



The Official Newsletter of
THE OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB INC.

Going Places.....



Newsletter 346

November 2009

Most of you get a posted copy of this newsletter—but if you got it by email you'd see the photos in glorious colour, you'd get the newsletter sooner, and you'd be saving the Club money.

If you're happy to change to email, contact Fay Jackson.



Neil Helson took this photo of a recce he, Steve Sheen and Ian Fussell went on a recce on October 7. "Long Valley Stream feeds into the Cass River, and has its source in the Black Range, behind Cora Lynn. We had a long and pleasant walk, starting at Cass, up the stream, and then negotiated a 50m waterfall, and finally out onto the snow slopes. Unfortunately we ran out of time to reach our goal of peak 1912m, and later Ian showed that our return trip had been 24km! The area is very scenic, and we thoroughly enjoyed our day out."



Balancing Rock, Wed 16-09-09. Steepest descent of that day, and overlooking Lake Forsyth. Photo—Diana Arbon.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL FUNCTION

Picnic Barbecue

Saturday 12 December, 10am onwards
Omaka Scout Grounds, Greywacke Rd, off Johns Rd (opposite crematorium)

We have been allocated a nice sunny, sheltered site with good access and toilets are nearby. We will have a gas barbecue available for any food which needs to be cooked. Prior to lunch, we will have some activities for those interested in working up an appetite. Come and meet up with other club members, perhaps some not seen for a while, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. See you all there,
Cheers,
Your OFTC committee

Deadline: by 20th November please for December newsletter

Newsletter to Liz Griffiths at 351 4501 lizgriffiths@clear.net.nz and copy to mavis.airey@xtra.co.nz.
Trip Planners : Saturday and Sunday trips to Judy Miles at 327 9010 garyjudy@kol.co.nz
and Wednesday trips to Marj Pollock at 389 4059 marjpol@xtra.co.nz.

Please note — address all correspondence pertaining to Club business to the Secretary

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Committee Reports



Chairman's Report

At the time of writing, I have just returned from the 'Navigation Training Day' at McLeans Island. This day was very ably planned and organised by Stu McHugh, Robin Fear and Ian Fussell. Attended by 30 club members, it was just another example of the talent within our club and the willingness of those with the expertise to share with others, in an effort to help us all enjoy our tramping even more. Thanks Stu, Robin and Ian for all the work you put into this, resulting in an excellent day – it was greatly appreciated by all participants.

At the beginning of October, the Walking Access Commission published draft guidelines for access to the nation's beaches, lakes, rivers and mountains. The focus of the commission during the next year will be to produce a mapping system which will give greater clarity on where there is already legal public access. In recent years there has been a growing tendency for some landowners to deny public access across their land and in many cases it is difficult to find information on who to contact to obtain permission. One of the many benefits in membership of this tramping club is the rapport which has been built up with landowners over many years, enabling us to have continued access across land for our tramps which I am sure would not be possible for the individual trampler.

Also in recent national news has been the Minister of Energy, suggesting that there could be opportunities for mineral mining in our National Parks and Conservation areas. Similarly, the Minister of Conservation has stated that he is not opposed to mining in these areas. From the minister who is charged with responsibility for the protection of our natural heritage, I find this alarming. We are all aware of the wealth of natural areas we have to enjoy in this country, often campaigned strongly for by our forebears. The time could be fast approaching when we have to make a stand on just how important these areas are to the nation, in maintaining a valuable natural heritage for the generations to follow. Watch this space!

Regards to you all,
Warwick Scadden

Membership Report

New members

| | | |
|---------------------|-------------|---|
| Kirsten Nissen | 332 0830 | 49B Vernon Tce, St Martins, Chch 8022 |
| John & Sandra Owens | 03 347 6091 | 908 Two Chain Road, R D 7, Chch 7677 |
| Fangping Su | 343 4428 | 5/28 Mona Vale Avenue, Riccarton, Chch 8011 |
| Paul Tayler | 960 5399 | 5 Brickworks Lane, Huntsbury, Chch 8022 |
| Margaret Smith | 358 4340 | 53 Guildford Street, Burnside, Chch 8053 |

Apologies to Margaret – her name was omitted from the last newsletter. We hope you all have many years of enjoyable tramping with us.

