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Kate X

October Club Night

Thursday 7th October 8.00pm



Pat Dower

Pilot Skills, Safety and SIV

**The Dyneley Arms, Otley Road, Pool in
Wharfedale, OTLEY, LS21 1ET**

<http://www.viewleeds.co.uk/pubsandbars/dyneley-arms-maps-38906.html>

& Don't Forget!

**First Club Night of our Winter Season
Thursday 2nd September 8.00pm**



Jocky Sanderson Technical
Developments, Safety and XC issues

Chairman's Chat



Ogi phoned me the other night to announce that, with regret, he has decided not to stand as Chief Coach at the next AGM. Most of you will be aware that he has not been well for some time. Initially his illness responded well to treatment with drugs but recently he has experienced something of a relapse. Never mind coaching, he is finding it hard enough to fly himself at the moment and, as he points out, one of the key responsibilities of a coach is to assess his own fitness and currency.

It will be a great shame to lose him. He has been on the committee for 6 years; initially as Sites Officer, then Comps and latterly as Chief Coach - a role in which he has excelled. Before he took over we had an out of date coaching list and not much else. But having run a club coaches' course we now have an active group of coaches. The coaching days that he has run over the summer months have been very well received leading to increased membership and, almost certainly, safer pilots. Many thanks Ogi, and get well soon mate.

We are very keen to recruit another

competent Chief Coach so that we don't lose this initiative. But who? Clearly it has to be someone who is already a coach (see list in this newsletter). There are a number of us already on the committee but I wouldn't expect anyone to take on two roles at the same time. However it may be that we can find some new blood to replace one of our existing committee members, thus freeing them up to be Chief Coach?

If any of the existing Club Coaches would be willing to stand as Chief Coach, or if anyone is willing to give something back to the club by doing a stint on the committee (in any role) then please get in touch.

Fly safely,

Martin Baxter
Chairman



Hawswick Sunday 8th August

Pete Logan

Hawswick came good in the end. Chris Fountain and I made the late decision to go up there. Chris arrived first and flew, getting sucked up into a rain cloud and pushing forward to land. This was probably the rain I walked up in 🌧️. We then joined up at the top and launched into some scrappy thermals that felt like spring. The next thing I saw was Chris just going up and up without turning so I joined him in the wave that took us to about four grand. We had a boat about drifting through and above the clouds and then set off up Littondale riding the front of the wave bar. I made it as far as Halton Gill village and the down side of the wave bar coming off Pen-y-ghent looked pretty damn close.

I thought I was toasted on the way back as the wave had collapsed which left me grovelling along the front above Litton and Arncliffe but by luck I got back up to close the out and return. I reckon you only get two or three flights like that in your time.

Grove Head Monday 16th August

With the flight from last Sunday I'm obviously on a lucky streak. Again, a late decision to go up and fly, setting off at midday. Wind felt pretty off to the north for Wether but not north enough for Addleborough so Chris and I went over to Grove Head and found Julian and Tim packing up.

Thermals on the hill were workable to about 600 foot above so it was just a matter of waiting for something extra to come through to get the climb out. And it did come in the form of a huge, solid 4 up to base (and a little bit more... ahem). Chris was taking the slower climb so I waited around and we set off.

Base was a bit variable and we hit the white room some more and got split up. There was a slow section immediately after Wether over the forest and Chris took a more northerly track which didn't work out so well and I lost him after that. By this time a cloud street had sorted itself out which was going in roughly the right direction and although I wasn't getting too low I wasn't getting strong climbs either. Just bits and bobs over Buckden Pike were enough to get me onto Great Whernside for a proper top up.

Over the back of Great Whernside is a lot of lonely moor and there were a few decisions to be made on the route. I could see the end of my cloud street over Pately Bridge and there was a parallel one to the north east ending way before Harrogate and looking weak. Also the Vale of York was totally blue which didn't look hopeful. So I decided to ride my street to the end and fly slow until it either got better or another option arrived.

At the end of the street around the back of Grimwith Reservoir the option arrived in the form of jumping to the cloud street to the south west which was at least nearer. I have to thank the bird release program at Harewood House because I spotted a Kite at over 4000 feet which got me my next climb and enough to make

the next street. It was splotchy and grey cloud which was more buoyant than thermic but this had given me another problem.

In going further south I was heading for Leeds Bradford airspace which I could see well enough on the map. The trouble was that the cloud street went straight into airspace which increasingly consigned me to the side where the air wasn't working so well. In case you're ever there the guarantee of missing LBA airspace is to fly north around Menwith Hill.

