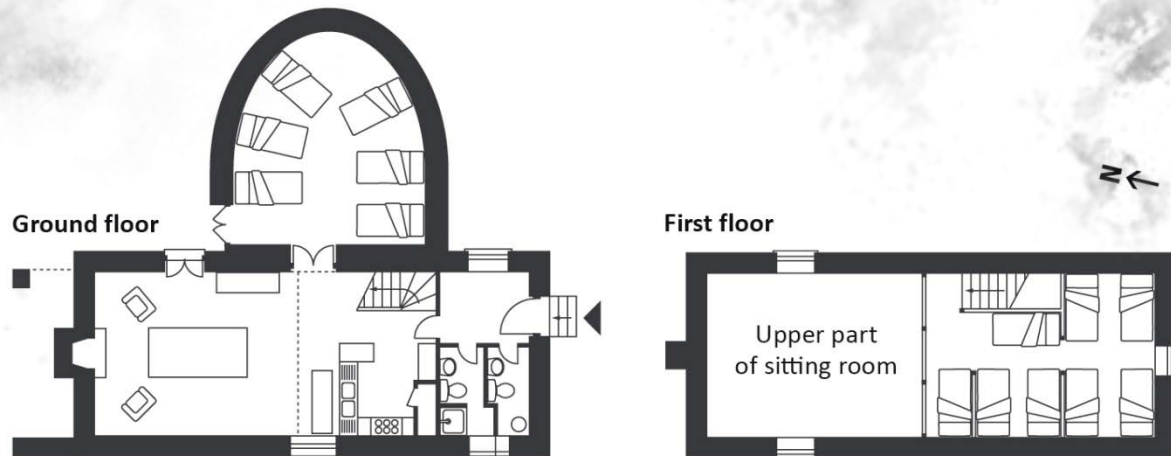
(a.k.a The Raiders Retreat!)



The Barn is now a hostel at the centre of Lundy life. The dormitory rooms are lined with varnished wood and its large sitting-room has an open fire. One of the island's best views can be seen from the sleeping gallery.

Constructed of granite, The Barn was converted to a threshing house when the round house was added, providing a circular walk for a horse or donkey, harnessed to a gin to provide motive-power for the machinery in the adjacent threshing room.

Later when engines replaced animal and man-power, the Barn housed one of the few mechanical contrivances on the island: the ancient 4½ horsepower Blackstone stationary engine. It ran on paraffin and powered the threshing box, chaff-cutter, grist-mill, circular saw and subsequently a sheep-shearing machine for which purpose it never really had sufficient speed.



The Barn - Floor Plan

History

Various farm buildings were built on Lundy by Sir John Borlase Warren in the 1770s, and a barn was mentioned in the letters written by the Irish steward, Mr Mannix, to Sir Aubrey de Vere Hunt in the 1820s. A barn is marked, too, on a map of 1820, in roughly the same position as the present one. It is curious, therefore, that it does not seem to appear, or at least not in the right place, in Mary Ann Heaven's drawing of the village in 1838.

It may be that the 18th century barn became ruinous and was rebuilt by Mr Heaven after 1838. His agent, Mr Malbon, does in fact refer to a new barn in 1839.



The best fireplace on the island...



The Barn - Sitting Room



An 8 player game of Cthulhu Wars in full swing at Island of Insanity 2019



The Barn - Dormitory One (First Floor)



The Barn - Dormitory Two (Ground Floor)

Ordinarily we reserve Dormitory One on the First Floor for male attendees, and Dormitory Two on the Ground Floor for female attendees, but if all attendees staying in the Barn are single gender and we're not at full capacity, everyone can spread out a little more!



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