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Flying the Wainwrights

Winter is on the way!

The return of Club Nights—yippee!

Thursday 4th Sept

Horse and Farrier, Otley. 7.30 for 8pm

Simon Blake

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Chairman's Chat - September 2014

Where does the time go? I can't believe that September is here already and that the first of our winter club nights is imminent. I hope that you had a good summer: got some quality family time, sorted out the leaking garage, got the window frames painted, and managed a bit of flying. Of course the flying season isn't over; it's just that we are on the slippery slope towards winter.

My flying time has been fairly modest. I went to Spain as usual early in the year and then had a few good days in the Dales, breaking my XC PB. I spent a week in Wales where we flew every day! Back in the Dales I've tried 2 new sites and broken my XC PB again, this time on a new glider. Working for the BHPA has taken up quite a lot of time, and Chairmanship of the Dales Club still has its moments.

The committee has also had its distractions. Both our sites officers are currently abroad. I hope you got the message that the grouse shooting season is now in full swing, placing a number of limitations on our sites. And thanks to Gary Senior it looks as though we will soon have a new site at Fremmington Edge, just north of Reeth in Swaledale.

In June I welcomed Jan Tempest to the committee. I just about had time to reflect on what a good job I had done in filling all the committee posts, when Melise announced her intention to stand down as librarian at the next AGM, due to work commitments. So if you fancy a not too onerous job on the committee, or just want to know more about it without making any commitment, then please get in touch. Just think - you'd have all those books and DVDs at home to keep you entertained over the winter months!

We've decided on a date for the next Farmers' Dinner: 28 Feb 15, although we have yet to book a venue. At the request of the farmers we are planning to present our annual awards at that event. It would be great if more members could come along, so please put it in your diary now; and let's make it a night to remember.

I hope to see new and old at the club night on 4 Sep in the Horse and Farrier in Otley.

Fly safely,

Martin Baxter

Chairman

Noticeboard



Club Nights

Club nights resume in September

Always the first Thursday in the month—except January (2nd Thursday)

Always 7.30 for 8pm, or you could come early to eat with your flying buddies first (6.30pm).

So, that would be

Thursday 4th September, 7.30 for 8 pm

Your Social Secretary Richard Boyle has been hard at work on your behalf and has a great line up of talent booked to entertain you, starting with

Simon Blake

Of "Flying the Wainwright's" fame

Think you're obsessed with flying? Come and see what obsession really looks like!

Red Bull X Alps 2015

Just a few days to get your application in to be part of Chrigel's supporting cast.

Entry closes 31st Aug

Wendy Windblows

Rod Buck has had a nasty accident falling off a ladder. He's still in hospital, and therefore unable to maintain all the Wendy equipment. We wish him a speedy recovery

Safety First - Thermal Wind Mixing

This is the seventh of Nigel Page's safety articles from his website <http://www.50k-or-bust.com>. Nigel is a senior paragliding coach, and has been a member of the national team. We are indebted for his permission to reproduce his articles in Skywords. They originally appeared in the Derbyshire Soaring Club Magazine.

Nigel prefaces his articles as follows:

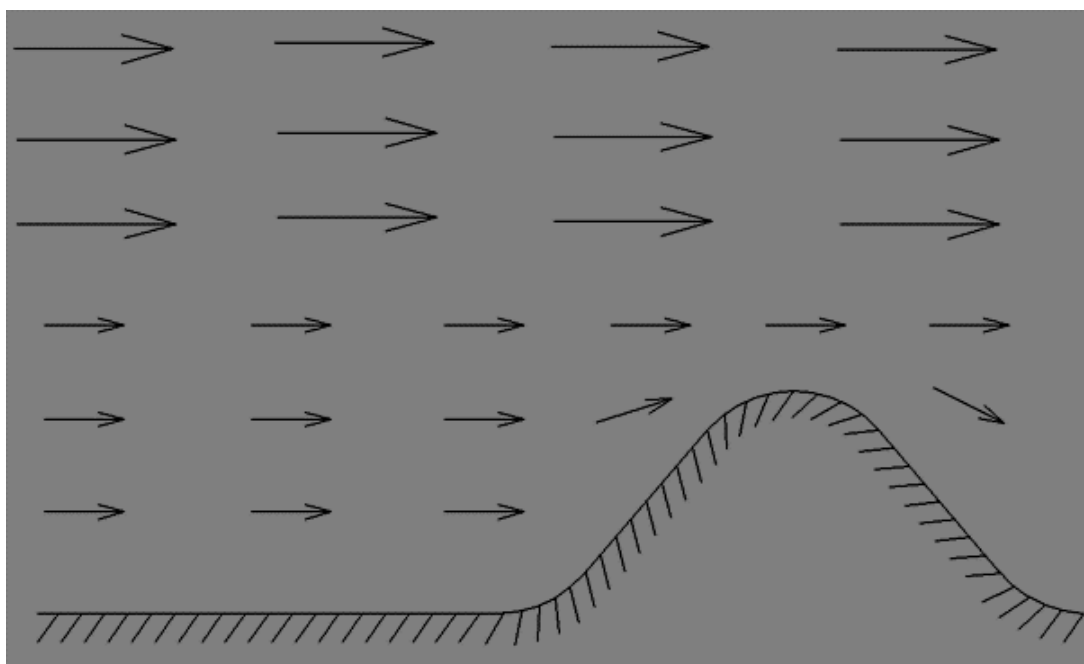
These articles are my best shot at covering some of the safety issues which seem to be poorly understood by some pilots. Most were written in response to serious accidents or incidents. I am conscious that they are only my own view of issues I have been able to identify. They do not constitute a comprehensive safety manual.

