

Skywords

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Kate

Chairman's Chat



As I write this (on Good Friday) April has already shaped up to be a fantastic flying month. It all started over the weekend of 9/10th with a total of 350km flown from Dales sites. But this last week has been even more remarkable. On Sun 17th we flew a total of 386km, with John Ellison flying 108km from Wether Fell to land just north of Whitby. Monday saw a total of 200km with Phil Colbert breaking the site record with a 96km flight from Semer Water. Tuesday saw Jake Herbert and Dave Smart climbing to 7,500' AMSL from Cow Close Fell and then embarking on an 'orbit' of the Dales, just failing to complete a 50km triangle. Some of us managed to fly XC on the Wednesday, and then the 'Mantra 4 boys' (Ed Cleasby and Mike Cavanagh) both did 70km + flights from Barkin Fell on Thursday. It doesn't get much better than that!

Please use the forum to tell us what flying you have done, and if you are a coach or experienced pilot then use the Shoutbox to guide less experienced pilots to the right

hill. Unfortunately we picked the wrong day for the last coaching day on Sat 16th. Wether Fell was overcast, cold and windy and only a few managed to fly. But if you think that's bad spare a thought for Dave Bond. He walked up Cow Close Fell with Jake and Dave but had to satisfy himself with a 10 minute top to bottom. Frustrating sport sometimes!

Graham and Sandra Brown from Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team gave us an excellent presentation and demonstration at the club night on 7 April, including a very interesting inside perspective on the RAF Puma helicopter that crashed at Catterick. The team were training less than a mile away and without doubt saved numerous lives that night. The most surprising (unbelievable) aspect is that they receive no government support – the whole thing is funded by charitable donations. The committee discussed donations a while ago and agreed that a couple of hundred quid would be a drop in the ocean to the likes of the air ambulance, and that we should target more local worthy causes. We made a donation of £200 to the Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team, which covers

much of the north of our area including all of Wensleydale.

Between flights I have been putting together the new Club Handbook. It's currently with the committee for proof reading and I intend to put it on the website next month, with hard copy to follow.

Fly safely,

Martin Baxter
Chairman



Don your pilot goggles, mount your wacky flying machine, and prepare to get wet... Red Bull Flugtag is back!

The world's craziest festival of flight will be taking off in Roundhay Park, Leeds on 17th July 2011. Once again, Red Bull is seeking to find the best in amateur aviation from all corners of the UK, outrageous innovators willing to design, construct and fly their very own man-powered aircraft!

So do you think you've got what it takes to soar through the skies over Leeds in your

own wacky design whilst your ground crew entertains the screaming crowds? If so, [download a copy of the design manual and application form](#) - there is no entry fee, so get your thinking caps on.

Email your application to us at flugtag@uk.redbull.com or send it to us at the address listed on the application.

Nont Sarah's on Saturday, 9th April



There was this huge fire that had been started by an unknown person. Fire engines were there and quite a few firemen went down to the valley bottom with beating devices. They weren't able to make much impact on the blaze and it spread right along to March Hill. We couldn't have flown anyway with all the smoke but the fire pulled the wind well off to the East so Richard Welbourne and I packed up and went home.

Trevor Birkbeck



NOTICEBOARD

Dear Mr Birkbeck

On behalf of Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team I would like to thank the Dales Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club for their very kind donation of £200.00; money given to Graham Brown following his talk to your organisation.

Swaledale Mountain Rescue Team have this year taken delivery of two brand new Land Rover Ambulances, these vehicles form a key part of the team's mountain and cave rescue operations within Swaledale and Wensleydale. However, the fundraising does not stop there and it's thanks to organisations and individuals such as you that we are able to continue our work.

Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely


CLAIRE SWAINSTON (Mrs)
Secretary

RADIO FREQUENCY 143.850Hz

143.850MHz worked well on Windbank on Thursday and on Wether Fell today. No neighbouring clubs have objected. So let's go with it (we can always change it again if we discover problems).