Additions to the address list

Please add these two people to your address list.

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|--|
| Diane Campbell | 338 0790 | 83 Ravensdale Rise, Westmorland, Chch 8025 |
| Maureen McHenry | 322 9963 | 12 Brigham Drive, Halswell, Chch 8025 |

The club now has 456 members.



Our oldest member, Doreen West, cuts her 90th birthday cake at a celebration lunch. Photo—Thelma McNiven.

Club Captain's Report

No Club Captains Report this month—Stu is on leave. He can be contacted from 28 October on 323 6333 or at samchugh@clear.net.nz

Training Courses for 2010

Mountain Safety Council will be offering their excellent courses again next year including :
Navigation
Outdoor first aid & revalidation
Risk management.

Some have already put their names down to do a 1st aid course - if you are interested in this or others contact Stu McHugh on 3236333

The Club will be offering in-house training including :

River crossing
Navigation
Trip leadership

A variety of short sessions at Club nights on such things as food for tramping, tramping gear, first aid.

DAY TRIP PROGRAM

The tramps are listed in order of difficulty, with the easiest first, then moderate, then harder. If you are unsure of a tramp please check with the tramp leader.

NQ means that this tramp is not a qualifying tramp for prospective new members.
All other day tramps are qualifying tramps

Please note : It is club policy that these day tramps and the tramping programmes detailed in the newsletter are for members only.

Also **times given are indicative only** and do not include car travel to and from the tramp.

CANCELLATIONS

Listen to

NewstalkZB 1098

after 7am.

TRAMP PLANNERS

Note — Please forward your draft list to the Club Captain by the 20th of each month

| | | | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------|
| Saturday | | Colin Garthwaite | 360 3770 |
| Wednesday | Veterans | Jane Gimpl | 382 4075 |
| | | Heather Spence | 337 1690 |
| | Middle | Joan Cornish | 376 5146 |
| | | Clive Morriss | 358 2753 |
| | | Cathie Graves | 339 0881 |
| | | Beverley Ruddick | 337 3390 |
| | Hard | Diana Kirpensteijn | 332 7534 |
| Sunday | Easier | Mary Brinsdon | 366 9119 |
| | | Carolina Kol | 03 3127970 |
| | Middle | Steve Dakin | 329 6695 |
| | | Alison Chambers: | 332 9755 |
| | Hard | Ian Fussell | 358 3724 |

Reminders to Tramp Leaders**TO CANCEL A DAY TRAMP**

Phone Newstalk ZB

phone (03) 340 1098—for all trips—before 6.45am,
and state the destination. Our club code is **47**.

LOCATOR BEACONS.

Collect and carry these. **Please note** — they are collected from the Shell Petrol Stations at Belfast or Yaldhurst, or at Princess Margaret Hospital - at front vestibule desk. And for any private use of these beacons please contact the Club Captain to arrange.

AT THE END OF THE TRAMP.

Please send list of participants and numbers to Mary Brinsdon at 33 Hewitts Rd, Chch 8014, or brinsdon@clear.net.nz

NOVEMBER 11**Mt Cavendish and CRW wander NQ**

Cost : \$2

Take cars to gondola carpark on Summit Rd. Walk around Cavendish Bluffs track, then on CRW up to Castle Rock. Return on mountain bike track and CRW to Pioneer Memorial. Slowly climb up to restaurant for coffee and down to cars.

Depart : Carpark eastern end McCormacks Bay Rd (near Rugby fields) at 9.30am

Time : 3 - 4 hrs

Leader : Diana Dryland 981 4843

Heathcote Quarry/CastleRock

Cost : Nil

Heathcote Quarry to Castle Rock, round Mt Cavendish and back via John Britten Reserve.