Some pilots fiercely condemn any attitude which appears at all negative. However, by their nature, safety articles tend to take this form and I make no apologies in this respect. Some also say such articles are just stating the obvious. This may be so, but pilots keep crashing. Perhaps the obvious needs to be stated.

Thermal Wind Mixing

Of several things that can bring a high layer of fast air lower down the most common in summer is probably thermal activity.

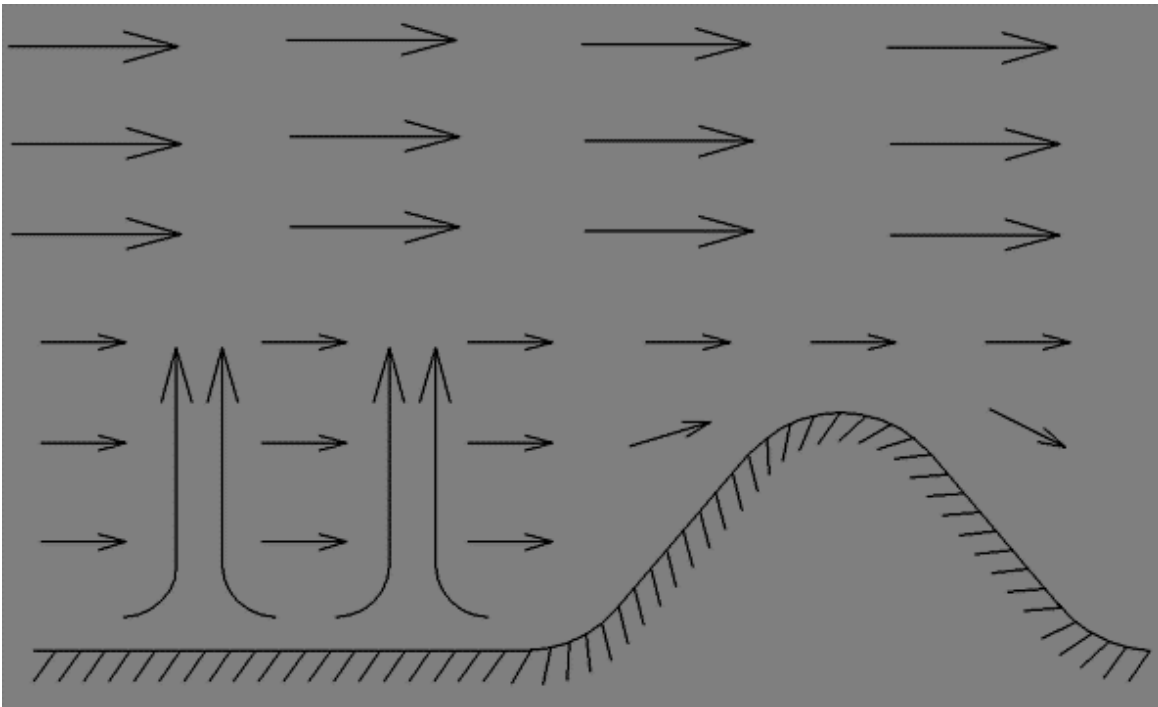
Despite a high wind high up, during the night the lower air cools and slows making a layer of very light wind which can extend from the ground or valley floor to well above ridge height (diag.1).