Dear Mr Logan

I am writing to tell you about a new aviation book that is being published on 2nd May 2011. It is called 'Dunge Bottom: Tales of an Unconventional Aviator' and is a collection of humorous tales of the adventures of John Clarke. John piloted hang gliders and microlights during the early years of the sport in the UK. I would be grateful if you would pass on this information on, or forward this email to your members.

You can read an extract at

<http://crookedhatpublishing.com/DungeBottomExtract.aspx>

You can also read Johns blog at

<http://johnclarkeflyingadventures.wordpress.com/>

You can listen to an extract from the book as well as see some pictures of John at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzzT7iYx0DI>

The book is available for pre order/sale from www.crookedhatpublishing.com and www.amazon.co.uk

Thank you for your time.

Matthew Webb

N Y S C Summer Solstice Gathering 18th June 2011

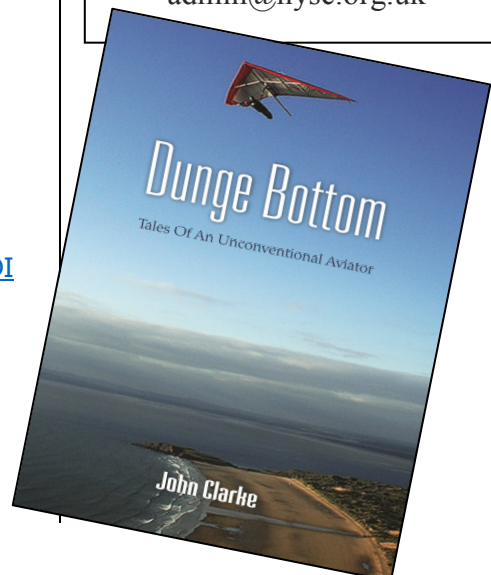
A long awaited Club event, which we hope will include Flying, Camping, Eating, Drinking and plenty of fun.

A comp will be organised weather permitting. All members and guests are welcome.

To ascertain numbers, could you please confirm if you will be attending. (please use your full name)

Flying only Y/N Flying and Camping Y/N

Please email admin@nysc.org.uk



STAGGS FELL

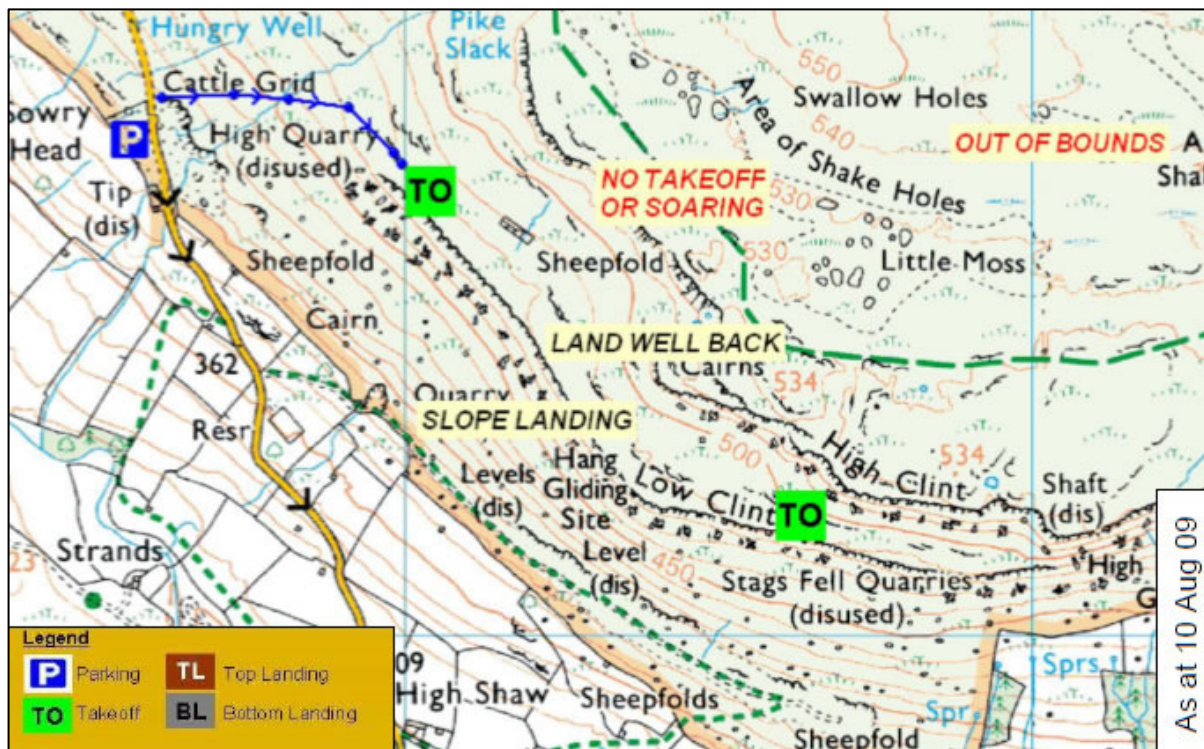
All club members are reminded that Staggs fell is a **member's only** site, and takeoff and soaring from the top cliffs is STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Endangered Golden Plovers nest behind the upper takeoff.

