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Club Nights resume on Wednesday 4th September
The Horse & Farrier, 7 Bridge St Otley, West Yorkshire LS21

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Chairman's Chat

There were 2 paragliding accidents on Sun 19 May. Andy Wallis, known well by some Dales members, fractured his pelvis at Lord's Seat in Derbyshire; and Dales member James Taylor suffered a spiral fracture of both his tibia and fibula whilst scratching at Model Ridge. We wish both a speedy return to full health.

James, more infamously known as 'Jimmy the Hoover' has decided to give up paragliding for good. His gear is up for sale on the forum. Probably a good decision: I think it's safe to say that his short paragliding career has been fairly colourful. He has certainly been a larger than life character both on the hill, and especially on the forum. We wish him well in his future exploits: I think that Marie has something safe in mind, but knowing Jimmy it won't be long before he is scouring eBay for a second hand wing suit...

The good news is that the club has a new home. Tony has found us an excellent function room at The Horse and Farrier in Otley, and we met there for a committee meeting last week. The upstairs room is almost perfect for our needs – private, quiet and cosy: they even have

heating which is a bit of a novelty for some of us (although it does tend to send the committee off to sleep following a hearty meal – or is that just the chairman?). The food is a bit pricey, but the beer is good. You'll have to carry it up a flight of stairs and through 2 doors, but I think that most members are well practiced in that by now.

The only problem is that we have had to switch from a Thursday to a Wednesday. So from September, Club nights will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. But don't forget to have a good summer: blink and you might miss it.

Fly safely,

Martin Baxter
Chairman



Simon's Comp Column

Competition Corner

Club members voted for their favourite photo

online and at the May club night. Scoring was very close but Kristof Telus's picture of Nont Sarahs landscape and cloud formations emerged as the overall winner.

Many thanks to all those who submitted pictures for producing such a strong field. Kristof wins a year's free club membership. All other category winners and commendations will receive a limited edition DHPC coffee mug. We'll be running the competition again next year so be sure to accumulate some good shots over this season!

The winning pictures can be found here:

Photo & video competition



<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.156751237832434.1073741827.100452023462356&type=1>

The full list of winners:

Overall winner- Kristof Telus

UK 1st Place – Melise Harland

UK 2nd Place – Alex Colbeck

Overseas 1st Place – Simon Goodman

Overseas 2nd Place – Mark Gilthorpe

Video – Alex Colbeck

UK XC league

May has seen some epic activity in the UK XC league, although most of this has been ‘down south’. Still we mustn’t hold that against them seeing as the south had a relatively poor time last year and there have been some outstanding flights with several records falling, although not without some controversy. The May Bank Holiday weekend had exceptional conditions yielding another all-time record day on 6th May for a total of 6853 points, eclipsing the previous record from April 20th. A large contribution to this total came from 13 pilots setting a new UK record for a declared flight to goal, although several subsequently had the flight disallowed for airspace infringements. Mike Cavanagh and Barney Woodhead went on to break the declared goal record again the following day (it now stands at 176.4km – 238.1 points). Mike and Steve Etherington set the UK declared out and return record on 30th April (70.34km -175.9 points). Mike currently leads the UK XC league with a staggering 1176.1 points!!!

We’ve finally had a few good days in the Dales and the activity in the Dales XC leagues is hotting up, with 2 flights of >125km from Jake Herbert and Alex Colbeck. Saturday 25th April saw RASP predicting 6* conditions for Dodd Fell – drawing almost all the north’s top XC crowd, and some from further afield. Climbing out from Dodd in a gaggle of more than 40 gliders on a crystal clear blue thermal day was quite an experience! Sadly conditions were somewhat tricky, and the day didn’t quite live up to its early epic promise. Although several good flights were achieved many pilots ended up scattered across the Dales awaiting retrieves.

National

Rank	Pilot	Club	Total	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6
1	Jake Herbert	Dales	365	129.1	83.7	65.2	46.4	40.6	
2	Alex Colbeck	Dales	296	132.5	61.4	48.1	35.3	18.4	
3	Chris Fountain	Dales	137	69.6	39.9	27.7			
4	Martin Baxter	Dales	77.8	67.6	10.2				
5	Richard Boyle	Dales	61.6	37.9	23.7				

6	Zbyszek Latka	Dales	55.7	40.8	14.9
7	Simon Goodman	Dales	41.9	31.5	10.4
8	Kevin McLoughlin	Dales	40.1	27.3	12.8
9	Sara Spillett	Dales	13.1	13.1	

