

# Newsletter - April 2014



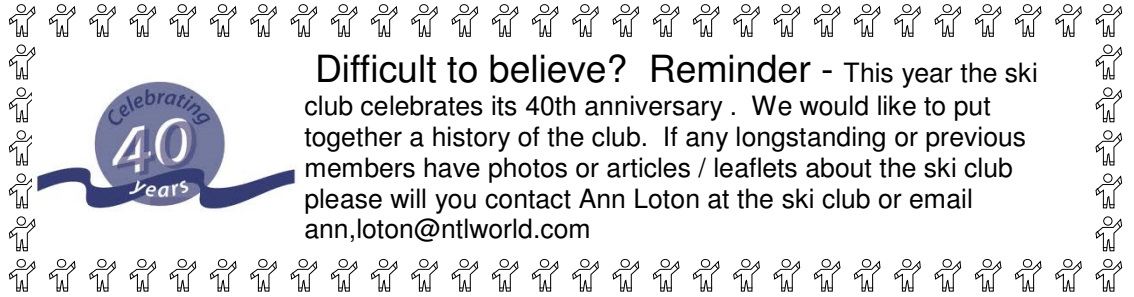
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## OPENING TIMES

May Bank Holiday - 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> May	CLOSED
Spring Bank Holiday - 25 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> May	CLOSED
Sunday closing May 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , close at 3.30 pm	

Due to the improvements which will be made to the ski slope during the summer the club needs to close one month earlier than usual. It will be closed from 9pm Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Keep an eye out for the date of re-opening in future newsletters.**



Difficult to believe? Reminder - This year the ski club celebrates its 40th anniversary. We would like to put together a history of the club. If any longstanding or previous members have photos or articles / leaflets about the ski club please will you contact Ann Loton at the ski club or email [ann.loton@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.loton@ntlworld.com)

## Slope development update

**Were off! Finance has been agreed! Momentum is building!**

New gates have been made to make an entry from the park road onto the new slope area so that construction can begin thanks mainly to Eric and Gerald. The new carpet is on order.

### FACEBOOK

You can check out our progress on Kidsgrove Ski Facebook page where regular updated photos will be displayed.

We are looking for sponsorship for the rails in the Snowpark. If anyone knows of a company who would like to sponsor a particular aspect of the project then that can easily be arranged. Contact Ann Loton at the club or email [ann.loton@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.loton@ntlworld.com)

## THIS SUMMER YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU MORE THAN EVER BEFORE !

Wednesday nights from 7pm between  
1st June and 1st September



**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED**

This year as we are closing a month earlier than usual there is a greater need for volunteers to help with jobs. 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. There must be something you can help with for a couple of hours. Even if you can only manage one 2 hour session it is better than nothing. See over for the kinds of jobs needing to be done.

If you can offer any skills or labour at anytime not necessarily on Wednesday evenings please put your name on the list at the ski club or contact Gerald Loton 01782 503820 M07785315365 email [ann.loton@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.loton@ntlworld.com)



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## Jobs to be done over the summer closedown

### NEW SLOPE CONSTRUCTION



Electricians needed to install new controls and slope lighting.

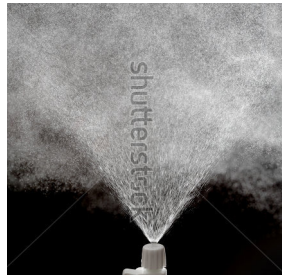
Bricklayers needed to build small control room and pump room similar to those which will be removed.



Joiners needed to install doors in the new buildings above

### EXISTING SLOPE

To allow a thorough overhaul of the spray system and to provide a crease free surface the matting needs removing. The spray jets can then be refurbished.



Fence at the bottom of the slope needs repair  
Anti vandal painting on tops of fence.

### SKI CLUB BUILDING

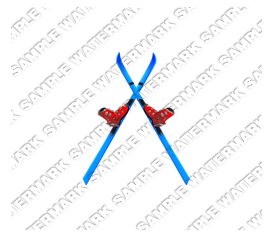
Paint external door.  
Repaint the club room.



### SKI/ BOOT ROOM

Ski boots need washing inside and out.

Skis - need their bindings removed thoroughly cleaned and greased.



### GARDENING JOBS

Grass strimming

Trees pruned.

And other jobs yet to be identified.



