



March 2015 Newsletter



Janet's Wee Blether

Unfortunately the snow at Glenshee has almost gone - so I don't think we will be skiing at Easter this year!

Four members of the Committee met in France and skied in the Portes du Soleil area in very good conditions!

There was a poor turnout at the last Film Night - only 11 people attending - there was masses of food on offer! Lots of doggie bags

Film Nights

As mentioned above, there was a disappointing turnout to the final Film Night of the season with only 11 attending.

However the Committee members supplied a video on Flaine, a video of someone skiing with a helmet camera and doing all sorts of daft things, video footage of 3 Committee members skiing 2 weeks ago, pictures of La Plagne and lots of pictures of the Portes du Soleil area.

This was well received and will be done again next year.

Dates for your Diary

ADVANCED NOTICE

The End of Season Meal is to be held in the Royal Tay Yacht Club on Friday 24th April 2015, 7.30 for 8.00.

As in previous years you will be asked to prebook your meal. Details will be sent to you nearer the time

Masters Races

As mentioned in the last newsletter the Masters Ski Races were due to take place at the start of March.

Unfortunately they did not go ahead as the weather on the Saturday was nasty and on the Sunday it was deemed that the snow was too soft to withstand the racing.

Ian Steven commented that the Masters has been going for 25 years, some of the racers a good deal longer!

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Chris Wood Skiing under the Saltire!!

2015 Holiday to the Portes du Soleil

This year, after many years, we thought our luck had run out. We arrived in Chatel on Saturday and settled into the apartment. Sunday came, when we use the morning to go to the big supermarket at the edge of the village. It was raining and continued into the afternoon. We went up to Super Chatel in the afternoon but after three runs we looked at each other on the chairlift and said "why are we sitting in the rain on a chairlift". We returned to the apartment!

On Monday it was snowing in the morning but stopped about eleven. We decided to go to Linga on the bus, but by the time we got to the top the cloud had come down and a run that should have taken ten minutes took one hour fifteen minutes in the mist! So we got back down and got the bus back to Chatel.

On Tuesday, at last, the weather cleared and we went back to Linga and onto Super Morzine for lunch.

However on Wednesday the forecast wind arrived - sixty miles an hour, but having skied in Glenshee that did not seem too bad. The lifts kept stopping for gusts to pass and apparently the locals were not impressed as they normally do not get winds that strong.

At least the winds of Wednesday blew all the bad weather away and things settled down for the remainder of the holiday.

On Saturday we made the effort to ski in the Pleney section above Morzine - this turned into a disaster. We went into a restaurant for a sandwich and a drink - it took an hour to arrive, I kid you not. Even the French were walking out in disgust, but we could'nt as we had ordered and paid! After our extended lunch we had to rush back to make the connecting lifts, which was just as well as the snow had gone soft in the sun.

On the Sunday we went to Torgon in Switzerland, but it was still a bit hot so we did not stay long.

On the Tuesday we met up with Chris and Adrian from the Club who were staying in Morzine with Chris's daughter Helena. We went into Switzerland and had a good ski there. We met them again on Thursday and went back to Switzerland for lunch.

In the end we had a good holiday despite the poor start.

There is plenty of variety in the Portes du Soleil and I can recommend it.