



NEWSLETTER August 2008

Don't forget folks the slope is due to reopen on Monday 1st September, come and see if you can spot the differences.

OPENING TIMES

The Saturday afternoon sessions 2 – 5pm will start on 4th October, until then opening times will be:-

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – 7pm till 9pm
Sunday, Kids Club 9.30 to 12noon, adults 12noon to 2pm in September
Sundays from October 5th adults 12noon – 5pm.

Annual General Meeting Monday 20th October 2008

See enclosed information. Draft financial statement will be available at the ski club from 30th September 2008 and at the meeting.



2009 North Staffs Ski Club holiday to Le Corbier.

There are still places left for next years ski club holiday to the French Alpine resort of Le Corbier. Our weeks holiday will depart on Sunday the 25th of January 2009, return on Sunday 1st February and will involve flights from Manchester to Turin. Half board accommodation.

Adult £499 Child £374 (aged 2 – 11 if sharing with an adult)

Deposit £120 per person. For detailed information see June's Newsletter at the club or on the web www.ski-kidsgrove.co.uk. Holiday request forms are also available from the club. Should you require any further information, you can either speak to **Terry Boulton** at the ski club or alternatively you can leave a message at the ski club on 01782 784908.

The Club Web-site

Just to remind you that the club has a web-site that provides information for club members and others. It contains basic information on the club, opening times, lessons and prices so if you or friends want more info then it is here. In the What's on / News section you can see the current and back issues of the Newsletter. There is a Links section that will enable you to find out more ski related information, for example a new link to a ski insurance company.

Ski Clothing Sale - Saturday 25th Oct 1-4pm

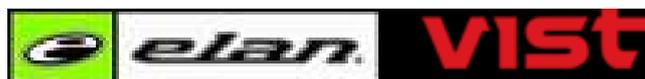
In association with Junkigear, the UK and French Distributor of Vist Ski Clothing and equipment, we have managed to arrange a sale of clothing and equipment from last season's stock at LESS than trade prices.

For those not familiar with the name, they are an Italian company who generally supply clothing and equipment to a lot of the worlds national ski teams, including our own British Squad.

The material in the clothing is the same as used by many top ski clothing manufacturers such as Spider etc.

There will also be another opportunity to see the radical ski range from Icelandic and High Society.

We have also managed to get Gavin from Elan Skis to bring down last years stock of Piste and Race Carver Skis, which can be purchased at knock down prices.





Thank You!

To all the volunteers who have so far responded to the request for help with the work over the summer.

We hope you enjoy the benefits in the new season. Don't forget the club is run for your benefit by volunteers throughout the season and there is always a need for more volunteers so, if you have a few hours to spare speak to one of the people in the ski room or behind the tea bar.

Your Newsletter

As a member you receive a copy of the Newsletter and this is to tell you a bit about how it is produced and distributed. Ann Loton is the editor and puts together each of the six issues you receive during a year. She depends on members contributing pieces that reflect what is happening in the club, general skiing interest and a diary of forthcoming events. If there's not much content then it's because there hasn't been much input so please do let Ann have a contribution and share your news and views with other club members. The Newsletter is distributed via email to those members with mailboxes but that leaves about 250 to go by snail mail. The printing is done for us by Endon Services and we are extremely grateful for their generosity. You've probably seen their strip at the bottom of a page but see below for more about a key member of the production team. The printed copies then have to be enveloped manually by a small team of club members prior to being posted. Finally, the Newsletter (without personal phone numbers) is posted on the club's web-site on the "What's on / News" page where you can also check on back-numbers.

Endon Services

Endon Services has been based on Leek Road for over 30 years. It is family owned and looks to build long-term relationships with its customers. It is the new FORD dealer for the Staffordshire Moorlands area, following on from its recent successes as Renault dealers. In May, the company was selected as the winner of the Staffordshire Apprentice Employer of the Year Award 2008 for all industries and for employers with less than fifty employees. This is the first time that a garage services company has won this prestigious award and Reg Aldridge, Marketing Director of Endon Services Group said "We are extremely proud to win this award which demonstrates our strategic commitment to the training and support of young people in the Staffordshire Moorlands area. We currently have three apprentices out of a total workforce of eighteen staff. These young people are our managers of the future and we have responsibility to nurture their progress and help develop their technical and managerial skills. Our management team contains four formerly indentured apprentices, so we know this "grow your own" process really works. With the expansion of our business into the FORD arena we hope to be able to take on more junior and experienced staff this year. I have to make note of the excellence of our training providers and MARTEC, of Newcastle-under-Lyme in particular, who provide excellent and dedicated support to our young staff in both technical and softer skills areas. I have finally to thank thousands of satisfied customers whose business provides the resources to employ our trainees"

In summary Endon Services represent the following companies:-

- As the local Ford retail dealer they can provide sales, service, repairs, parts and warranty work on new and used vehicles.
- As an established Renault dealer the same range of services is provided.
 - They remain loyal to MG Rover owners by providing parts and service.
 - Main dealers for Tata, Perodua and Piaggio.
 - Possibly the largest autonomous AVIS franchise in Western Europe
 - Renault and FORD Business Finance

All makes for servicing and MOT testing.

