

# Skywords

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*Kate X*



## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Well, it's been an interesting month. I had a great time at Hotel California in Spain flying nearly every day and clocking up around 10 hours in total. Highlights included a 20km XC from the mountains to the beach, and sharing a thermal with an eagle. He came to join my thermal – honest!

My second trip abroad was even more eventful, even without a paraglider. It was a family holiday and we were due to spend a week cruising around the Canary Islands. However, when UK airspace was effectively closed by the dust from the Icelandic volcano it became clear that our return flights weren't going to happen. Fortunately we were with a pretty reliable tour operator (Thompsons) so we were looked after fairly well. We expected to be put up in a hotel until the dust settled (sic); but after a couple of days they decided to keep us on the ship and sail us back to Falmouth in the UK.

So it became known as the BOGOF Cruise (Buy One, Get One Free). The weather wasn't great sailing across the Bay of Biscay but we had free food and accommodation.

Shame we hadn't signed up for the drinks package as well...

Meanwhile Alex has been busy migrating the website onto his server. You probably won't notice that much difference yet. The format is very similar (with the addition of an events list and a working shoutbox). The key change is that all committee members will shortly be able to amend everything – so we have a fighting chance of keeping it up to date. Please have a look at it: [www.dhpc.org.uk](http://www.dhpc.org.uk) (you may need to refresh your browser) and feel free to contribute to some of the hot topics in the forum. Next job is to get the electronic sites guide on line...

Meanwhile enjoy the good weather. I see from the website that Jake managed 3 flights totalling 310km from Dales sites last week – nice one Jake. The Dales has a reputation for being good for XC early in the year and then going slowly downhill; so make the most of it whilst you can.

Fly safely,

Martin Baxter  
Chairman

# "Northern 54 Series"

If you've ever wondered about flying in competitions but have been put off by the prospect then the following is for you. Unlike most competitions this will be a low pressure comp aimed at lower airtime pilots. A fun comp in all senses. It's a great opportunity to broaden your flying experience by flying sites you may not have previously thought of flying (sites that you are eligible to fly under our reciprocal agreement with neighbouring clubs) and by flying with more experienced pilots (but not so experienced they disappear with the first thermal and leave you wondering where they went)!

Personally, I put off flying in comps because I didn't like flying in 'gaggles'. Once I started I found it was actually ok but if there had been something similar to this competition I would have given it a go much earlier.

A brand new competition is being launched this year the "**Northern 54 Series**". This will be an entry level competition for Pilots and Club Pilots with ten or more hour's airtime. It is the intention to provide two tasks, one more difficult than the other; so that the experienced pilots can help lower airtime pilots achieve the first task, before tackling the second themselves. This should provide a coaching environment whilst still presenting a challenge suitable for all.

Safety will be the overriding consideration when setting the tasks. The Dales club and our neighbouring clubs will hold one round each, held over a weekend, with camping and socialising as well as the flying.

If you are interested in taking part the please send an email to:

[kevin-mcloughlin@hotmail.com](mailto:kevin-mcloughlin@hotmail.com).

Please see below the notice from Brian Day of NHPC regarding the first round of this comp, and provisional dates for the others.



Give it a go.

Kevin McLoughlin  
DHPC Comps Secretary

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*The NHPC have offered to open the **Northern 54 Series** with a comp at one of our best sites, Cross Fell on the Pennine range of hills, just east of Penrith.*

*As we have opted for a site, rather than a date, we have said that we will hold the comp on the first suitable weekend in May. We will put the comp onto 'Amber Alert' for the weekend on a Wednesday evening, updating the alert as we get closer to the weekend.*

*Hopefully that way we can have a good comp without any wasted journeys, however, we guarantee nothing!!!*

*There is a good camp site opposite a pub who have promised me they will fit us all in, 'somewhere'.*

*There are a few sensitive issues with the site, mainly with walkers who complain that we use the track up the hill with 4x4s and parking*

*in the village of Kirkland which is quite restricted.*

*To minimise the effect of the comp on these issues the farmer is going to provide us with a field opposite the church on the approach to Kirkland. I am asking for a contribution of £1 per pilot to give to the farmer for his good will. We will try to provide transport for the wings to take off, or at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way up, depending on the condition of the track.*

