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Monthly Newsletter of the Dales Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club

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this day. The Riverside had loads going for it, lots of parking area, lovely venue by the river, etc which is why we've stayed so long, probably 25 years. However, things have changed – it's much busier now, sometimes when we arrive, there are still people eating in the room we use and there's always noise from the bar, football on the telly, which is not so good if we have a visiting speaker.

So it's time to change. Tony Pickering has been doing a fair bit of research and we are now moving to this:

From the Editor, Dennis Wray

Well, so far I haven't received any of your jottings about your flying adventures! This means either that you haven't been flying this year, or alternatively you have been too busy to put pen to paper or to bang out a few lines on your computer! Now that Christmas is over, and all the celebrations, please think about sending a few lines for the Newsletter – anything at all about any days out flying here or abroad! Here's wishing you a Happy New Year!

Please send your contributions directly to me - my email is d.wray@leeds.ac.uk

News from Trevor Birkbeck:

New monthly venue for the DHPC club nights!

We have been using the Riverside Hotel for a very long time for our Club Venue – originally Kristine's husband Brian, who was a regular hang glider pilot, invited us to hold our regular meet at their hotel and, in those days, it was a very quiet place without a full licence.

When Brian split from Kristine and went to the States, we were still welcomed and still are to

The Black Horse, Otley



We will be using a nice and quiet upstairs room, get your beer from downstairs – Tony and some members of the Committee went to check it out – bitter was John Smiths but they soon will be starting Timothy Taylors Landlord. There will be no charge for the room, which

has not been the offered situation with some other pubs that Tony also looked into.

The pub is situated right on the traffic lights in the centre of Otley. Here is a link to a map of the spot.

<http://maps.google.co.uk/?ie=UTF8&ll=53.905748,-1.694759&spn=0.00273,0.009656&z=17>

Parking is available on the High St, Manor square adjacent to the traffic lights, but also plenty of parking is available in the public car park approx 50 metres from the Black Horse on the Otley to Bradford and Skipton road.

We will first meet at the **Black Horse** on the **8th January** as New Years Day did not seem a suitable date. On that date, we will be having discussions about coaching led by Ogi, and there will be a screening of a DVD about Flylight's Bivouac trips around Northern France with Doodlebugs. Quite a fun thing to watch.

So **BE THERE** to try out the new venue – see you on the **8th January**

More club nights!

Future club nights will revert to the first Thursday in the month, ie 5th Feb, etc.

On 5 Feb, famous pilot, **Jocky Sanderson**, will be speaking about SIV and XC. This promises to be **another great evening!**



On 5 Mar, we are hoping to arrange with John Silvester to give a talk. A First Aid refresher hopefully will be arranged for 2 April.

DALES CLUB PARTY

This year we are changing the evening to be slightly less formal

- More tables so that you can be sure to sit with your mates
- Great first prize for the raffle which is included in your ticket of a dual glider flight at Rufforth Gliding Club to 2000ft AGL
- Cheaper ticket price – great value evening

So don't miss the Dales Club Party, once again at the

Herriott Hotel

Skipton

on Saturday, 28th

February

– be there at 7.30 for 8.00 pm

Use the form attached to this Newsletter to order your food and get your dosh off to Tony Pickering as quick as you can!!!!



Happy New Year to all members!

Stop Press! Repack!

A repack session for DHPC members has been arranged for Saturday, 21st February 2009, 9:00 - 13:00 at the Otley Civic Centre. Full details to follow!

Martin Baxter writes:

Paraglider Servicing

For those of you that don't know, Aerofix are a company who will service gliders, repack reserves, replace lines etc. I got my glider serviced there last year and will be doing so again this winter. This year the club is running a transport service between Ilkley and Keswick so members can save on postage/petrol (postage both ways on a wing is £26.50).

If you bring your glider/reserve to the Club Night on 8 Jan, together with a written note with your contact details and what you want done I will take it up to Keswick and drop it off. A few weeks later I will collect your gear and bring it to the next Club Night on 5 Feb. Alternatively you can drop off/pick up from my house in Kelbrook (between Skipton and Colne).

