

HUT ACCESS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

As you may be aware, (or not), the Clubs AGM on 27th February discussed a proposal to extend access to the Hut by families.

Out of that discussion at the AGM a proposal was passed to allow family access to the Hut mid week during school holidays with the exception of Christmas.

The club committee met 6th April with Ben Pearce and Mike Fenwick, proposers and seconders of the AGM proposal, to consider the practicalities of implementing the proposal. The following has been agreed to balance the access needs of different hut users.

1. Families with children continue to have access to the Hut on the third weekend of each month.
2. Around the third weekend In August this will be extended so that families have access to the Hut from the preceding Monday night to the following Thursday night – i.e. a period of eleven nights.
3. In addition, at Easter, families will be able to use the Hut, Monday night to Thursday night during the first **or** second week of the school holidays to be determined at the beginning of the year and highlighted on the club hut booking calendar on the club website. The same arrangements for linking this with the family weekend apply and will be clearly highlighted on the Hut booking calendar.
4. All family members pay Hut fees irrespective of age.
5. All the above dates to be highlighted in the Hut booking calendar on the club website and school holiday dates will be as for Redcar and Cleveland local authority.
6. The committee will in the next few weeks come up with a procedure whereby families acknowledge the risks and constraints of using the hut and (as we are sure is already the case), explicitly accept that it is their responsibility to manage Hut use by children so that no risks and dangers ensue.
7. The Hut will not be exclusively for the use of families on the above dates. Other club members may continue to use the Hut at these times, but will need to be aware that there may be young children present. All club members should act with consideration and courtesy to other Hut users.
8. Lastly, it needs to be remembered that the Cleveland and Chamois Club have a reciprocal Hut access agreement and up to four Chamois members are allowed to use the Cleveland Hut at any time including the above family access times.

I believe this now makes matters clearer and removes the ambiguities around access to the hut for families with children. Please contact any committee member or Ben or Mike if you would like any of the above points clarifying.

Thank you

Stu Bradley
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