On recent visits pilots have been seen flouting this rule, if you do see anyone who does not seem to know the rules of the site please try to speak to them when they land and encourage them to either join if they are not members or read the sites guide if they are members.

Also on potentially busy days temporary signing is available (under culvert to left of grid gate). Fix to metal stanchion on access track. If you put it up you MUST REMOVE at end of day.

Maximum of 12 pilots on the hill at any one time.

Below is a reminder of the site TO points.



Dave Bradwell - Sites officer North.

Invitation from the Pennine Club

The Pennine Club will be holding a fun weekend, with flying, camping, and comps, and invite all Dales Club pilots to attend. The flying events will be on 14th and 15th May and there should be something for all. The camping field is behind the Green Man Pub in Inglewhite PR3 2LP, available for the Friday (13th) and Saturday nights. There is more information on Facebook, Pennine Soaring Club site. Please contact

Graham Jones (by text 07950010177 he's in Spain right now) to book breakfast(s) if you want to eat in the Pub.



We hope to have a "War of the Roses" competition during the weekend if the conditions are good enough. Would Dales pilots who would like to attend please let Graham know, especially if you'd like a breakfast in the pub.



For the competitions, GPSs will be useful but NOT essential. If people go XC, we'll arrange retrieves at the end of the day for those that need them, but there won't be an immediate pick-up, so trying to get back on your own will make things easier for everyone.

Please could any Dales pilots interested send me an email kevin-mcloughlin@hotmail.com so we can get some idea of numbers. You can also join the event on Facebook, Pennine soaring club site.

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. I will try to keep this online catalogue up to date so you can see if items are available or already out on loan. I am working on putting the reviews on this page as well so you can get some idea of what the books/DVDs and videos are all about. 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.

Dales Hang Gliding and Paragliding Club – May 2011

Hang Gliding Coaches

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Steve Mann	Weekends	Kirkby Malzeard, Ripon	steve.andbex@virgin.net	01765 650372
Kevin Gay	Various	Ripon	kray@talktalk.net	07794950856
Ed Cleasby (Senior power coach) Chief Coach	Various	Ingleton	edcle1@tiscali.co.uk	07808394895

Paragliding Coaches

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Sean Hodgson	various	Haworth	sean@ogi.me.uk	07999606084
Rob Burtenshaw (senior coach)	Sun+various	Oxenhope	burtenshaw@fsmail.net	07747721116
John Lawson (Safety)	Various	Leeds/Horsforth	johnklawson@googlemail.com	07747081978
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