

SkyWords – Sep 08

The Newsletter of the DHPC

Baildon Sod

Keep an eye on the website and check your inbox for the Baildon Sod is coming soon. The SOD is a glide angle competition, with a twist. Open to Hang-gliders and Paragliders of any class the idea is to fly the furthest from launch usually the East face of Baildon moor. The angle of the slope at launch is close to the average glide angle, if you can get off watch out because the bracken is tall enough to fully consume the unwary pilot. All makes for great fun, rounded off with a pint and pizza at the local pub. We will try to give a couple of days notice beforehand, and will send out a confirmation email on the day. See you all there. Kev & Ogi

Roses go to the Pennine Club

The boys from the Pennine Club carried off the War of the Roses trophy after a close run battle between the two clubs. The comp was spread over the weekend with flying on both days. Saturday at Wether Fell the comp set off with some light wind ridge soaring, which became a little thermic later on. Small weak thermals gave a steady ride for a few hundred feet before disappearing. Two pilots managed to climb away under the only cloud that had formed for ages, Richard Crossley of the Pennine Club and our Pete Balmforth. The thermal stopped working a little way over the back leaving them a glide down the valley, after just over 6km Richard had managed to sneak an extra 30 meters past Pete's landing to win the day. The wind had gone SW by early evening so it was off to Staggs Fell for a little more soaring before we headed to the pub.

Sunday we set off for Dodd Fell on the strength of a westerly forecast, the task was set, TP1 Wether Fell and then open distance. As we arrived at Dodd it was slightly off to the south and light, Richard Crossley was off first, he flew down the ridge, got a thermal and was away. Two more pilots launched but after a few beats were back on the ground. The wind went even more round to the SW which kept everyone on the ground. Richard had managed to fly over Wether and on for about 6km again winning the day. Well done to everyone who took part, now we have a task for next year, win back the Roses! Kev.

Club Nights

To kick off Club Nights for this Winter (it can't be September already, can it?) we are holding a 'Meet the Committee' at the Riverside Hotel in Ilkley this Thursday (4th September). The idea is to get as many committee members there as is possible so that new (and perhaps not so new) members can find out who these mysterious people are, over a pint or two. Aim to get there before 8pm 'cause the beer is cheaper then. If we can get our act together there will be the chance to watch a flying DVD as well.

For Sale

If you have anything you want to buy, sell, announce or question then I am more than happy to include it in the newsletter. Send it to me at mr Baxter@hotmail.co.uk

Club Coaches

The jump from school to club can be intimidating. If you are a recently qualified CP, haven't flown a site before, haven't flown for a while and are a bit rusty, want some advice, or just need a reliable companion to fly with then please get in touch with a Club Coach. These good and trusty people have volunteered to help new pilots to our club.

Name	Available	Location	Phone
Hang Gliding Club Coaches			
Trevor Birkbeck	Various	Ripon	01765 658486
Alistair Irving	Various	Huddersfield	01484 844898
Steve Mann	Weekends	Kirby Malzeard	01765 650374
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John Ellison	Various	Gargrave	07791 887693
Noel Whittall	Various	Leeds	01132 502043
Steve Mann	Weekends	Kirby Moorside	01751 433130
Pete Logan	Various	ShIPLEY	07720 425146
Peter & Sara Spillett	Weekends	Skipton	01756 760229
Tony Pickering & Zena Stevens	Various	Otley	01943 466632
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Kevin McLoughlin	Weekends	Lancaster	07767 652233
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