As you can see from above they are very committed to Stoke and the local community and really look forward to meeting with you.....



ATTENTION ALL FORD OWNERS

We have now become the new Ford Dealer for North Staffordshire

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

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



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Annual General Meeting - 20th October 2008.
North Staffs Ski Club Ltd. - Directors Report 2007 - 2008

Hi members! It's that time of year again and time for me to sit down and write the chairman's report. As I sit and write this, volunteers are working on the slope doing the usual maintenance work. It's nice to see a few new faces helping out at the clubhouse. Thanks very much to all the people who have put in the work during the summer close down.

I do have to report this year that we have had a problem with vandalism. Several windows were broken and some internal damage caused.

We have now completed 4 years with the new matting and only minor work was needed to get it back to top form.

Club membership seems to hold at around the 1,000 mark. This is made up of Junior, Adult and Family memberships.

The Friday night Instructor Training has continued and more instructors gained qualifications.

The social events organised by the club have also been well attended this year. About 80 people went on the club holiday in January to Serre Chevalier. This year we flew from Manchester to Turin, with a two-hour transfer by coach to the resort. We were very lucky with the weather and had one of the best weeks skiing we have ever had.

Next years club holiday will be in the French resort of Le Corbier. We were a little late booking this and the uptake for places on this holiday has been very slow. So, If you are thinking of joining us on this holiday, please get in touch with us asap and register your interest. If we do not get the numbers of bums on seats, we may have to cancel, and I cannot remember a year without a club holiday.

Our financial policy is one of careful management and investment. Expenditure is tightly controlled to ensure that our income is spent wisely. We pay our bills promptly and claim any discounts that are offered.

Financially, the club has continued to do well and total income has increased once more, enabling us to put more back into the club. This year we have replaced boots and skis once more.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped to run the club over the last year. We are lucky to have so many people willing to give so much time and energy to the club.

And finally, this is your club and it needs a little effort from many people to help it run smoothly. If you can give some of your time to help, please see one of the committee members and volunteer. Your services will be most welcome.

Terry Boulton, Chairman



**NORTH STAFFS
SKI CLUB LTD**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE NORTH STAFFS SKI CLUB LTD**

**VENUE: CLOUGH HALL PUBLIC HOUSE
CLOUGH HALL ROAD, KIDSGROVE,
STOKE ON TRENT.**

**MONDAY 20th OCTOBER 2008
7.30 p.m. for an 8.00 p.m. start.**

The Business of the Evening will be as follows:

- To accept apologies.**
- Minutes of the previous AGM.**
- Chairman's report.**
- Treasurer's report.**
- Any other business.**
- To elect the committee.**

After the meeting there will be a small buffet. We anticipate this to start at approximately 9.00 p.m. All members are welcome. Voting can only be carried out by full members (not associate members).

Should you wish to stand for the committee; at the bottom of the page you will find a nomination slip. Please fill this in and post to:-
Jo Stackhouse. 78 Allport Road, Cannock, Staffs, WS11 1DY to be received no less than 14 days before the AGM.

Your present committee is made up of the following:

Chairman - Terry Boulton Secretary - Jo Stackhouse
 Treasurer - John Daines / Craig Timmis Hon. President - Dave Dick
 The remainder of the committee consists of: Gerald Loton, Eric Hartley,
 Ann Loton, Simon Jones, Phil Rowley, Paul Knapper, Ed Marshall,
 Mark Cornes, Neil Ravenscroft and Liam Duckett.

A **Committee Member** will be expected to commit his / her time to the club for at least **two hours a week** on one of the days we are open. The committee meets once each month between September and July, committee members are expected to attend **at least 8 out of the 10** scheduled meetings.

We hereby nominate as a Committee Member of North Staffs Ski Club Ltd.

Proposed by

Seconded by

Date

Note: Nominee, Proposer and Seconder must all be **full members** of the club (not associate members).

NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED by 6th October 2008.