Dales Sites

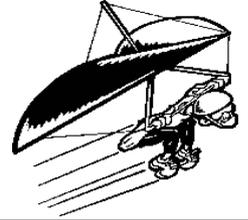
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1	Jake Herbert	Dales	130	83.7	46.4				
2	Alex Colbeck	Dales	110	61.4	48.1				
3	Philip Wallbank	Pennine		90.5	61.4	29.1			
4	John Ellison	Derbyshire		83.7	83.7				
5	Gary Stenhouse	Northumbria		79.3	47.5	18.4	13.4		
6	Chris Fountain	Dales	67.6	39.9	27.7				
7	Alistair Guthrie	Northumbria		47.2	47.2				
8	Richard Boyle	Dales	45.3	37.9	7.4				
9	Richard Carter	Cayley	42.8	42.8					
10	Kevin McLoughlin	Dales	33.2	27.3	5.9				
11	Peter Balmforth	Dales	29.5	29.5					
12	Tim Oliver	Cumbria		14.4	14.4				
13	Sara Spillett	Dales	13.1	13.1					
14	Philip Mackereth	North Yorks		10.2	10.2				
15	Simon Goodman	Dales	6.3	6.3					

Gin Meduno Wide Open

Dales pilots put on a fantastic performance at the Gin Wide Open competition in Meduno Italy at the end of May. Dave Smart, Pete Spillet and Ed Cleasby came 3rd, 5th, and 10th overall based on the 2 completed tasks from field of 65. Jake Herbert came 6th in the leisure class. More info at: <http://www.flywideopen.org/>

Simon Goodman (DHPC comps).

Noticeboard



Hello flying friend,

In January I launched "Thermal Flying for Paraglider and Hang Glider Pilots" in the second edition. Now it has 33 new and in total 296 pages. Info see my homepage www.thermikwolke.de

Brand new is the long awaited "Cross-Country Flying for Paraglider and Hang Glider Pilots" It is the perfect supplementary to "Thermal Flying". It comes in hardcover, has 240 pages, 500 pictures and costs 32,95GBP (app. 37,95€, depends on the exchange rate)

Contents:

- Planning a cross-country flight
- Online contest rules and tactics
- Cross-country weather
- Sources of weather information
- Cross-country flying for beginners
- Tactics, dolphin style, lee thermals, crossings
- The last few kilometres
- Clouds
- Flatland flying
- Flight analysis
- Tips for thermalling
- Speed-to-fly or McCready?
- Six best Alpine site descriptions
- Eight Interviews with the world's top cross-country pilots
- Six impressions of the world's top XC sites
- The detailed site descriptions are: Fiesch (CH), Fanas (CH) Pinzgau (A), Speikboden (I) Greifenburg (A) and Annecy (F)
- The interviews are with: Chrigel Maurer (CH) Jocky Sanderson (GB), Torsten Hahne (D), Mads Syndergaard (DK), Karel Vejchodsky (CZ), Heli Eichholzer (A) and Ewa Wisnierska (D)
- The site impressions are from: Quixada (BR), Manilla (AUS), Iquique (CL), De Aar (SA), Rift Valley (KEN), and Piedrahita (E)



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All the best and good flights, stay high fly far.

Burki



Sites Officer - North

My name is David Brown. Most of you may not recognise the name with perhaps the exception of a few members from the 1990s. I first joined the club in 1991 and remained a member until 2001 and only re-joined in 2010. During that earlier period I flew every site in the Dales at least once. I won't claim to be an expert on how to fly our sites, I'll leave that to our coaches, but I do know of the problems we occasionally encounter such as blocking access and parking.

It falls to me to resolve any problems and report temporary closures and therefore I remind you to check the website at the time you are making your preparations to go out flying.

I am currently introducing myself to the farmers and landowners, attending to an issue with the second wall at Semer Water and looking into the possibility of establishing a stile at Brantside to enable top landing behind the wall at take-off. It is more practical to undertake these tasks ourselves and I will make a plea for volunteers to carry out these jobs when the weather improves. Both tasks should not take long to achieve so fingers crossed for some dry sunny days.

One last point. I ask you to let me know if you see anything out of place when you are out flying so that I can pass this on to the farmer concerned. Let's be helpful if we can.

David Brown, sites officer (north)

Semer Water Closed

The farmers (Alec and Sandra Lambert) have asked us not to fly at Semer Water until 1 Jul 13. They intend to put ewes with their newly born lambs into the landing field and any flying could scare them into possibly permanent separation, with obvious fatal consequences.

