

The Dales Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club www.dhpc.org.uk November 2011

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AGM

Club Night Thursday 3rd November

7.30 for 8.00pm start



FREE DRINK

Dyneley Arms, Otley Road, Pool in Warfedale,
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Advance Notice

Club Night 1st December

Thermalling

with Pat Dower



After his excellent presentation
on Pilotage last year, Pat Dower
returns again this December.

Pat is proposing to do a talk on thermals and
thermalling for all levels of pilot:

- 1) Basic and detailed properties of thermals
- 2) Mountain and flatland flying
- 3) Five thermalling techniques for different situations

Dyneley Arms; 7.30 for 8pm

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Chairman's Chat

As recent events in Libya have demonstrated even dictators have to answer to the people eventually. I'm rather hoping that the AGM on 3 Nov will be a less bloody affair...

The AGM is the place where the committee explains how they have spent YOUR money over the year, and how they plan to spend it again next year. It's your chance to ask questions and if you don't like the answers you can stand against us and have a go yourself. We could do with some new faces on the committee and perhaps now is the time for you to step forward and give something back to the club?

Probably the most important thing that we do at the AGM is to set next year's membership fees, based upon a recommendation from the Treasurer. The Flying Fund, initiated in 2005, has now grown to such an extent that it dwarfs our remaining funds; and we need to decide once and for all whether to 'ring-fence' that money (about £10K) - before we can make a sensible decision on subscription levels. I am therefore very grateful to Dave Bradwell for making the following formal proposal:

That the money held within the DHPC Flying Fund can only be spent with the agreement of two thirds of the members present at a properly constituted AGM or EGM.

If you hold any strong views on the subject then please come along and express them. Once we have a clear view on the Flying Fund we can then decide on subscription levels and what contribution goes into the Flying Fund.

John Lawson will be standing down as Safety Officer. This is such a key post on the committee that I have done a little lobbying and I'm delighted to have secured the nomination of Pete Spillet for the role. An experienced pilot and club coach I am sure that he is the right man for the job. Kev McLoughlin has also decided to step down as PG Comps Secretary. I'm not sure of the appetite for competition within the club at the moment. If you are chomping at the bit to compete next year then perhaps you are the man (or woman) for the job?

Statistics suggest that you are probably one of the silent majority who don't come to club nights and are very happy with the way the club is being run, by the committee, on your behalf. If you don't turn up then that is certainly what will be assumed. Oh, and did I mention free beer?

Fly safely,

Martin Baxter
Chairman



Coaching – Ed Cleasby

October Coaching Day

I've mentioned via the forum that I intend to continue trying to run club coaching sessions during the winter months. If possible these will be of an outdoor practical (flying or groundhandling) nature. I realise that the shorter days and colder climate may not be to everyone's liking and I include myself in that, but I've found each winter there are those stunning, memorable days that are not to be missed. A few years ago I recall 'nipping' out to Barkin fell for an hours messing about, unfortunately the 'hour' was just before Christmas dinner. I enjoyed the afternoon exploring the length of the ridge in smooth winter lift I didn't enjoy the reception on arriving back home afterwards!

Besides trying for active coaching I'm also considering perhaps an indoor session just one initially to see how it goes and which will centre on the theory aspects of flying/sites/weather etc. I also have a large personal collection of the latest videos (flying) and some unseen footage of coaching group members illustrating a few how to and how not too techniques.

After a disappointing summer we finally managed to get in the first of our winter days only to find it wasn't that bad after all. On Saturday 15th October we pushed the capacity of Stags fell to our numbers limit and for the first time since I got the sign system in place it got used. And it seemed to work at holding the numbers down.

On arrival the weather was looking good, but this is the UK, never mind the Dales and the lovely deep blue sky and light wind could soon change. Being first on the hill I had a few short flights, the first it was so light I nearly went down, the second it was getting decidedly windy on launch. For the second time in a few weeks I thought it was going to be another day blown out by wave. Stags seems often to be just the wrong place when that happens.



For about an hour it was too windy, although once in the air it seemed lighter and quite smooth. The hours procrastination seemed to do the trick and everything quietened down to provide a lovely afternoons flying with excellent take off and landing conditions on the shoulder. If you ever dream of those sunny days with 10 – 12 mph wind smack on the hill then this was it. My highlight was thermalling back in possibly the last decent thermal of the summer to 1400'ato with a couple of other gliders. I suppose the selfish downside was setting off across the valley for the Humesett ridge and then feeling that pang of guilt that turned me back to my coaching duties.



