

Does it seem to you too that 2013 has just flown past?

Looking back, our boutique enterprise has allowed us to enjoy many good [Alpinism & Ski adventures](#) again and meet more fantastic people in both hemispheres. Here some snap shots and should you want to join or recommend us for an Alpinism activity or simply the use of our [Alpinism studio](#) for an independent holiday in our paradise, don't hesitate!



In Europe, Gary finished the time in the mountains by assisting friend and colleague mountain guide Steve Jones with an interesting film safety job on the Matterhorn. Jim from Australia had a week of climbing mixed with a bit of mountaineering instruction in Switzerland with the chief; a few classic alpine trips with ISM and an awesome number of great multi pitch rock climbing trips with Iris filled the couple of months based there. There already is talk about specialized instruction by the expert at an advanced level during June next summer in Iceland, but for now we enjoy the New Zealand mountains.

Apart from the usual mountaineering, climbing and ski touring activities, there is often a bit of politic going on at the Alpinism & Ski base. It is mostly about the mountain guiding industry and recently, Gary, as president of the Kiwi guides, has again represented his country and colleagues, this time in Peru.

If not guiding and/or on instruction courses, the chief keeps being involved with the Search and Rescue matters of the Alpine Cliff Rescue teams, though wonderfully this has been a bit more quiet for him lately. However, he is starring in the series about High Country rescues which TVNZ is showing again and may be thanks to those, the message about safety in the mountains gets out there a bit more.

Meanwhile, from our small office at the base, we are pleased to announce our brand new social media buttons, both, on the [website](#) as well as the [blog](#), so more ways to check out the where and how of what we do, photo albums, feedback and more... see also our new signature. But please note, the best (fastest) ways of communication with us are still email and phone.

**Service of mountain guiding:** there are dates available during the next few months, so if you wish to book the expertise of the chief, Gary Dickson himself, check in with your favourite dates. Iris too has guided treks lined up and the studio is busy at times, though there is room for more soft recreational package deals, just ask.



**Alpine Trekking, Climbing & Mountaineering**  
Instruction courses, Ascents  
Soft recreational guided hiking, walks, flora-fauna  
Alpinism studio Wanaka accommodation

**we wish you**

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**

**plus plenty of faboulous adventures,  
peace, love and good health!**



**Southern Alps of NZ: climb Mt Cook, Tasman, Aspiring and more, learn/use technical mountaineering skills**

On that note, keep having fun, exceptional holidays and stay safe!



Gary & Iris

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