Grade : 2

Depart : Heathcote Quarry, Bridle Path Road at 9.00am

Time : 4 - 5 hrs

Leader : Joan Cornish 376 5146

Gebbies Pass to Coopers Knob & Gibraltar Rock PH 52

Cost : \$4

Along to Omahu Bush, down bush and back via Gibraltar Rock, and across to Coopers Knob. Back to Gebbies Pass via different tracks

Grade : 3

Depart : Carpark opp PMH (river west) at 8.30am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Gaye Morton 332 2284

Mt Bealey & poss. Avalanche Peak W71

Cost : \$ 24 Map K33

Steep climb on ridge next to Rough creek through bush then open ridge to tops. Possible ridge traverse to Avalanche Peak & down Scott's track

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

Time : 7 hrs

Leader : Neil Helson 03 318 7335

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS**NOVEMBER 4****Linden Grove and beyond - circuit NQ**

Cost : nil

A stroll through a new housing area and three parks.

Depart : Annex Rd (off Birmingham Drive) just before the motorway pedestrian underpass, at 9.30am

Time : 3 hrs

Leader : Alf Farrant 342 6094

Awa Awa Reserve to Scotts Ridge SW 05

Cost : \$17

Come and view the rhododendrons at the foot of Mt Hutt.

Steepish climb through bush to Scotts Ridge. Good track, easy circle walk back to Awa Awa Reserve. Opportunity to go further if you wish.

Grade: 2

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.30am

Time : 4 - 5hrs

Leader : Charlotte Rivers 348 8846

Barnett Park to Gun emplacements to Evans Pass PH 79

From Barnett Park to caves then gun emplacements. Turn east along CRW past Evans Pass returning via Capt Thomas track & shore to Redcliffs.

Grade : 3

Depart : Barnett Park carpark, Redcliffs at 8.30am

Time : 5 hrs

Leaders: Liz Taylor 358 5995 Gordon Murray 356 1164

Benmore W02

Cost : \$15 Map K35

From Acheron Stream up valley to Rabbit Saddle & then steep climb onto Benmore Ridge to masts. Over low saddle & up to Benmore & along ridge to complete circuit.

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

Time : 7 hrs

Leader : Bob Scott 348 4378





NOVEMBER 18

Westmorland**NQ**

Cost : nil

Exporing tracks and byways on the Westmorland Hill.

Depart : Carpark opp PMH (river west) at 9.30am

Time : 3 - 3.5 hrs

Leader : Maree Bothwell 382 5123

Mt Te Oka to Devils Gap**B58**

Cost : \$11

Starting at Bossu Road, short easy climb to Mt Te Oka overlooking Little River and Kaitorete Spit then follow ridgelines to main rock mass and through Devils Gap. Return similar way.

Grade : 3 with Grade 2 option

Depart : Carpark opp PMH (river west) at 8.30 am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Stu McHugh 323 6333

Mt Herbert (919m) from Orton Bradley BP10

Cost : \$ 5 + \$8 per car

A round trip from Orton Bradley Park via tablelands under Mt Bradley and down central valley. Lunch in shelter or on Mt Herbert

Grade : 3

Depart : Carpark opp PMH (river west) at 8.30am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : Alan Morgan 384 9976

Mt Binser W75

Cost : \$ 20 Map L34

Traverse the three summits of Mt. Binser - 1860M. Extensive views from Mt White and the Esk to the west. Short car shuttle required

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

Time : 7 hrs

Leader : Brent Smith 377 7925

NOVEMBER 25

St Martins river walk**NQ**

Cost : nil

Following the Heathcote River until lunch, then return.

Depart : Carpark near the Children's Library, Louisson Place (off Ford Rd) at 9.30am

Time : 4 hrs

Leader : Norma Powell 384 1397

Hoon Hay to Bellbird**PH 58**

Cost : \$ 2

From Peace Valley Cricket Field, up the valley side track to link up with Kennedys Bush Track and on to the Bellbird. Return via Hoon Hay Valley farm track back to cars.

Grade : 2

Depart : Carpark opp PMH (river west) at 9.00 am

Time : 4.5 - 5 hrs

Leader : Peter Crawshaw 359 2662

Stony Peak 806m with extension to south BP17

Cost : \$ 13 Map N36/37

Follow well-formed track from Akaroa township to Stony Bay Peak then extension on new circular track to south.