Diag 1

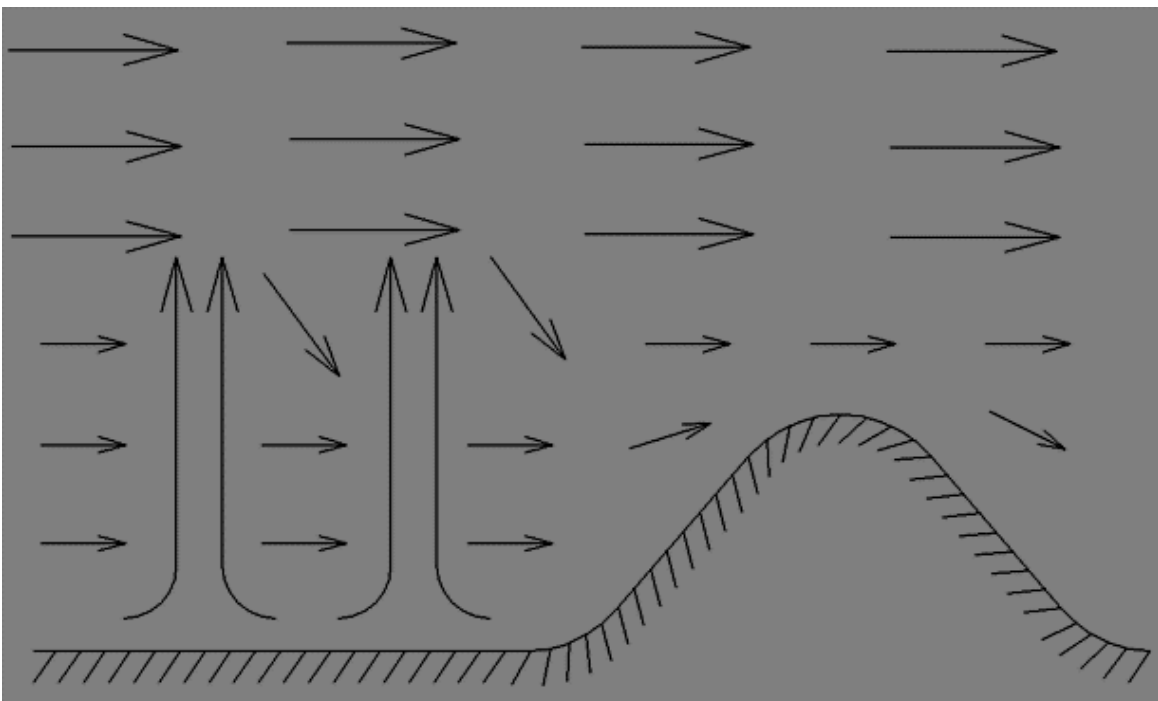
Safety First - Thermal Wind Mixing (Cont)

The lower air is fine for us to fly, some nice thermals start (diag.2) and we happily set about soaring in the hill and thermal lift.



Diag 2

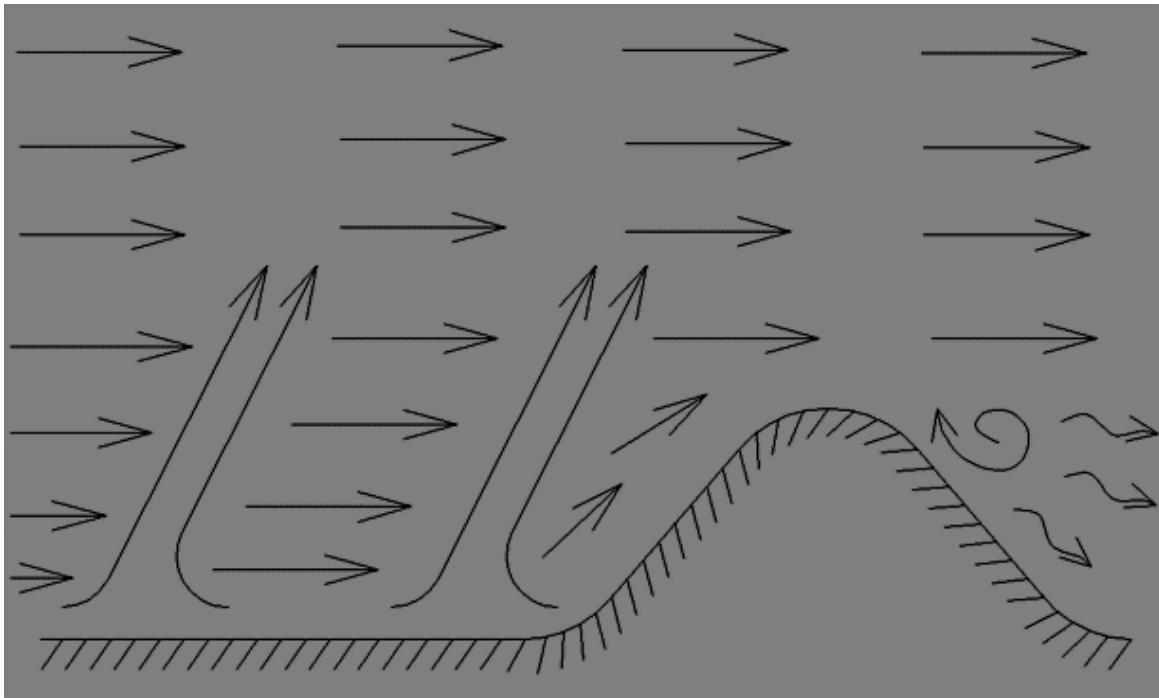
However, when the thermals rise from the “quiet” airmass lower down, air is displaced from the faster moving layer high up and begins to descend (diag.3). Such sink is commonly associated with thermals