I was treated to a nice long final glide pretty much over the Menwith golf balls where I was disappointed not to see any twitchy American MPs following me. On rising ground now up to the A59 I was pretty happy I'd (legally) had about as much flying as was on offer and setup to land next to the wind turbines which I judged would make an accurate windsock. They're pretty impressive bits of kit when you fly near them.

After landing I was a bit dismayed to find that the field I was in with four sheep in the corner had an open gate to the next field which contained a lot of bullocks who were starting to get a bit curious. Discretion is definitely the better part, so in one trip to the gate I took my deck and other stuff to the gate and on going back for the glider about six of them had cottoned on to my escape plan. There was then a bit of a race on to who got to the gate first. It was me by a narrow margin. The thought then occurred to me that leaving my red flying fleece on might not have been the best of ideas.

A quick pack up on the side of the A59 having to hold the glider down every time a truck passed and then a walk back to Chris' car which we had left at Swinsty reservoir about five miles up the A59. I even managed to get a lift there after a while from an army guy called Norman whose girlfriend lives in Burnley (Martin - you should try and make contact).

Chris arrived a little later. He had to dive

off and fly some terrain at the head of the Semer valley which didn't really work out. He'd managed to fly / walk down to Yockenthwaite and bagged a lift all the way back to my car at the top of Grove Head which is more than lucky.

Here's some cow action:



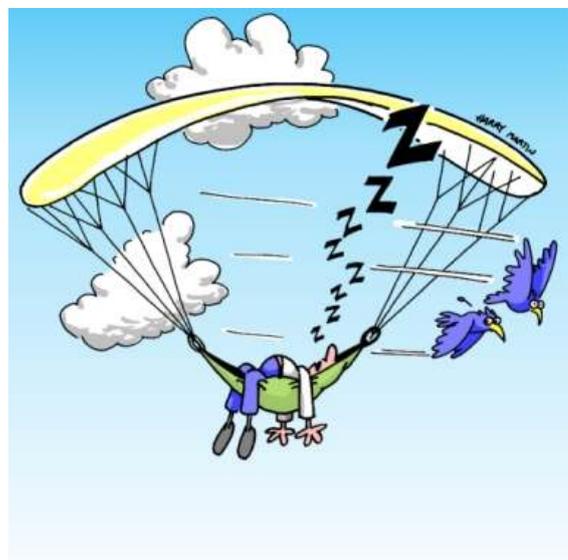
Pete Logan

Worth a watch ☺

Here's the video of our 21.5km run down to Thornwick Bay and back from Saturday in HD format.

<http://www.vimeo.com/14178313>

Rich Shirt



Dales Hang Gliding & Paragliding Club
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Hang Gliding Coaches

Name	Availability	Location	Contact Telephone Number
Trevor Birkbeck	Various	Ripon	01765 658486
Alistair Irving	Various	Huddersfield	01484 844898
Steve Mann	Weekends	Kirkby Moorside	01751 433130
Ed Cleasby (Hg and Senior power coach)	Various	Ingleton	07808394895

Paragliding Coaches

Name	Availability	Location	Contact Telephone Number
Sean Hodgson (chief coach) Ogi	various	Haworth	07999606084 sean@ogi.me.uk
Rob Burtenshaw (senior coach)	Sun+various	Oxenhope	01535 643872
John Lawson (-Saftey)	Various	Leeds/Horsforth	077470819678
Peter Balmforth	Weekends	Leeds	07714213339
Noel Whittall	Various	Leeds	01132 502043
Alex Colbeck	Weekends	Harrogate	07717707632
Steve Mann	Weekends	Kirkby Moorside	01751 433130
Pete Logan	Various	Shipley	07720 425146
Peter & Sara Spillett	Weekends	Skipton	01756 760229
Tony Pickering & Zena Stevens (treasurer)	Various	Otley	01943 466632
Kevin McLoughlin	Weekends	Lancaster	07767 652233
Martin Baxter (chair)	Weekdays	Skipton	07814 599754.
Ronald Green	Weekends	Hartlepool	01429 864229
Fred Winstanley	Various	Higher Bentham	0777041958
Richard Shirt	Weekends	York	07786707424
Andy Bryon	Weekends	Keighley	07796 421890
Dave Couthard (sites)	Weekends	Leeds	07595895149
Ed Cleasby (pg coach)	Various	ingleton	07808394895
Peter Rodgers Wendy Griffiths	Weekends	Barnard Castle York	07872 144549 07545 493634