Grade : 3

Depart : Carpark opp PMH (river west) at 8.30am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader : John Hayman 335 0984

Co leader : Elspeth Jeet 384 1331

SUNDAY TRAMPS

NOVEMBER 1

Vets Walk-

Cost : nil

Harbour walk to Cass Bay

Depart : Rugby field Lyttelton 9.30am. Bring morning Tea.

Time : 2 ½ hrs

Leader : Norma Powell Ph 3841397

Mt Donald (491 m) near Waipara N33

Cost : \$ 10

*Gradual climb on farm track to good viewpoint on Mt Donald.**Descend via limestone valley to complete the round trip*

Grade : 2 Time : 4 – 5 hrs

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 9.00am

Leader : Gavin Hampton Ph 343-1291

Co-leader: Sally Timms Ph 343-1291

Bealey Spur**W08**

Cost : \$23 MapK35

Gradual climb through Beech Forest and open tussock with tarns to restored musterer's hut.

Grade :2 Time : 5 hrs

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am. Note early depart

Leader : Philip Adams 347 8153

Woolshed Hill, Arthur's Pass

Cost : \$21

Moderate climb of 800m from Hawdon Shelter to summit (1431m) for fine views of the Eastern end of the park. Travel along peaks & descend ridge through bush to Hawdon river & return to cars

Grade : 4 Time : 5-6 hrs

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

Leader : Steve Daikin 03 692 2931

NOVEMBER 8

Worsleys Spur to CRW & Beyond PH11

Cost : Nil

Walk up the spur to Marley Hill and on to the Kiwi. Then round Sugarloaf via Cedrics & Mitchells tracks for great harbour & plains views, return down Worsley Spur.

Grade : 1 Time : 4 – 5 hrs

Depart : Carpark at top of Worsley Rd at 9.00 AM

Leader : Margaret Wardle Ph 980-9724

Tiromoana Bush Walkway & Ella Peak N56

Cost : \$11 Map

From carpark on Walkway on Mt. Cass Rd to cliff top. Spectacular views of Pegasus Bay. Evidence of forest regeneration. Proceed to beach and short climb to Ella Peak(348m), return via wetland.

Grade :2 Time : 4-5 hrs

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 8.30am

Leader : Howard Harvey 342 9377

Peak 1912m near Cass Saddle (New Route)

Cost : \$20

Travel up the Cass R to Long Valley Stm and ascend via creek bed and snowfield to saddle 0.5km west of Pk 1912m. Descend to the Cass valley track by scree gut and return to carpark by the usual route. A long day, involving 25km of walking on very varied terrain from flat river beds, gorges to rocky ridgelines. Ice axe required and possibly crampons (bring them in case we need to take them)...Note early start.

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel Carpark 7.00am. Collect beacon from Shell garage

Time : 8+ hrs

Leader : Stephen Sheen 03 317 9291

NOVEMBER 15

Living Springs Farm to Summit Rd PH37

Cost: \$2

From Allandale follow farm tracks to CRW & onto Bellbird for lunch. Return down Cass Ridge, O'Farrels track & through Living Springs.

Grade : 1+

Depart : Carpark opp PMH (river west) at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Carolina Kol Ph 03-312-7970

Worsley Spur to Governer's Bay and CRW PH11

Cost : Nil

From carpark up Worsley Spue to Hoon hay reserve down to Governer's Bay, along to Cass Ridge and up the Bellbird and back.

Grade :2

Depart : Carpark opp PMH (river west) at 8.30am

Time : 5 hrs

Leader :John Hayman 335 0984

Top Group: No Planned Trip

NOVEMBER 22

Woodend to Waikuku N 48

Cost: \$4

Flat walk along track from Woodend beach to Waikuku with a chance to walk round Rakahuri wetlands & salt lagoon with its varied bird life. Return down beach.

Grade : NQ

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader :Maureen Talbot Ph 942-6548

Co-leader: Diane Jackson Ph 328-8246

**Combined middle and top group
Kaituna to Mt Herbert and Mt Bradley BP06**

Cost :\$8 Map M36

Steady climb to Packhorse hut, around Mt Bradley to Mt. Herbert shelter. 20 mins to peak (919m). Great views of harbour heads, Lyttelton and Lk. Ellesmere.