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*Thank You!*

Once again thank you very much to those who have made gift aided donations to the club. Your support has added an extra £150 to our coffers from gift aid tax.

### **Advanced notice - put it on your calendar Friday 5th December**



To celebrate the club's 40th anniversary we are arranging a Christmas Meal and Disco at The Rifleman Inn, Acres Nook, Kidsgrove. Numbers are limited to 45 and some are already taken. If you would like to express your interest to attend please email [ann.loton@ntlworld.com](mailto:ann.loton@ntlworld.com) or leave a message for Ann Loton at the ski club.



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# Club Holiday 2015—A few Places still available

## What's New in the 3 Valleys

The 3 Valleys has always provided a great choice of varied runs for all levels of skiers. Since our last visit there has been a lot of work going on to both the infrastructure and the skiing area.

New and improved lifts have been installed in all three valleys with the new Saulire Express bubble from Meribel to Courcheval now complete.



Boardercross of the Moon Park - Photo credit : David André

In the **Meribel Valley** there is an improved Moon Park, Méribel Alpina's snowpark, offering fun to all. There you'll find courses for beginners (green), intermediates (blue and red) and experts (black) as well as an intermediate boardercross (red). There are over ten hectares (25 acres) of fun with whoops, tables, rails and boxes, all made from wood. The Moon Park is accessible for every level of skier and snowboarder, you can learn freestyle easily. A Chill & Grill area and 2 great shapers are on site to help and advise you.

You can try out the features made from foam rubber. Guaranteed fun for kids and adults - perfect for practicing Freestyle in safety...

The Boardercross has been enlarged for even more fun. Race down it in teams of four – fun is assured

Other features in the Altiport area have been improved as well as the Doron run back into Meribel. For the more adventurous, the Roc de Fer piste has been redesigned in preparation for the 2015 World Cup.

There are also various Fun Zones in **Les Menuires**. Those looking to have fun together will love the BK fun zone : Le BK Park. There are 2 boarder-crosses for devilish



races, as well as bump and rail zones where you can learn, or improve your Freestyle (2 levels of boarder-cross runs, 1 blue and 1 red).

## Do you want to try off-piste but are worried about being out of bounds?

Opening of new pistes: 100% natural, 100% pleasure! It's now possible to enjoy safe powder skiing on non-groomed pistes in Les Menuires thanks to three new "Liberty Ride" areas giving families, friends, expert or learner riders the opportunity to sample un-groomed runs

while safely within the resort boundary .

Liberty ride on la Masse: access via la Masse 2 gondola, Liberty ride on Ariondaz near Saint Martin: access via the Saint Martin 2 chairlift, Liberty ride of Pylônes: access via the Sunny Express chairlift.

**Another new activity introduced for winter 2013/14 was a really unusual toboggan run on rails** landscaped from beginning to end for a real change of scenery, excitement and breathtaking souvenirs!



On individual sledges, children and adults take on Boukty, the resort's mascot, over a 1000 m long run on the twists, descents and raised bends... and all in a sumptuous setting. The run is landscaped (little stone house, tree trunk...) and has about ten Boukty challenge themed signboards: the aim is to beat his record! Thanks to 3 control points, the tobogganist knows how he is getting on: as prudent as a snail or a marmot, fast and agile like a hare or an ibex. Open to children from 5 years old sharing a toboggan with an adult, Speedmountain is a real family activity.

## If that is not enough to keep you happy -



Up above Val Thorens the world's highest zipline has been constructed, linking the top of the Bouchet chairlift in Orelle -the highest point in the resort at 3,230m, to the top of Val Thorens at 3,000m. It's 1300m long and descends 250m from the departure

to the arrival. It costs (2014) €50. But if you want to keep your skis on the ground there is a good range of lifts and pistes to enjoy at the top of the valley.



**We will be staying at the Chalet hotel Piolet which provides an excellent ski in/ski out base for this wonderful ski area and in order to negotiate the competitive price and reserve the hotel solely for our use the Club has prepaid 70 deposits. Quite a few people have already booked but we do need to reach this minimum number.**

**There are twin and family rooms still available, so if you are interested in joining us please get in touch. Booking forms are available at the slope, on the website [www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk](http://www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk) (see February Newsletter) or email Jo Stackhouse on [nsscholiday2015@outlook.com](mailto:nsscholiday2015@outlook.com)**