We had eight pilots out from the coaching group and I think all had a fair number of flights and much airtime. There is no substitute for having the time and conditions to explore your glider, a new site, flying in company and of course yourself. As we get to the end of the year I've seen the regulars flying a number of times at various places and it's pleasing to see the increase in skill and confidence. Stags is a great place to fly and whilst fairly hazard free it does have its foibles. Everyone made sure

they were fully briefed and I think I only saw one landing (safely) in a 'new' field under the hill. We also had a few pilots joined us who were new faces to the group from neighbouring clubs. I think they had a good day too as they have since asked if they can register for coaching.

Finally, from my point of view it's both useful and heartening to get feedback from such days. I tend to beat myself up afterwards thinking I may have neglected or over-looked someone in all the haste of activity. My thanks to Kev McLoughlin and Melise for their sterling support.



See you all on the hill again in winter woollies soon hopefully. ED

Caption Corner – comments welcome



Jimmy at the Pennine Camping Classic / War of The Roses



Noticeboard

Nonts Wendy Windblows

Unfortunately, I have just been contacted by David Green, the landlord of the Nont Sarahs pub, which hosts the Nont Sarahs Wendy station, to say that the Wendy station will be removed from 24th October, and that the Wendy station will be removed.

So, we are looking for anyone who has any useful information (particularly near the takeoff) please contact me.

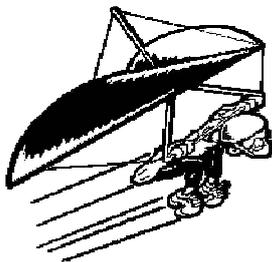
In the meantime the Wendy station will be unavailable.

Rod Buck

Wendy at Nonts

The Nont Sarahs Wendy has been relieved! The Nont Sarahs pub, which hosts the station, was due to close on 24th October, as the tenant had decided not to continue. However, the brewery has appointed new managers, and it seems they have no objection to the station continuing.

Rod Buck



Sutton Bank Shooting Dates

The Cayley Club have informed us that there will be shooting taking place at Sutton Bank during the following days and no flying should take place on these dates:

- 22 October
- 12 Dec
- 15 Dec
- 19 Dec
- 26 Dec
- 21 January

Kendal Film Festival- Free Flight Night

The long running Kendal Film Festival is on from 17 - 20th November at the Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal. The 17th Nov is Free Flight Night compared by Jocky Sanderson and featuring John Chambers giving a slide/video presentation of his 2011 Red Bull X Alps adventure. Details can be found below along with ticketing and other things from the world of extreme mountaineering. Well worth making a few nights of it.

<http://www.mountainfest.co.uk/programme.cfm>

Folks, not as formal as it sounds ;-) you're all invited along for a free beer and a vote this coming club night. All of the committee positions are available to stand for.....

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Dyneley Arms, Otley Road, Otley, North Yorkshire LS21 1ET
at 8.00pm on Thursday the 3rd of November 2011

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies for absence.
- 2) Chairman's opening address.
- 3) Minutes from the previous meeting.
- 4) Matters arising from the minutes.
- 5) Reports from officials.
 - a) Newsletter editor
 - b) Membership secretary
 - c) Treasurer
 - d) Chief club coach
 - e) Safety officer
 - f) Librarian
 - g) Sites officer(s)
 - h) Paragliding competitions secretary
 - i) Hang gliding competitions secretary
 - j) Club secretary
 - k) Social secretary
 - l) Web site officer
 - m) Chairman

6) Nominations are invited for all of the above posts - some existing post holders will be standing down (see Kev's words below) but if you have an interest in being involved in the running of your club, then please put your name up for election; the precise post can be sorted out later.

- 7) Election of officers
- 8) Debate of proposals
- 9) Any other business
- 10) Date of next meeting

PROPOSALS

1. Proposer: Peter Logan, seconded: Trevor Birkbeck

Competitions

That the DHPC offers the use of club sites for competition purposes to the BPCup, BOS (HG), and other inter-club competitions as appropriate.

Background

The use of club sites for competitions is infrequent but, since it affects members, it has become a tradition to seek approval at the AGM.

2. Proposer: Dave Bradwell seconded: Peter Balmforth

Flying Fund

That the money held within the DHPC Flying Fund can only be spent with the agreement of two thirds of the members present at a properly constituted AGM or EGM.

Background

At the 2005 AGM James Goldsborough proposed that a membership increase of £10 (£15 for joint membership) to be ring fenced into a fighting fund for future sites purchase. Following much discussion (see 2005 AGM minutes) covering site ownership, cost, membership fees, ring fencing and reciprocal rights, James amended the proposal to increase the membership fee by £10 (£15 for joint) to setup a fund for **ensuring the future of flying in the Dales**. The term 'ring fenced' was dropped.

The committee would like to clarify whether they have the authority to dip into this money (not ring fenced) or whether the membership would like to be consulted (ring fenced).



Some words from Kev McLoughlin:

It is my intention to stand down from the Competition secretary role at the AGM. If you would like to take on the role then please let us know before the meeting. The job, as I have carried it out in the past included,

Entering the DHPC into the national XC league. This is really easy now they have the website setup so you can just pay the fee online.

