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The following is an extract from the 'Daily Telegraph'

LEAVE THE RULES ALONE

To fell and almost kill a batsman with a fast, short ball is a horrifying experience. The anguish of LEVER, MCC's fast bowler, after doing this at Auckland, deserves sympathy; not so the immediate reaction of some others to the episode.

In a society apparently obsessed by personal security all hazards, whether from cricket balls, animals or fairground fairgrounds, lead to instant demands for safety measures, if possible by law. Parliament too often obliges. Life is a risky business, in cricket and much else. As Adam Lindsay Gordon put it "No game was ever yet worth a rap for a rational man to play, into which no accident, no mishap could possibly find its way."



WINDSOCK

October 1975

**MEMBERSHIP
 CHANGE**

At the committee meeting held on 16 September, a new form of club membership was decided upon. The new arrangement will, it is hoped, remove all confusion surrounding the existing system especially with regard to kite sharing, school pupils, visitors, associate members and non flyers. The new form of membership will operate from 1 November, and will consist of full club membership, temporary membership, and glider registration. All flyers on club sites with the exception of visitors and school pupils, must be full members of the club. If three people share a kite, they must all become members if they each wish to fly. The cost of this club membership will be £3.50, and non flyers are welcome to join. All full members will receive the club magazine.

Flyers must then register their kite at a cost of £16.50 per annum (or £8.25 half-yearly if they wish). As with the old system, a flyer need only register once if he owns more than one kite. Only one member of a kite-sharing group need register the kite on the group's behalf. The receipt for your glider registration fee will be, as now, a metal plate, designed to be fixed on the nose of the glider as visible proof that your machine is permitted to fly on club sites.

In the case of visitors or school pupils, a temporary membership will be issued for a 7-day period at a cost of £1. A sticker will be given to the temporary member who can

affix it to the crossboom of his kite. Repeated renewal of temporary membership will be discouraged, probably by a limit to the number of renewals made.

If your current membership expires after 1 November, let it run out as usual and then renew by sending in the new membership fee (£3.50) plus, if necessary, glider registration fee.

FROM THE NEW EDITOR

Hello drachenflugers!

I have just returned from a worry-free holiday in Cornwall to find myself editor of 'Windsock'. I didn't even have to worry about which way the wind was blowing - it was always the wrong way. The kite remained firmly on the roof-rack, but even there it attracted much attention. The best comments I overheard while hidden in my van were:

"Ere look, there's one of them 'ang glider things"

"Wot's that"

"One of those flying things, you know, you 'ang from it"

"Ohhh..... I thought it was a fishing rod"

Which reminds me I've seen too many hang gliders on Mill Hill recently without rod rings and keep nets.

However, with the sun and sand just a memory, I must look forward to the more serious task of editor and committee member. Not so easy, I am beginning to realise after only one week.

I would like to start by offering, on behalf of the present committee and, I am sure, every single member of the club, a huge vote of thanks to Jill and Miles Handley for the extraordinary amount of work they have put into our club in the past months. We wish them the best of luck with Gulp (it will never fly) and any other hairbrained ideas!

I hope the magazine will improve under my guidance, but I do need articles adverts etc. Manufacturers, where are you? - the advertising rates are ridiculously low.

Articles may either be handed to me on the hill - I drive a large blue van, and fly a red, white and blue sunburst kite, or sent to me at the following address:

David Worth,
90 London Road,
Mitcham,
Surrey.

SOCIAL EVENING

Tickets are selling very well for the disco at Gossop's Green Community Centre on October 18. Sounds from the Johnny Carr music factory. Get your tickets now before it's too late.

SOCIAL ORDER FORM

Please send me _____ tickets at £1 each for which I enclose cheque/postal order for £ _____, made payable to the Southern Hang Gliding Club.

Name.....

Address.....

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Requests for tickets to: SHGC, 4 Saltash Close, Cheam, Surrey

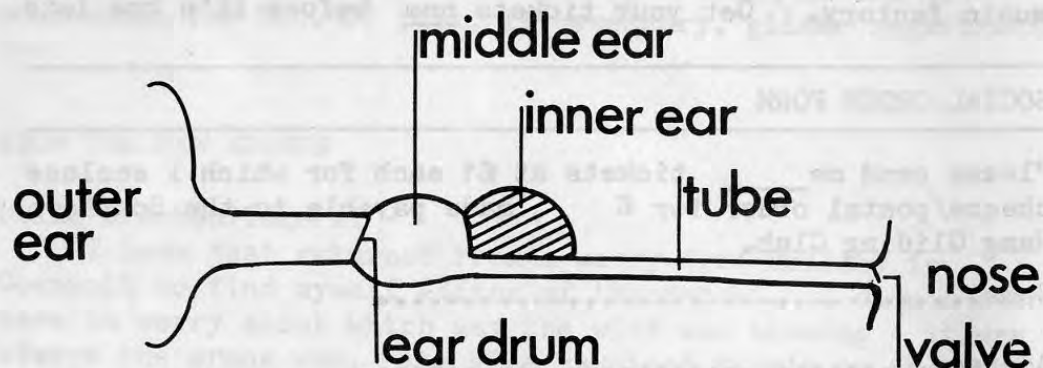
Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for the tickets.