I'm not sure how great the demand will be, so book your place in advance by emailing me at mr Baxter@hotmail.co.uk I must emphasise that the service/payment (by credit card) is strictly between you and Aerofix - I will just be providing transport.

Check out the Aerofix website at: www.aerofix.com UK Airsports are in the same building: <http://www.ukairsports.com/>



PG Pilot Exam Revision Day

Sunday 18th January 2009

Northern Paragliding

South Road

Kirkby Stephen

CUMBRIA

CA17 4SY

10am till approx 4pm

FREE (Donations to Air Ambulance/Mountain Rescue)

Could those of you who have put your names down for the above please confirm that you are still attending to Kate at katerawlinson@hotmail.co.uk

Sponsors

The club thanks Dean Crosby at Active Edge for sponsorship of the 2008 PG XC league.



News from the committee

Sites

Martin is having ongoing discussions with the tenant farmer at Great Whernside. The farmer agreed that we have respected his wishes for no flying this season, but the decision as to whether club members may fly at this site has not yet been taken.

Website

Various improvements are ongoing, including publication of a guide on how committee members can contribute to the website on a self teach basis. There will also be changes in email redirects on the DHPC domain so that matters concerning safety, sites, comps, coaches etc go to correct personal emails. The shoutbox will be reinstated on the front page for coaching / weather information etc.

Sites guide

Work is ongoing for the production of an updated sites guide, including maintaining the maps together with associated text. We are down to the last 6 hard copies of the current sites' guides. The PDFs will require some adjustment to make them suitable for printing, and the constitution will need reviewing, but the first priority is to get them onto the website. We hope to get the printers to run off enough copies for one per member and issue them in an A5 ring binder. Members will subsequently be able to download and print off their own amendments.

Newsletter

Small ads can be submitted by members for the Newsletter; also adverts will be free for flying shops/schools that sponsor competitions. Again, members are encouraged to contribute a few paragraphs to the newsletter about their flying activities, about any flying holiday recommendations, about the BPCup, or about the website etc etc. When available, the AGM minutes will be sent out also in the Newsletter. Copy date is a few days before the end of each month.

Coaching

Ogi is going to introduce the topic of coaching at the next club night (8 Jan).

Safety

Arrangements are being made for a First Aid refresher at a Club Night in early spring, probably 2 April. Also a reserve re-pack is being organised, using a registered repacker from the BHPA list. **Please see announcement above for date and location.**

Competitions

Flyacc: now signed up.

Dales club party

Full details are given below.

Membership

Arrangements for the electronic payments for subs still under investigation – full details will be available in the Newsletter when the system is available.

Library

The current library stock is being reviewed; some items that haven't been borrowed will be disposed of via PG forum or given away.

Treasurer

Two current accounts are being set up.

Martin Baxter writes:

Whernside Vehicular access to Whernside remains difficult. There are basically two options. You can either park just above Chapel-le-dale and suffer the long walk up or, if you have a driver, you can get dropped off at Bruntscar. I have been trying to negotiate parking near Bruntscar for a nominal fee, which would be a good solution, but so far no agreement has been reached.

Brantside. Following improvements to the track I have negotiated with YDNPA and the owner and we now have permission to drive along the track and to park just short of take-off, as long as we don't block the track. Please turn around before parking and leave a spot for others to turn around - it is a long way to reverse!

Pen Hill. This is an attractive looking northerly site near Leyburn. I spent quite a lot of time walking the ground and trying to negotiate permission to fly there but sadly it came to nothing, mainly because the area is used extensively for grouse breeding and shooting.

Dave Coulthard writes:

I managed to speak to a number of the farmers on Saturday. None reported any problems, apart from noting they had not seen much flying this year! Michael McKenzie (Hawkswick) informed me that he intends to carry out some repairs to the shed/barn/hut(?) on the slope at Hawkswick. He gave permission should anyone want to shelter there, providing it is left in the condition we find it.



Presents;

The Dales Club Party in Skipton at...

Herriots Hotel, Broughton Road, Skipton

on Saturday the 28th of February 2009.