Diag 3

Safety First - Thermal Wind Mixing (Cont)

Because this descending air originates in the faster air up top it has a lot of horizontal momentum. It mixes with the lower air causing the lower wind to increase rapidly. The fast moving air will often continue descending all the way down to the valley floor (diag.4) producing all the turbulence and rotor we expect from a strong wind.



Diag 4

Such a combination can make for a fairly wild ride and happen very quickly. On summer mornings the wind can increase from unsoarably light at the ridge top to being blown out in the whole valley in less than an hour. We have to be on our guard and ready to get down fast.

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Editor's Note: We will reprint this article early next summer, just to refresh your memory. Tam



Committee Profile: Mark Morrison (Tam)

Newsletter Editor

Still a relative newcomer to the sport, I started flying after my wife mistimed a question about what I wanted for my 50th birthday present. She was then unable to refuse when I replied “flying lessons”. My intention was to learn to paraglide and then move on to paramotoring, but somehow I have never bothered because I enjoy free flying too much. Each nil wind day moves me closer to buying a motor! Just over 50 hrs flying time now, I have flown in Majorca, Algo, Alicante, Oludeniz and Mugla near Marmaris in Turkey. The latter 2 were family holidays—we travel heavy as a family, golf clubs for me and my son, plus my wing, plus maxed out luggage allowance for 4.

Like many in the club, I have been seriously into sport all my life and have had long involvement in golf, squash, skiing and a bit of cycling and rowing, as well taking part in many other sports. Much though I have loved those sports, for me flying surpasses them all. Outdoors, hills, the sheer exhilaration of flight, testing your skills, having good people about and a beer at the end of the day laughing about it all are very very hard to beat for me.

Originally from Cumbria, I moved to West Yorkshire when I got a job brewing at Timmy Taylors in the 80s. Now I’m a self employed management consultant /interim manager in the NHS. A strange career path, granted, but at least it gave me a killer line when giving presentation to a 600 strong major NHS conference in Westminster a few years ago—“unlike you lot I actually can organise a piss up in a brewery”. Although it got a laugh, I haven't been invited again!

I fly a blue/green/white Buzz Z4, a little gingerly, and hope to do the Pilot exam this winter. (Got my first “proper” XC last Sunday, a huge 12.8 Km from Wether Fell—proud to enter the National XC league in 272nd place, out of 273!). Unfortunately working 5 days a week at the moment, so only out at week ends, but if you want a lift back to your car after an XC, meet me on the Skipton train from Leeds at 5.26, and I’ll be happy to drop you back.

Post script:

As I have a convenient space at the bottom of this page, I would add:

We are carrying an advert at the back of this newsletter for Paraglidespain, which looks like a good offer to me. I am quite interested in getting a group together for this, or something similar—October sometime. If you fancy such a trip, collar me at the club night or email me or message me through the website. There’s some pretty cheap flights from Leeds Bradford available too.

Cheers, fly safe.

Tam.



Simon Goodman - Competition Corner

August 2014

Since the last competition corner at the end of June a lot has happened both on the Dales and National XC scene. While August proved rather mixed weatherwise, July provided a sustained run of excellent flying weather with a flood of impressive flights added to the XC league. Dean Crosby proved you don't have to launch from the Peaks or South West to make epic distance flights in the UK, flying 216km from Dodd Fell on 21st July. This was not only a new Dodd site record, but the longest ever XC from any Dales site, and the first in excess of 200km. Reportedly, but for a flat vario battery, he would have kept going on top of the 7 hours spent in the air.

