

# SKYWORDS

September 2019

## Chairman's Chat

Nooooo! It can't be that time of year already? First club night of the winter season is rapidly approaching, and Tam has just drawn my attention to the fact that we need to start planning for the next AGM in December!

August brought particularly poor weather. It all started with my Stag Walk (STALK) on 27 Jul. It rained nearly all day and it didn't much matter how many peaks you walked – getting between pubs was enough to ensure that you were soaked to the skin. Particular mention must go to Pete Logan for carrying his wing all the way around, and to Tam for boarding the train at Settle with a crate of beer and announcing that it had to be consumed before we disembarked at Ribbleshead 16 minutes later.

Aviation was committed on the first 4 days of the month and I remember Chris Kay commenting on how unusual that is: August is often a crap month. How right he was. The first day of the BPCup saw some decent XCs from Wetherfell but the rest of it was a wash out. Ed managed an opportunistic foray to mark the 'Glorious Twelfth' but it's been too windy for the rest of the month. Nobody has logged any XC flights from Dales sites since then. But it could be worse. If you lived in Swaledale or Whaley Bridge the weather affected far more than just your flying.

As I sit writing this it looks as though the winds will finally drop for the Bank Holiday weekend. I hope that you get some flying in. Let's hope that it marks the start of something better for September.

I'm very grateful to Joseph Edmonds who has volunteered to take on the role of club librarian. It obviously runs in the family because his Dad, John, was Membership Secretary when I joined the club. Now that I think about it that's a good long-term strategy for filling committee posts: we can breed the next generation! It might be a bit short notice for December though – I'm still looking for a Trophies Officer.

Fly safely,

*Martin Baxter, Chairman*

# Club Meetings

Club nights are the **First Thursday of each month** (with the exception of January's night, which is the second Thursday).

**REMEMBER:** Club nights this year are being held at our new/old venue - **Horse and Farrier** in Otley.

## **5<sup>th</sup> September** - HARRY BLOXHAM

A UK competition pilot who takes amazing photos! Hopefully we will get some hints and tips on how to capture epic pictures.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> October** - TIM PENTREATH

An adventurous pilot who flies Vol Biv in the UK and abroad. He is the face of XC retrieve and UK distributor of XC Tracer.

## **7<sup>th</sup> November** - XLAKES

This evening will be delivered by double act 'The flying Vets' Rob Welford and James Allcock. They will give us the inside track on the XLAKES competition, one of the only hike and fly races in the UK.

## **5<sup>th</sup> December** - AGM

DHPC Annual General Meeting.

## **9<sup>th</sup> January**

Film Competition - Get your cameras at the ready and your editing skills honed for the annual DHPC film competition. This year we will be running a photo competition too for the best image too.

A club member (cannot remember who), sent me this... some may find useful (not an endorsement)

## Realtime airport NOTAMs



For Apple and Android mobile devices, Notams Aero application



Notams.Aero is the best NOTAM application.

iPhone, iPad, iMac, Mac Book, all Android devices, doesn't matter. You can use it in all devices

You can see NOTAMs on the map. Each NOTAM is displayed in categorized colors.

Red means firing, yellow means training, blue means UAV, green means parachute etc.

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Notam application contains USA and most of the European countries (41 countries total)

It contains all areas which is described in ENR publication.

You can also see all NOTAM, METAR and TAF information for an airport (realtime)

# Flying Abroad



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### 2019/2020 flying Season

A big thank you for your custom over the seasons

- ★ We have already taken bookings in September and October with some weeks already full. Let us know which months you are interested in so you don't miss out.
- ★ Algodonales - along side our normal guiding service we also run cross country development courses in Spain.
- ★ Take a look at our flying holidays outside of Spain. [CLICK](#) onto the trip you are interested on. Limited to 6 pilots per trip, so book soon. Let us know which trips you are interested in so you don't miss out.

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Algodonales  
September through  
to May. Guiding and  
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GRAN CANARIA  
COASTAL SOARING  
JANUARY 2020

COLOMBIA  
February 2020  
Cross Country  
Guiding

FRANCE ANNECY  
JUNE 2020  
SIV & CROSS


FRANCE BIG  
MOUNTAIN CROSS  
COUNTRY  
GUIDING JUNE

FRANCE  
NORMANDY  
COASTAL SOARING  
JULY 2020



## ANNECY CROSS COUNTRY & SIV WEEK

13TH JUNE 2020




### Cross Country guided & SIV week Limited to 6 pilots per week

Price £450 per week + 175 Euro per day for the SIV (I have negotiated a discount to 160 euro per day if there are 6 pilots)

Week includes:

- Guiding in the air on your cross country flights
- Two days SIV with Flyeo during the week (<https://flyeo.com/stage-pilotage-avance-parapente-siv-smiv/>)
- A guide with over 20 years experience flying cross country in the Annecy area
- Accommodation
- Transport to takeoff and retrieve from your XC
- Airport transfers

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## FRANCE BIG MOUNTAIN GUIDED CROSS COUNTRY WEEK

20TH -27TH JUNE 2020



### Cross Country guided week with Chris Williams & Barney Woodhead Limited to 6 pilots

Week includes:

- Guiding in the air on your cross country flights
- Guides with over 20 years experience flying cross country in the Chamonix and Annecy area
- Accommodation based in Annecy
- Transport to takeoff and retrieve from your XC
- Airport transfers
- Daily detailed briefing and debriefing
- NOTE: Pilots already need to be proficient in cross country flying as this not a learn to fly cross country week
- Price £650 per week

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## COLOMBIA CROSS COUNTRY

FEBRUARY 2020



### Cross Country guided Limited to 6 pilots Price £650 per week

Week includes:

- Guiding in the air on your cross country flights
- A guide with over 25 years experience flying cross country
- Out of 5 weeks flying we lost 3 days flying
- Accommodation in Reidianjito
- Transport to takeoff and retrieve from your XC
- Airport transfers from Cali airport
- Daily briefing and debriefing
- This is a cross country guided week so you need to already be able to fly cross country
- Recommended 2 weeks

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# General Notices

## **Request for Articles / Reports for SKYWORDS**

A newsletter is only ever as good as its content, and unfortunately this months is a little thin. So, however short / long, badly spelt or otherwise, feel free to submit an article on a subject of your choice, pictures etc...

General notices can also just be submitted as a short block of text.

All contributions / suggestions very welcome, please email to [news@dhpc.org.uk](mailto:news@dhpc.org.uk)

**Deadline for the next edition – 25<sup>th</sup> October**

*Carl Maughan, Newsletter Editor*

# Picture Corner

Please submit images to : [news@dhpc.org.uk](mailto:news@dhpc.org.uk)



*Beautiful day at Marros (SWWSC) – 24-07-19 – Carl Maughan*



*Rhossili, Gower Peninsula (SWWSC) – 26-07-19 - Carl Maughan*