Grade : 2

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.30am

Time : 5+ hrs

Leader : Ray Twist 03 310 7520

**Kaituna to Mt Herbert and Mt Bradley
Combined Middle & Top Group**

NOVEMBER 29

Victoria Park to Bellbird

Cost : Nil

From Vic Park to Kiwi & Hoon Hay Reserve. Then Faulkners, O'Farrells & other tracks to Bellbird, return via tracks on northern side of Summit Rd where possible.

Grade : 1

Depart : Carpark at 19th Battalion Memorial in Victoria Park at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Mary Brinsdon Ph 366-9119

Co-leader: Nesta Barwell Ph 348-0005

The Cathedrals/ Rakaia Gorge Area W33

Cost : \$14

Via Rakaia Walkway, then over rolling farmland to The Cathedrals.

Grade :2

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.30am

Time : 5+hrs

Leader : Stu McHugh 323 6333

Black Hill Range

Cost : \$21

Route: From south bank of Rakaia river climb to 2067m in the Black hill range. Ice axe/crampons reqd. This will be a hard long day. Note early start. Ring Neil Climo by 7.00pm Sat if going on this trip.

Grade : 4+

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 7.00am

Time : 7+ hrs

Leader : Neil Climo 03 312 4822 or 021 1622307

SATURDAY TRAMP

NOVEMBER 28

Lyndon Saddle & Camp Saddle W43

Cost: \$15 Maps K34 & L34

Bush walk to Lyndon Saddle, on to Helicopter Hill to admire the alpine flowers, then in open tussock to Camp Saddle and back via ridge

Grade: 3

Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel carpark at 8.00am

Time: 5 hrs

Leader : Colin Garthwaite 03 360 3770

MONTHLY BACKPACKING
TRAMP**Tramp to the Hawdon Hut**

(a relatively new, very comfortable hut)

Dates: 30 November and 1 December (Monday and Tuesday)

This tramp will be at a moderate pace and take 2 – 3 hours each way. There will be the opportunity once at the hut, for those interested, to tramp a little further.