Approach manufactures shops or schools for sponsorship in order to provide prizes for the XC league.

Arranged club spot landing competition.

Be the point of contact for inter-club competitions.

The Baildon Sod (Pete Logan sorted this one for me)

The BP Cup Dales Round (Again Pete has always sorted this in the past)

You may of course have your own ideas on how the Club Comps should be organised, and I think it's time for someone new to take over.

Thanks to everyone for your support over the last few years.

Kev.

See you there, Cheers Pete Logan

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Library News- Melise Harland



The library catalogue is now on the DHPC website! To access it go to the homepage and you will see the library listed in white lettering on the blue band at the top of the page. If you click on the word Library it will take you to the catalogue so you can have a look, see what we have and have a wish list ready for the next club night. If you would like to pre-order any item from the catalogue feel free to send me an e-mail (Melise_Harland@yahoo.co.uk) and I will reserve it for you. Some of the items are now getting a bit dated so if you have any suggestions for things you would like to see here let me know.

DVD Review **Flying over Everest** **Written and Directed by: Fabio Toncelli**



Reviewed by Melise Harland

This DVD records the first ever free flight over Everest by a hang-glider piloted by Angelo D'Arrigo in 2004. Don't let the intro put you off, it looks poor quality but the film itself is much better with stunning images of both Nepal and Sicily, reminding me that one of the reasons I wanted to fly was to see the geology from the air.

As a side story Angelo also took with him two Steppe Eagles, now extinct in the region, to try to reintroduce them to the wild. He had been working with migrating birds for some time to try to improve his long distance flying by understanding how they fly. It isn't all hang-gliding, there is some footage of the birds being introduced to flying using paragliders to get them used to flying with the pilot. It wasn't exactly clear why they were getting the birds to fly with paragliders when the plan was to release them into the wild.

The build up to the actual flight over Everest is done really nicely showing the first flights on the hang-gliders he will use, he had three in total. It also has interesting science sections describing the effects of altitude and lack of oxygen that they would experience during the flight should their equipment fail and extensive sections on training the birds. There is some lovely footage of the spindrift coming off the mountain showing the intensity of the winds and the turbulence.

The blurb on the DVD jacket says that "the story grows in tension as Angelo D'Arrigo, approaches the moment of truth" and it definitely does. I found it not only tense but exciting and at times quite terrifying as unexpected things happen.

It should be mentioned that the hang-glider was tow launched using a microlite piloted by a Brit, Richard Meredith-Hardy who doesn't get credited on the jacket and I had to re-watch the section where he was introduced to check his surname. He did a great job in difficult conditions.

This DVD is well worth a watch or even two or three!

The running time of the film is 60 minutes with 30 minutes of Extras (backstage, the director, Angelo D'Arrigo, The hang-glider, Trailer and Photos gallery).

In the Extras the Backstage section is a neat little film of them flying a microlite, outtakes from the film and touristy shots of Nepal which also show the more extreme Himalaya conditions. There is a nice little sequence of Angelo taking pictures whilst flying over Everest intercut with the photos he took.

The Interview with the Director is what it say, giving background on the pilot and their experience of Everest before this adventure. It also explains the emphasis on the flying and what specialist equipment they needed to deal with the extreme conditions.

The Angelo D'Arrigo section is a short film of Mr Superman showing off, sorrytraining with text listing his achievements and goals for the future.

The hang-glider is again a short film, this time of the production of the glider with text on the design and also some technical data.

The Trailor is what is says with clips from the film and some that weren't in the final film too. There are some nice pictures in the photo gallery but they are quite small being surrounded by a box that provides text on the cameras, so you end up having to look through a couple of times to read and then look at the pictures.

The film has won 18 prizes at International Film Festivals including, 1st prize in the Montreal International Adventure film Festival (Canada, 2005) and Best Adventure Film at the Wildsouth Film Award (New Zealand, 2005).

Site Status Warnings

Bishopdale

Permission must be sought from the Gamekeeper before flying. No flying August 12 – December 31.

Great Whernside

The owner has threatened to sue any pilot who disrupts a grouse shoot and that could amount to £Ks.

Kilnsey

Site closed from 1st August to 31st December. No flying during this period. A new site so potentially...

Nappa Scar

No XC flights between Aug - Dec (shooting season).

Stags Fell (Full DHPC members only)

No XC flights between Aug - Dec (shooting season).

Hawkswick / Windbank / Knipe Scar

When landing at Windbank, do not fly over the plantation, as it contains game birds managed by local farmers.

Dales Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club – July 2011

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Ed Cleasby (Senior power coach) Chief Coach	Various	Ingleton	edcle1@tiscali.co.uk	07808394895

Paragliding Coaches

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