August 3rd proved to be a special day with both the UK open distance and declared flight to goal records falling. Mark Watts flew a staggering 275km from Milk Hill in Wiltshire to Cromer on the Norfolk coast, to claim not only the UK paragliding open distance record, but the longest UK foot launched flight of any kind. Al Wilson also flying from Milk Hill took the UK paragliding declared flight to goal record with flight of 225km, and then continued on landing only a few kilometres behind Mark.

Dean Crosby All flights

National League 2014

Results

Pilot flight 1/6



Turnpoint Flight on a Paraglider

Club Dales
 Glider Nova Triton 2
 Date 21st July 2014
 Start 11:36
 Finish 18:44
 Duration 7hrs 8mins
 Takeoff Dodd Fell
 Landing Nr North Kesteven District

Coords Show

Distances and Score

Leg 1	3.03k
Leg 2	155.87k
Leg 3	32.31k
Leg 4	24.99k
Total	216.20k
Score	216.2

Open Distance

Total 193.8k

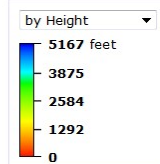
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Track color



Highlights

- Takeoff
- Zoom to
- Route
- Storyboard
- Default

Track data

Time: 11:36:59
 Height: 1821
 Climb: 0
 Speed: 0
 Interval: 30 secs
[More detail](#)

Units

Default
 Height: feet
 Climb: m/sec
 Speed: km/h
 Distance: km

Controls

To animate the flight: click a point on the track, use the slider, or click the Play button.



All the activity in the Dales means we are now 12th out of 33 in club rankings. Details of the Dales league can be found below. We still only have 11 pilots paying the subscription so that flights can appear in the National ranking rather than just the local league – it's only £6, so it would be great to

have more of our pilots represented there. There are plenty of pilots making flights but not submitting anything – every flight over 5km counts towards the inter-county league between Dales, Pennine, Derbyshire and Cumbria. This competition can be won or lost on the submissions from pilots on A & B wings, so even if your flights are relatively modest stick them into the league.

There are very few flights from low air time pilots who haven't previously entered the XC league, so the competition for the annual prizes of best first XC, and best first season total are still in contention. If you're not signed up already, get registered and start submitting flights here: <http://www.xcleague.com/xc/>. If there are any queries about the XC league or submitting flights, feel free to email me at dhpc-comps@talktalk.net.

Dodd Grid Challenge

The Dodd Grid Challenge is still running. Even though the XC season may be drawing to a close soon, the DGC can be flown without strong thermal conditions, and provides an interesting task for a non-XC day. More details and way points for the DGC here: <http://www.dhpc.org.uk/competitions>

BP Cup

Finally congratulations to Ed Cleasby for achieving 7th place in the BP cup despite only attending the Peaks round (<http://www.bpcup.co.uk/index.html>). You can read more about Ed's competition experience and flights here (<http://www.xcflight.com/flightlog-2014/august/>).

Dales XC league (as of 25th August)

Rank	Pilot	Glider	Total	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6
1	Dean Crosby	Nova Triton 2	542.2	216.2	79.9	73.6	72.9	57.9	41.7
2	Mike Cavanagh	Ozone Mantra M6	463.4	163	153.3	116	31.1		
3	Ed Cleasby	Ozone M6	433.3	116.2	85.7	77.6	56	55.3	42.5
4	David Smart	Ozone Delta 2	381.8	122.4	106.8	74.5	46.6	31.5	
5	Jake Herbert	Nova Mentor 3	340.2	104.1	100	44.9	42.4	36.5	12.3
6	Martin Baxter	Air Design Volt	253.4	98.8	88.9	48.6	10.6	6.5	
7	Philip Wallbank	Ozone Mantra M6	246.1	145.4	64.5	36.2			
8	Thomas Yeadon	ozone Delta 2	242.7	131.8	71.7	13.9	12.9	12.4	
9	Chris Fountain	Ozone Delta	235.1	63.6	59.9	49.9	25.8	19.9	16
10	Alex Colbeck	Niviuk Artik 3	199.7	92.2	76.9	30.6			
11	Simon Goodman	Nova Mentor 3	177.4	44.5	37.9	35.5	33.2	15.1	11.2
12	Steve Etherington	Nova Mentor 3 light	169.4	104.3	65.1				
13	Simon Tomlinson	Advance Sigma 8	144.9	57.6	34.5	14.3	13.8	12.7	12
14	Gary Stenhouse	Ozone Mantra M6	143.8	79.1	49.2	15.5			
15	Kevin McLoughlin	Nova Factor	128.3	40.6	25.9	23.3	14.9	13	10.6
16	Pat Dower	Niviuk Icepeak 7 Pro	128	128					