Dress code is smart casual, 7:30pm start to eat at 8pm

*Last year saw the return of the Dinner Dance to the magnificent market town of Skipton... 'Gateway to the Dales' and this year we are returning for this annual do, now called **"The Dales Club Party"**, to the Herriots Hotel directly opposite Skipton Train Station close to the town centre. This event is a yearly celebration of flying in the Dales which also gives us the opportunity to thank the farming community for the use of their land and the club would really appreciate your support in this. Come along and bring a friend – it's a great night out!*

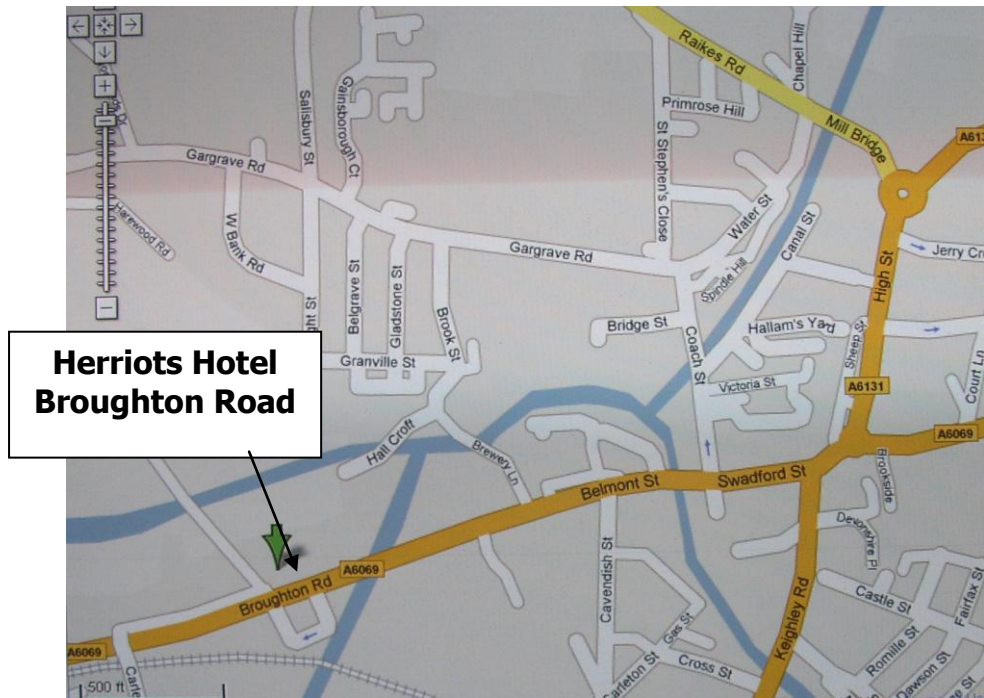
The evening will consist once again of a scrumptious 3 course meal followed by coffee, the presentation of the years awards, and is finished off by a disco till the early hours.

*Included in the **£20 ticket price** is entry to a free raffle to win a fabulous prize of a voucher for a great flight in a dual glider at the York Gliding Club, at Rufforth.*



*Check out these Youtube clips: <http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=S32JGGQulp0>
<http://uk.youtube.com/watch?v=VCDCxJEUgy4&feature=related>*

LOCATION



Menu

Please select the menu of your choice from below – one starter, one main and one pudding for each person – **book asap using form on next page**

Starter ***Homemade Tomato & Basil soup, served crusty bread***
Chicken liver pate, with red onion relish
Potted shrimps, blended with Yorkshire butter

Main course ***Roast topside of beef, with Yorkshire puddings***
Chicken and Chorizo casserole
Fillet of Salmon with a creamy white wine sauce
Mushroom, Stilton and Sherry Cannelloni

Pudding ***Homemade sherry trifle***
Apple crumble with clotted cream
Rich Chocolate Mousse topped with a strawberry

The courses are followed by Tea or Coffee with Mints

Accommodation

The Herriot Hotel is offering accommodation at a reduced rate of **£70 B&B for a normal double room, £85 for a superior double room, £100 for an extra superior double room and £55 for a single room.** To book this, please phone the hotel **01756 792781** and quote **DHPC Dinner Dance** or there are many inexpensive B&B's / hotels available within a short walk in Skipton.