David Brown is on the case and will let us know if he has negotiated any relaxations.

Although lambing hasn't stopped us flying at Semer Water for the last few years, it is acknowledged as a sensitive site at this time of year. Please respect the farmer's wishes, thus ensuring our continued flying at this important site for years to come.



Library News- Melise Harland

The library catalogue and back issues of Skywords are on the DHPC website. To Access them go to the homepage and you'll see the library listed in white lettering on the blue band at the top of the page. If you click on "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.

Don't forget to grab yourself copy of Ed's fantastic book "Defined Flying Challenges" in the library, if you haven't seen it yet it is well worth a look. Or even better it's for sale contact Ed if you would like a copy.

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. If you have any suggestions for things you would like to see here let me know.

DALES TROPHY PRESENTATION 2013 – Richard Boyle



The annual trophies presentation was held during the May club night. It has been said by many that 2012 was a year of somewhat less than ideal flying weather, and this is certainly borne out in the list of trophies awarded! The Baildon sod, and accuracy landing competitions were not run, and nobody appears to have won the Paragliding 100k XC challenge.

This left just 11 trophies to be awarded on the night, which was attended by a select crowd. I'm sure more of you would have turned up, but it was a lovely day and flyable late into the evening so it seems everyone has their priorities right.

The Paragliding XC league trophy was awarded to Mike Cavanagh (520.5 points), in 2nd place Ali Guthrie with (344.5 points), and 3rd place going to Dean Crosby (322.3 points).

Trevor Birkbeck won the Founders trophy HG (longest flight from a Dales site) for a flight of 134.9km from Weather fell, with Dean Crosby taking the PG award for a flight of 158.2km from Dodd fell.

This year the Northern Paragliding XC cup (the best triangle out and return or flight to goal) looked to be a tie between Phil Walbank, and Mike Cavanagh for a 150km declared flight they completed together, however Phil wasn't finished yet and later went on to complete another 86km triangle from Barkin fell to claim the prize.

Ella Pyrah received the Northern PG Trophy for best distance in the first year of XC, and the Active Edge Cup for the best first XC for a 13.6km flight from Whernside.

The club has several trophies not awarded for distance flown, The Cock of the Dales (awarded to the most enthusiastic pilot) goes to John Parsons, and the Cockcroft Cup (most improved pilot) was awarded to Mark Gilthorpe.

The Fairbrother Trophy (pilots pilot) is awarded to Alex Colbeck, and last but by no means least, the The Mark Sellen Trophy (services to the club) is awarded to Kate Rawlinson for her tireless efforts in keeping the show rolling.

Well done to all, and best of luck for 2013.

DHPC Trophies - 2012

Title Criteria Winner Achievement (km)

HG XC Shield

1st place XC league Trevor Birkbeck 252.6

PG XC Shield

1st place XC league Mike Cavanagh 520.5

2nd place XC league Alistair Guthrie 344.5

3rd place XC league Dean Crosby 322.3

Founders Trophy HG Longest XC from the Dales

Trevor Birkbeck 16 May; Wether Fell 134.9

Founders Trophy PG Longest XC from the Dales

Dean Crosby 16 May; Dodd Fell 158.2

Baildon Sod PG Fun Glide Comp Not contested

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Northern PG Trophy Best total distance in first 1 year of XC

Ella Pyrah 13.6

Active Edge PG Cup Best first 1 XC

Ella Pyrah 20 June; Whernside 13.6

Cock of The Dales Most enthusiastic pilot

John Parsons

Cockcroft Cup Most improved pilot

Mark Gilthorpe

Fairbrother Trophy Pilot's pilot

Alex Colbeck

Mark Sellen Trophy Services to the club

Kate Rawlinson

War of The Roses PG Dales vs Pennine Not contested

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Northern Paragliding XC cup Best triangle, out and return or flight to goal made in the Dales

Philip Wallbank 9 Oct; Barkin 86.6

Paragliding 100K XC Challenge Best first2 100K total from 6 best flights. Not awarded

Dales Accuracy Landing Comp 1st Not contested 2nd Not contested 3rd Not contested

Dales Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club – February 2013

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Club Coaches are pilots who have expressed a wish to help less experienced or new pilots find their feet in the club environment. It could involve site information/briefings, developing practical flying skills, assisting on coaching days or helping pilots prepare for exams or invigilating exams. All coaches have been endorsed by the club and undertaken some BHPA led training – they need to undertake some coaching each year to retain their rating.

They are there to help you – please use th