Leader: Warwick Scadden Ph 351 9779

Co Leader: Bob Lysaght Ph 323 5585

Broken Hill, October 11—Photo Ian Fussell



Base Camp & Backpacking Programme 2009—2010

| Month | Venue | Days | Grade | Leader |
|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|----------|---|
| Mid Nov | Fallen Mountain and other peaks (Upper Edwards Valley) | 4 days | Mod/hard | Gerry Burgess 351 9883 |
| Nov 23-29 | Rees Dart Track , with optional side trip to Cascade Saddle | 5 days | Mod/hard | Ian Fussell 358 3724 |
| Dec 6-8 Change of dates | Lewis Pass area . Climb Travers Peak (1724m) then down Boucher Stream to Anne Hut. Next day up Henry River to saddle. Climb Mt Zampa (1710m), along tops to above Ada Hut and down. Next day out. One night option going out from saddle via Cannibal Gorge. Fully booked / waiting list. | 2 nights | Mod/hard | Angus Macdonald 349 7109 |
| Dec 10 - 12 | Black Hill/ Chest Peak — Limit 6 | 2 nights | Mod/Hard | Helen Wells 03 312 4028 |
| Jan 11-13 | Lees Valley - Youngman hut to Ant hut to Tarn hut. | 3 nights | Hard | Neil Climo 312 4822 |
| Jan 18-22 | Heaphy Track . \$25/night. Names ASAP for Do bookings. Good easy track. | 5 days | Moderate | Alison Chambers 332 9755 |
| Jan 25 - 29 | Mt Cook – Advanced Base Camp—Mts Sebastopol, Wakefield and Olivier. Stay in Unwin Lodge \$25/night. | 4 nights | Hard | Neil Helson 03 318 7335 Liz Campbell 357 4543 |
| Early Feb | Theatre Flat (Rockburn Valley). Options include Park Pass | 3-4 days tenting | Mod/hard | Gerry Burgess 351 9883 |
| Feb 5-7 | Moa Saddle . Cross Wilberforce to Moa Hut. Up North Stream to Moa Saddle and down to Unknown Hut. Via Grif-fiths Stream /Wilberforce to cars with a few river crossings. Date weather dependent. | 3-4days | Moderate | Stu McHugh 323 6333 |
| Feb 18-22 | Hollyford Track . Fly in to Martins Bay or Big Bay. Walk out. Fully booked / waiting list. | 5 days | Moderate | Sandi Leith 03 302 4797 Co-Leader Beris Whelan 358 5873 |
| Late Feb- Early Mar | North Huxley , Brodrick Pass, South Huxley pass to South Temple. (date depends on weather) | 5 days tenting | Hard | Diana Kirpensteijn 332 7534 |
| Mar 20-24 | Camp Sutton Base Camp near Middlemarch. \$20/night. Optional cycling Otago Central Rail Trail Mar 16-20 | 4 nights | Easy/mod | Howard Harvey 342 9377 |
| March 29- April 2 | Five Passes , anti-clockwise. Fully booked / waiting list. | 4 nights tenting | Hard | Angus Macdonald 349 7109 |
| March 26-29 | Lake Clearwater Base Camp . Explore new Hakatere Conservation Park. Many options from climbing to fishing. Fully booked—standby names taken | 4 days Incl travel | Various | Robin Mears 355 8676 |
| April 10-17 | St Arnaud Base Camp . Red Deer Lodge, well-equipped comfortable. Half day and full day tramp options. Also options for longer trips using huts. Bookings from 01/09/09 | 8 days | Various | Warwick Scadden 351 9779 Co-leader Anne Dolan |
| April 12—15 | Te Kahui Kaupeka (Mt D'Archaic) Conservation Park. Bush stream, Mesopotamia to head of Lake Tekapo or reverse. Part of proposed Te Araroa walking trail from Cape Reinga to Bluff. Fully booked—standby names taken. | 4-5 days Incl travel | Moderate | Robin Mears 355 8676 Co-Leader John Wisker 960 8323 |
| Feb 15-19 | Waiuta Lodge (Reefton) Base Camp Optional overnigher to Big River. Mountain biking optional adjunct. | 5 days | Easy/mod | Peter Mears 352 7282 Co-Leader Bob Lysaght 323 5585 |
| Late April Early May | Motatapu Track . Lake Wanaka to Macetown and Arrow-town. Steep tussock country. | 4 days | Mod/hard | John Wisker 960 8323 |

Backpacking Tramps Confirmation System

Due to members withdrawing from backpacking tramps at late stages the Committee decided the following conditions will apply :

- That a deposit of \$25 be paid to the leader no later than 3 months prior to departure if advertised more than 3 months ahead, otherwise at the time of booking.
- The deposit will be non-refundable except in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the leader.
- Although the confirmation date will be advertised the actual tramp date will remain sufficiently flexible to allow changes to be made on account of the weather etc.

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Jack Watt—355 3493 at annejack@clear.net.nz is the Base-camp and Backpacking Co-ordinator



A Guide to the OFTC Website

Following up from the article about the new website in last month's Newsletter, here's a more detailed explanation to allow you to get the most from the sites many features.

Our approach to the new website was that it should be easy to use, easy to administer and contain interesting and useful items, as well as being an archive for club information. We also want to make it interesting by changing content regularly. Our designer, Andy Ross, has done a brilliant job in meeting all our requirements and sorting out the many technical issues involved and we are just

about where we want to be with it.

HOW TO USE THE WEBSITE (with apologies to the computer savvy amongst you.)

When you open the site (www.oftc.org.nz) you will be on the **HOME** page. At the top of the page, below the panorama photo of the Craigieburn Range (3 photos stitched together, taken from Mt Wall), are a row of "buttons" which are links to other pages on the site. (These buttons are also at the bottom of each page.) The following information discusses what's available on each page.

HOME PAGE

On the left side of the page is a column headed "**Welcome**". This will be used to convey information about news, forthcoming events and items of interest that won't necessarily have been covered in the Newsletter.

Underneath the Welcome column is the Members Login area. NB You need to log on to view the MEMBERS Page. (see below).