## **DIARY;**

**May; NHPC round at Cross Fell**

**June; 19th 20th June, Pennine SC Round**

**July; 3rd 4th July, Dales Round**

**August; George Cayley Club Round, (Provisional)**

**September; Cumbria SC Round**

**October; North Yorks Club Round, (Provisional)**

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Saturday 8th May 9am to 4:30pm

## **FIRST AID COURSE FOR PARAGLIDER PILOTS**

Cumbria Soaring Club – Special First Aid Course

We know paragliding is classed as a

dangerous sport.  
We know we take risks - it's all part  
of the fun.  
But do we know what to do if it all goes  
wrong?

If you have the misfortune to be first on the scene of an accident - would you know what to do?

First Aid instructor Pete Cunningham and paramedic David Watt will provide a special one day of 'on the hill' first aid for paragliding accidents - including practical role plays in simulated accidents, diagnosis, treatment, emergency procedures, etc.  
Although there is a serious purpose to the training we can guarantee there will be lots of laughs and fun.

DATE; Saturday 8th May 9am to 4:30pm  
The course is at Cliburn Village Hall - CA10 3AL (near Penrith).  
A superb soup, sandwich and desert lunch will be provided with refreshments during the day.  
THE COST - ONLY £5 - but the booking cost is £20 - we give you back £15 if you attend!

Email: [lance.greenhalgh@itmanaged.net](mailto:lance.greenhalgh@itmanaged.net) and I will send you an invoice for £20 which you can pay using PayPal - SIMPLES!!!

COURSE LIMITED TO 25 - SO GET YOUR BOOKING IN NOW!  
JUST ONE DAY - AND YOU WILL BE BETTER EQUIPPED TO DEAL WITH ACCIDENTS AND PERHAPS SAVE A LIFE

## The BHPA Paragliding Accuracy Nationals



The BHPA Paragliding Accuracy Nationals are being held in the Shropshire/Wales area on Beyond Extreme, Long Mynd and North

Wales sites again this year, by kind permission of the 3 clubs. It is open to all pilots rated CP(H) and above. Non CP rated pilots are welcome to compete in the Novice competition but they must be accompanied and supervised by their own instructor. Come along and enjoy a weekend's flying at sites you may not normally fly, in a safe and friendly atmosphere. Transport to the top is provided by the organisers, but remember numbers are limited to 60 so get your entry in early. The entry fees are £35 if entry is received by Friday 28th May or £45 if received after.

[Location: The Royal Hill pub, Edgerley, Shropshire.](#) Camping fees have increased to £2.50/person/night this year. The contact number for The Royal Hill is 01743 741242, but for those arriving on Friday (after 1400) or Saturday there is no need to contact the pub to arrange a pitch as the camping field has been booked for the competition.

Anybody wishing to arrive before the Friday should contact the Royal Hill directly to arrange a pitch or contact Chris Haynes on 07973 166456.

Registration will be at the campsite next to the Royal Hill pub between 1800 and 2200 on Friday 4th June and between 0700 and 0800 on Saturday 5th June. There will be a briefing for competitors at the campsite at 0830 on Saturday and Sunday.

An [Entry Form](#), [waiver](#) and a copy of [the local rules](#) are available for download <http://www.beyondextreme.co.uk/nationals2010.html>

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Here's a link to Richard Welbourne's Hang Gliding photos:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/thealtitudeaddicts/72157623624226197/>

There are a couple from the British Open at Wether Fell last year and a couple from the first time he flew at Carlton bank. He's also uploaded a video of his flight a couple of weeks ago at Wether Fell in strong winds here.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPJATjnbjKQ>

Trevor Birkbeck

## The Dales Accuracy Landing Comp

The Dales Accuracy Landing Comp was held on Saturday 10th April at Tailbridge. The comp was scored on the total distance from the target centre from two attempts. Andy Webster British accuracy squad member was on hand to offer help and advice.

1st Jonathan Smith  
2nd Peter Matthews  
3rd Andy Byrom

Thanks to all who helped out.