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17	Geoff Crossley	Ozone Mantra M6	123.1	123.1					
18	Peter Balmforth	Axis Vega 2	119.7	62.9	16.7	16.5	16.3	7.3	
19	H H Tsai	U-Turn Blacklight	83.6	83.6					
20	Richard Boyle	Niviuk Artik 2	64.7	37.6	12.4	8.3	6.4		
21	Krzysztof Telus	Skywalk Chili 3	50.5	50.5					
22	Gary Senior	Gin Atlas	37	37					
23	Sara Spillett	Niviuk Artik 2	33.9	33.9					
24	David Bradwell	Advance Sigma 7	25.6	25.6					
25	Mark Morrison	Ozone Buzz Z4	20.4	12.8	7.6				
26	Tim Oliver	Gradient Golden 3	19.2	19.2					
27	Richard Carter	Skywalk Cayenne 4	12.2	12.2					
28	Richard Tang	Nova Factor 2	7.2	7.2					

Dales Pilots National XC league (as of 24th June)*

Rank	Pilot	Glider	Total	Flight 1	Flight 2	Flight 3	Flight 4	Flight 5	Flight 6
1	Dean Crosby	Nova Triton 2	542.2	216.2	79.9	73.6	72.9	57.9	41.7
2	Alex Colbeck	Niviuk Artik 3	442.5	182.4	92.2	76.9	60.4	30.6	
3	Jake Herbert	Nova Mentor 3	409.6	104.1	100	71	47.2	44.9	42.4
4	Thomas Yeadon	ozone Delta 2	292.2	131.8	71.7	37.2	24.7	13.9	12.9
5	Chris Fountain	Ozone Delta	280.6	63.6	61.5	59.9	49.9	25.8	19.9
6	Martin Baxter	Air Design Volt	261.4	98.8	88.9	48.6	14.5	10.6	
7	Simon Goodman	Nova Mentor 3	177.4	44.5	37.9	35.5	33.2	15.1	11.2
8	Simon Tomlinson	Advance Sigma 8	141	57.6	34.5	13.8	12.7	12	10.4
9	Kevin McLoughlin	Nova Factor	126.6	40.6	25.9	23.3	13.2	13	10.6
10	Richard Boyle	Niviuk Artik 2	50	37.6	12.4				
11	Mark Morrison	Ozone Buzz Z4	12.8	12.8					

*You need to list Dales as your primary club and pay the £6 XC league subscription fee to appear in this list.

In the last edition of Skywords we had a nice article on the Lakes Charity Classic. The Pennine Parafest isn't as well established, but is developing and is worth a visit. In addition, I'll buy a couple of pints for anyone who attends and writes me a report for the October mag! Tam



The poster features a dark, textured background with a central, irregularly shaped, light-colored area containing a photograph of a paraglider in flight over a field. At the top, there are silhouettes of a parachute and a glider. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the event name in large, bold, 3D-style letters. The dates and location are presented on separate lines with decorative elements like chevrons and a dashed line. Contact information is provided at the bottom in a clean, sans-serif font.

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*Offer finishes March 2015.

See website or call for details.

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Club Coaches. This is an up to date list of Club Coaches.

Dales Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club – February 2014

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Kevin Gay	Various	Ripon	kgay@talktalk.net	07794950856

Paragliding Coaches

Name	Availability	Location	Email	Contact Telephone Number
Ed Cleasby Chief Coach	Various	Ingleton	xcflight@gmail.com	07808394895
Rob Burtenshaw (senior coach)	Sun+various	Oxenhope	burtenshaw@fsmail.net	07747721116
Peter Balmforth	Weekends	Leeds	peter.balmforth@ntlworld.com	07714213339
Steve Mann	Weekends	Kirkby Malzeard	steve.andbex@btinternet.com	01765 650374
David Brown	Various	Ingleton	d.brown208@btinternet.com	07757333480
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Sean Hodgson	Various	Haworth	sean@ogi.me.uk	07999606084

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 them.

[Ed Cleasby](#)

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