In the middle of the page is a column headed "**Noticeboard**" and this will contain items of interest or articles that don't fit into the Trip Report Category or are too big to go into the "Welcome" column. To read the article left click on the heading and it will open. To read other reports in this section, click on "Read all Notices".

Below the Noticeboard column is a column called "**Trip Reports**". This section will be great resource for our club as Trip Reports, including a route on a map and GPS files (where provided) will be available for all, and will be archived on the website. To open a specific Trip Report, click on it and it will open, complete with a link to maps, GPS files and photos when available.) NB. These Trip Reports don't need to be of difficult "missions" or multi-day trips but can be of interesting day tramps. To view other Trip Reports, either click on those listed on the Home Page or click "Read All Reports" and you will go to a page that has all the Trip Reports available.

Below the Trip Report area will be a "**Featured Photo**" which will be a photo that someone has submitted to us which we think worthy of being put on the Home Page. These will be changed on a regular basis and will also be in the Photo section.

NOTICEBOARD

Click this button to take you to a more detailed Noticeboard section.

TRIP REPORTS

This page contains all the Trip Reports available. When supplied, there will also be a map and GPS files. The Trip Reports will be archived in date order and should prove a valuable resource for club members. It is important therefore that members take the time to submit such reports. Members are encouraged to submit a report (in WORD format preferably) with photos if available to one of the web Administrators after a tramp and we will do the rest.

PHOTOS

This section has proved to be the most viewed on the website. We have many avid and skilful photographers in the club, who take a lot of very good photos and love showing them to others. It's great to see what people are doing on the tramps and this is an ideal way to show that.

The photos are displayed in albums either relating to trips or are peoples own collections. To view an album, double left click on the photo album you wish to view and it will open, displaying thumbnail size photos on the left side of the page, and a bigger photo on the right. Use the "next photo" or "previous photo" to view all the album photos. If you wish to look at only a specific photo, double left click on the thumbnail photo. Should you wish to look at bigger size than on the page, left click on "Download Full Size Image" underneath the photo.

We invite anyone to submit a collection of their favourite tramping photos. Several members have already done so and there are some great photos to look at. To keep the file sizes and workload to manageable proportions, and to encourage people to consider what they photograph, we have set a limit on the number of photos for the various albums.

For an Individual Collection, it is **12** (note that you can add new photos to this collection-we will take out a corresponding number of the existing ones to keep the collection size to **12**) for a multi-day backpacking trip, it's also **12**, and for a day tramp, **6**. When sending the photos, try and keep the files size under 500kbs, but bigger than an email size. If you're not sure about this, please ask one of the administrators and we will help.

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A Guide to the OFTC Website (continued)

EQUIPMENT

This section is taken from Club Rules and notes and is self explanatory

JOINING

This section details the process that prospective members need to follow when wishing to join the OFTC.

ABOUT US

This section contains detail on the following subjects:-

[The Origins of the Club](#)

[Club Rules](#)

[Club Organisation](#)

[Responsibilities of Membership](#)

MEMBERS

NB. This section is available only after you have logged on via the logon box at the bottom left of the Home Page. (The "Members" button only appears after you have logged on.)

This section contains sub-sections that link to **Committee Minutes** (so you know what's happening), a complete, up to date **Membership List**, a complete list of all **Club Tramps** (used primarily by Tramp Planners) and the latest version of the **Club Handbook**.

NEWSLETTER

This section contains all the Newsletters since March 2009, with the most recent at the top. Clicking on a specific Newsletter opens it, and you can then print it out, if required. These Newsletters will be archived on the website.

TRIPS

This section covers the type of trips the club runs, the way in which they're graded and how the transport costs are arrived at.

LINKS

This section contains a list of links to interesting and useful websites. If you have a website address that you think others in the club might find useful, please send it to one of the administrators. (This section will keep you occupied for hours!)

CONTACTS

This section contains contact details and email links to all the club officers. Please use these when you wish to contact any of them.

Should you have any queries about the website, or suggestions as to how it could be improved, please contact one of the Web Administrators. We welcome your comments-it is, after all, your website!

PS. As a matter of interest, we get an average of 100 views a day on the website.

Paul Knox Gavin Hampton

Your OFTC Committee :

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