Kev

You can see a few pictures here taken by Melise:-

[http://www.flickr.com/photos/melise\\_har ... 9626/sh](http://www.flickr.com/photos/melise_har...9626/sh)

## Carlton on Sunday

Does anybody know the pilot who landed in the fields below Carlton on Sunday?

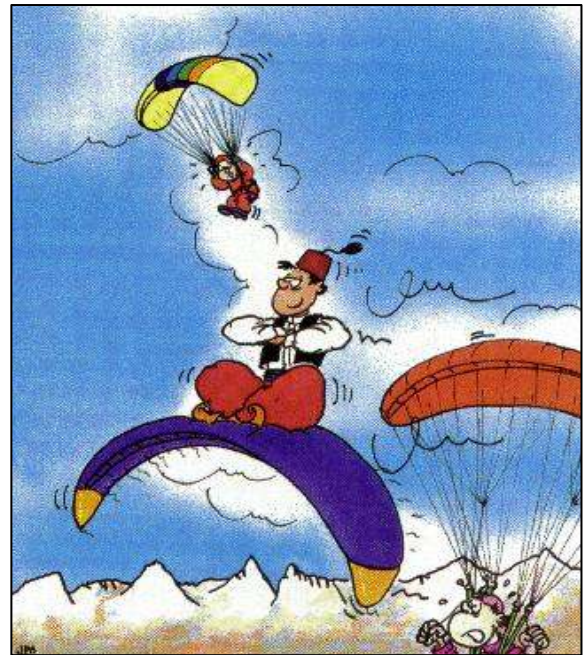
John Lewis (Sites officer) has been summoned to a meeting by the land owner, who also owns the take off.

Please Please note that anybody flying on Carlton must NOT land near the stud farm at the bottom. See the sites guide if you're not sure.

If you are below the ridge be aware that you have to make a decision early to head for Model or head to the official landing field in the village.

If you know the pilot please make them aware of the site rules. After the paramotor incident this site is getting more sensitive.

Let's hope the meeting John is going to isn't to inform us that we cannot fly Carlton!



## Dales Hang Gliding & Paragliding Club

### Hang Gliding Coaches

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

### Paragliding Coaches

<b>Name</b>	<b>Availability</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact Telephone Number</b>
<b>Sean Hodgson (chief coach) Ogi</b>	various	Haworth	07999606084 sean@ogi.me.uk
<b>Rob Burtenshaw (senior coach)</b>	Sun+various	Oxenhope	01535 643872
<b>John Lawson ( Safety )</b>	Various	Leeds/Horsforth	077470819678
<b>Peter Balmforth</b>	Weekends	Leeds	07714213339
<b>Noel Whittall</b>	Various	Leeds	01132 502043
<b>Alex Colbeck</b>	Weekends	Harrogate	07717707632
<b>Steve Mann</b>	Weekends	Kirkby Moorside	01751 433130
<b>Pete Logan</b>	Various	Shipley	07720 425146
<b>Peter &amp; Sara Spillett</b>	Weekends	Skipton	01756 760229
<b>Tony Pickering &amp; Zena Stevens (treasurer)</b>	Various	Otley	01943 466632
<b>Kevin McLoughlin</b>	Weekends	Lancaster	07767 652233
<b>Martin Baxter (chair)</b>	Weekdays	Skipton	07814 599754.
<b>Ronald Green</b>	Weekends	Hartlepool	01429 864229
<b>Fred Winstanley</b>	Various	Higher Bentham	0777041958
<b>Richard Shirt</b>	Weekends	York	07786707424
<b>James Watson</b>	Weekends	Leeds	01132 825827
<b>Kate Rawlinson (news)</b>	Weekends School Hols	Colne (Laneshawbridge)	07976510272
<b>Andy Bryon</b>	Weekends	Keighley	07796 421890
<b>Dave Couthard (sites)</b>	Weekends	Leeds	07595895149
<b>Ed Cleasby (pg coach)</b>	Various	ingleton	07808394895
<b>Peter Rodgers</b>		Barnard Castle	07872 144549
<b>Wendy Griffiths</b>	Weekends	York	07545 493634