

Tyneside Loipers – Plans for Winter 2019-20

January/February – Early season Telemark/Alpine skiing in the Alps. We hope to have a long weekend based in Les Houches or Samoens. Contact Alan or Neil or Tim Owen.

Scotland weekend – 7th to 9th February (tbc) – Hopefully there will be enough snow in Scotland at this time. John Dark will be booking some accommodation (probably Braemar hostel) but we need to be flexible to make use of the available snow conditions. Glen Feshie is another possible option.

February in Norway (from about 21st Feb). Probably staying at Hovringham. Contact John Mordue or Fiona MacCormick. Initially some track skiing, then probably some off-track too. Likely to suit more experienced skiers.

Mistaya Lodge, Canada – 1st to 8th March. 10 of us are returning to Mistaya Lodge in the wonderful Canadian Rockies for a week of guided ski touring (telemark and alpine). Experienced skiers – off piste. Just possible we can get an extra one or two places – contact Alan soon.

Dalseter, Norway – 1st to 21st March. GB Nordic season at Dalseter, organised by John Mordue. Great hotel with guided day touring available (on and off-track) with experienced UK guides. All abilities. Download the brochure from the link on the Events page - www.tynesideloipers.org.uk/events

The Rondane, Norway – 7th to 20th March – Neil Waters will be going to Dalseter for around 5 days (excellent hotel-based touring) followed by around 9 days of hut touring in the Rondane National Park. Contact Neil and come along to the next Loipers pub meet to find out more.

Venabu, Norway – 7th to 14th March – Another well-recommended hotel-based week with lots of on- and off-track skiing (nine Tyneside Loipers were there a couple of years ago). Nuala and Carolyn have booked a week with Exodus/Headwater who offer an all-inclusive package at £1565 from Newcastle.

And finally – 28th March to 7th April, Snowsport England training week at Nordseter, Norway. The week is aimed at cross-country track skiers and racers and is run by top UK coaches with small groups at the intermediate and advanced levels. Highly recommended. Organiser for this year is Gwenda Cavill. Download the brochure from the link on the Events page - www.tynesideloipers.org.uk/events

Other trips are being organised – Japan anyone? Kevin and Kimberley, Martin Read, Steve Campbell are doing a guided ski tour in January. Or Finland – Ski guiding for visually impaired skiers? Ebony Hall is going to be acting as a guide and mum Vivienne is going along as a 'friend'. More on the News page of Loipers website. Plus of course – we will be skiing locally in the northeast if and when conditions allow.

Please pass on details if you are doing other trips and are happy to share with Loipers.

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