

# **Newsletter April 2011**

## **(sorry it's late)**



**NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD**

### **OPENING TIMES**

**Spring Bank holiday - closed Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sunday closing in May 3.30pm**

**Sunday closing in June 2.00pm**

**Summer closing for maintenance - 9pm Thursday 30th June.  
Reopening - 7pm Monday September 5th**

### **ADVANCE NOTICE - YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!**

#### **Wednesday nights from 7pm**

During the closed period from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> September there are lots of jobs which need doing. You don't have to have specific skills as there are many uncomplicated jobs which need just a willing pair of hands. At the same time there are jobs which do need specific skills where your expertise would be valued. The more people the better then we can all enjoy the summer and have a club which runs smoothly next season. Have a look at the list below, there must be something you can help with for a couple of hours.



#### **Jobs to be done**

- Washing boots and skis (200)
- Hedge cutting • Grass strimming
- Weed killing • Adjusting the matting • Anti vandal painting
- Fence painting • Spray head cleaning • Tow maintenance
- needing electricians and engineers

**Still a few places left -**

### **Canal Boat Trip --- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

An evening canal boat trip has been arranged with Daydream Canal Trips of Stone. \*\* Departing from Stone at 6.45 pm.\*\*

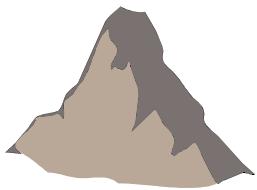
**Cost including a Fish and Chip supper = £12.00 per person**

There is a licensed bar which includes two ales from the local Limestone Brewery. To book your place – please contact - Jo Stackhouse

### **Photo Competition**

Thanks to those of you who entered. The competition is now closed. Look out for the results in the June newsletter.





**Sunday June 5th  
Mountainous Charity Event & BBQ  
Marathon Jump Day  
Jumpers (not woolly) required**



A team of intrepid skiers will attempt to jump the height of K2 the second highest mountain in the world after Everest - 8611metres or 28251ft

The skiers will complete continuous circuits and the distance of each jump will add to a running total.

The aim is to raise money by sponsorship for the number of jumps completed or by a donation for the event.

Money raised will go to Lifeworks Staffordshire which supports individuals with Asperger's Syndrome.

If you would like to join in the fun and jump for charity put your name on the list and pick up a sponsorship form from the club.

Spectators are needed to spur the jumpers on so come and see the action - BBQ available.

N.B. sorry no Kids Club today but over 12s can join in the jumping.

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## FIX FOR FIVE

### Fix your servicing costs for up to FIVE years!

We are all now well used to paying our household expenses on a monthly plan – mobile phone, gas and electricity, rates etc. etc. Well, now you can do the same with your car service costs AND fix those costs for up to five years.

We are very pleased to announce a UNIQUE service to our Endon Rewards loyalty scheme members – a new fixed price servicing package – BUDGET PLAN.

Endon Rewards Budget Plan Service provides your regular manufacturer scheduled vehicle servicing for a single fixed monthly payment. You can fix your service costs with us at today's prices for up to FIVE years and the payments are simply based on your expected annual mileage NOT the car that you drive!

**See Schedule of Payments table on the right...**

For annual mileages above or below the figures shown, please ask for an individual quotation.

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Our Budget Plan covers all the parts and labour (including VAT!) for your manufacturer scheduled service plans. You only have to pay for any wear and tear items which are required at the time of repair. You are also required to have your annual MOT carried out with us but we make a special price offer of £40 to all our Budget Plan customers, saving £14 against the normal MOT recommended price. The budget plan and its payments are completely transferrable if you change your car and you can cancel the scheme at any time **without any charge or hassle whatsoever.**

Miles per year	FIXED Monthly Payment
10,000	£10 + Vat
15,000	£15 + Vat
20,000	£20 + Vat
25,000	£25 + Vat
30,000	£30 + vat
Over 30,000	Ask for a quote

Please contact us if you require help or advice at any time

**Office hours 01782 50 50 50 - Evening and other times 07866 253869 or 07831 296982**

## 2012 Ski Club holiday to Serre Chevalier.

We are pleased to announce that next years ski club holiday will be a return visit to the French Alpine resort of Serre Chevalier. Our weeks holiday will depart on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of January 2012. Returning on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January and will involve flights from Manchester or Gatwick

### The Resort



Set in the Southern Alps, Serre Chevalier is one of France's most underrated ski resorts, with 250kms of superb runs.

Serre Chevalier comprises a collection of over a dozen villages including Chantemerle, Villeneuve, Monetier-les-Bains and the ancient town of Briançon which are all linked by ski-bus. Four of the villages are connected by ski runs and an efficient lift system. The whole area enjoys long hours of sunshine and is close enough to the Italian border for day trips to the Milky Way. Its good weather record combines with an extensive skiing area to offer an excellent holiday for all types of skier. The main skiing is in the large bowls reached by the cablecar and gondolas from Chantemerle, Villeneuve and Briançon.

Our accommodation is located in Villeneuve. If you are looking for extensive high altitude skiing, plenty of sunshine, spectacular mountain scenery and value for money, then Serre Chevalier is for you.

### Après Ski

Relaxed and informal with a number of popular bars to choose from.

- Monetier Thermal Spa – a perfect way to relax after a hard day's skiing!
- Skidoo rides              • Torchlight descents
- Ice driving and ice skating
- Swimming pools        • Parapenting
- Ice climbing              • Sleigh rides
- Snow shoeing              • Local cinema
- A great range of local bars, restaurants and nightclubs

### The Slopes



Above the tree line there are huge, white bowls with mouth-watering opportunities for every ability. Ski holidays in Serre Chevalier give beginners good village skiing and easy bubble lifts to altitude for the best snow.

**Beginners:** There is a vast array of cruising blues that novices and snow-ploughers will enjoy – perfect for practicing those important first turns.

**Intermediate:** Intermediates of all levels will get the best out of a Serre Chevalier ski holiday. Blues and reds cover the whole area giving that enjoyable sense of journey. There's a fantastic variety of intermediate runs from wide motorways, challenging reds winding through the forest and fast schusses but without the danger of accidentally going off piste!

**Advanced:** Ski holidays in Serre Chevalier give advanced skiers loads of challenging reds, long blacks and tough mogul fields as well as virtually unlimited off-piste through hidden valleys and glades.

### Serre Chevalier Snowboarding

Serre Chevalier snowboarding offers superb terrain at Monetier in particular. It's a snowboarder's heaven! Serre Chevalier is like one big adventure park, there's so much variety, with lots of long tree runs, the 200 metres long Aravet half pipe and the snowboard cross, a run with 7 turns fitted and a vertical drop, you will always be kept busy.

# The Hotel



The property is ideally situated right on a piste with guaranteed snow. Beginners can practice on the nursery slope by the hotel or walk for 5-6 minutes to the Frejus lift to be taken to a wide selection of slopes to start off from. More advanced skiers can ski for 2 minutes down to the Pontillas gondola and be taken straight up to the ski area. A red run or a ride in a gondola takes you back to the hotel. In the evening it is a short walk to Villeneuve, which is a lively, traditional village with a range of excellent shops, bars and restaurants offering fantastic local mountain specialties.

The Grand Aigle is officially a 2 star but its diverse range of public areas and facilities give guests both a comfortable and fun stay. There are two large restaurants and a comfortable lounge on the lower ground floor. Guests have the choice of two bars within the hotel - the entertaining "Sports Bar" or the relaxing, traditional "Cave Bar" with a very welcoming open log fire.

## **The hotel itself offers a great range of facilities.**

- Picturesque location in the heart of traditional old village of 'Le Bez'
- Spacious restaurant
- Large lounge
- Sports Bar with dance floor and Sky TV
- Traditional "Cave Bar", great service and roaring open fire
- Internet access

- Games area with pool table, table football and arcade games
- In house ski and boot hire with Ski Technician
- Dedicated Resort Representative with excellent local knowledge
- Experienced, welcoming English-speaking staff
- Wi-fi available at a charge
- Internet Cafe

## **SKI FIT**

Our resident Ski Technician is on hand to fit equipment from our well-stocked store within the hotel. They are also available through-out the week for any adjustments or advice. Book in advance to ensure you don't miss out! Any snowboarders will be taken to our local recommended hire shop.

## **SKI PASSES**

Electronic key card pass - no photo required. 250Kms of fantastic, often tree-lined skiing, across a range of villages including Monetier, Villeneuve and Chantemerle, all linked to Briancon (at 1200m, is the highest town in France).

Skiers are also able to enjoy one days skiing in nearby Les Deux Alpes, Alpe d'Huez and Montgenevre.

## **Transport:**

Flights from Manchester or Gatwick

## **Holiday costs:**

Adult - £525

Child - £249

## **Extras:**

Lift pass, ski hire, lessons - this year's prices can be seen on [www.rocketski.com/essentials](http://www.rocketski.com/essentials).

Next years prices will be available later.

## **2012 Holiday request form**

## **Serre Chevalier - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January to Saturday 28th January 2012**

For the 2012 Club holiday we will be returning to the extensive ski area of Serre Chevalier. With a superb collection of varied runs starting in the high mountain bowls and descending through the larch forests to the villages and the town of Briancon spread out along the valley. Ideal for skiers of all levels.

We will be travelling with Rocket Ski and staying at the Club Hotel Grand Aigle on a Club board basis. This includes a buffet continental breakfast, afternoon tea and cake and a 3 course evening meal 6 nights out of 7.

Should you require any further information, you can either email Jo Stackhouse on [geoffstack-house@hotmail.com](mailto:geoffstack-house@hotmail.com), or alternatively you can leave a message at the ski club on 01782 784908. Or call into the club and see us on Sundays or on a Wednesday evening.

**Prices:** Adults £525 **Ski Carriage** - £30 per person  
Children £249 (aged 11 & under when sharing a room with 2 full paying adults.)

## **Holiday Request Form - Serre Chevalier on Saturday the 21st of January 2012.**

I/We wish to join the 2012 ski club holiday. We would prefer our room to sleep .....people.

**Non refundable deposit of £120 per person** - can be paid in full, but we have negotiated an option to pay £75

(Cheques to North Staffs Ski Club) when you make your booking, with the remaining £45 (Cheques to Rocket Ski) by the 1<sup>st</sup> July.

Home address: (full postal address and post code required please)

..... Deposit of £..... enclosed

Signed .....

Please list all the names of those travelling – **AS SHOWN ON PASSPORT** (including their dates of birth.)

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**Please indicate numbers for SKI CARRIAGE - .....**

Ski hire and Ski Passes can be booked with the Rocket Ski representative during the transfer to the resort.

Contact details (These details will only be used by club members organising the holiday and will not be passed on to anyone else)

## Email

**We try to send all communications about the holiday by email, please check yours regularly.**

Telephone = Day..... Evening.....  
Please make all cheques payable to "North Staffs Ski Club" and hand in at the Ski Club.