THE BOB BRADLEY SCHOOL OF HANG GLIDING continued

ALWAYS WEAR A KITE



Most of us fly from hills lower than 500ft. For those who fly higher it is important to know something about the ears.



The atmospheric pressure is maintained equal on both sides of the ear drum by the small tube running from the middle ear to the back of the nose. As you climb the hill, the atmospheric pressure decreases and air in the middle ear forces its way out through the tube to the nose. The ears will 'pop' about every 500ft.

On the way down the tube must be opened about every 1000ft to allow air back into the middle ear. The act of swallowing usually does this automatically, as does yawning. However, if descent is fairly rapid, as it may be in hang gliding, these natural methods may not be fast enough. It is then necessary to pinch the nose, and, keeping the mouth closed, blow hard. This will inflate the back of the nose and cause the valve to open.

If this is not done the ear drum will be pushed in by the increasing pressure outside. This will lead first to deafness: you can't hear the sail flapping, then to pain, severe pain, and finally to rupture of the ear drum with excruciating pain and possible severe giddiness, either of which would make control of the glider practically, or completely, impossible.

Since the only way to reduce the pressure on the ear is to go up again, which you cannot do, you must clear the ears regularly on the way down. If you have a head cold and cannot clear the the ears, never fly from more than 500ft. If you have what is known as Aesotitis Media, go and see a doctor.

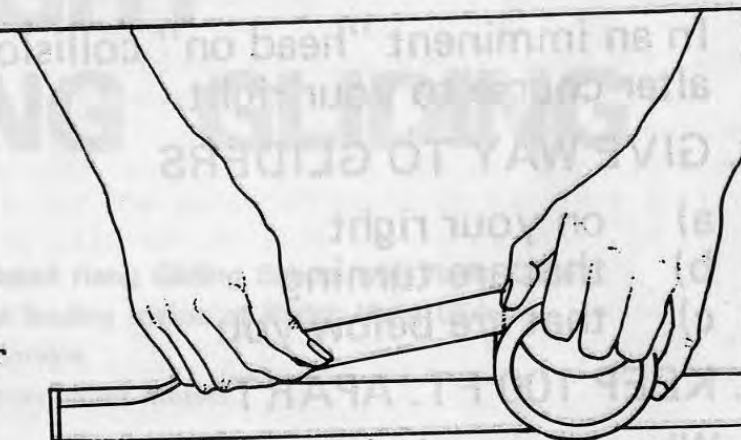
EDITOR- I don't think this will affect most of us jumping off Mill Hill, but it must be worth remembering if you are contemplating a balloon drop.



Congratulations to Lester Cruse and more especially, his wife, Eve for producing another addition to the hang gliding fraternity. It's a girl, and will be called Angela.

Wing Tips

Aluminium oxide formed on the crossboom can cause a nasty mark on the sail. Plastic tape 1½-2" wide (from your local hang glider shop or hardware store) can be stuck along the upper side of the crossboom to prevent this.



MOMENTS
WITH MAMA *



*"Your great-great-great-grandfather
FLEW with Count Dracula!"*

FLYING RULES

1. LOOK ROUND

Never remain looking in one direction for more than two or three seconds. Always be aware of the position and movement of other gliders.

2. BREAK RIGHT

In an imminent "head on" collision situation alter course to your right.

3. GIVE WAY TO GLIDERS

- on your right
- that are turning
- that are below you

4. KEEP 100 FT. APART

When converging from any direction

- slow your closing speed
- stop or turn away

NEW MEMBERS AS OF 31 JULY

D Baines	D Lees
D J Hollingsworth	R Beckett
P Doe	C R Gray
E I Hadley	W H Newton
R Summers	A W L Murphy
B Bourne	J J Raper
L I Abel	J C Beatham
J A Gale	P A Skeet
A F Coleman	N Voss
P R Davis	D Jackson
O Hough	J Insley
P Graves	D T Gordon
H Browning	J F Osborne

The membership now stands at 226



*"It's too windy to discharge
you, Mr. Wilkins"*

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SITE NEWS

DEVIL'S DYKE Warden - Tom Knight
(tel: Partridge Green 710084)

Flying as usual.

DITCHLING Warden - Johnny Carr
(tel: Burgess Hill 42324)

Flying as usual.

FIRLE Wardens - Michael and John Payne
(tel: Lewes 6804)

No flying at all until further notice. Delicate negotiations in progress.

MILL HILL Warden - Goeff Shine

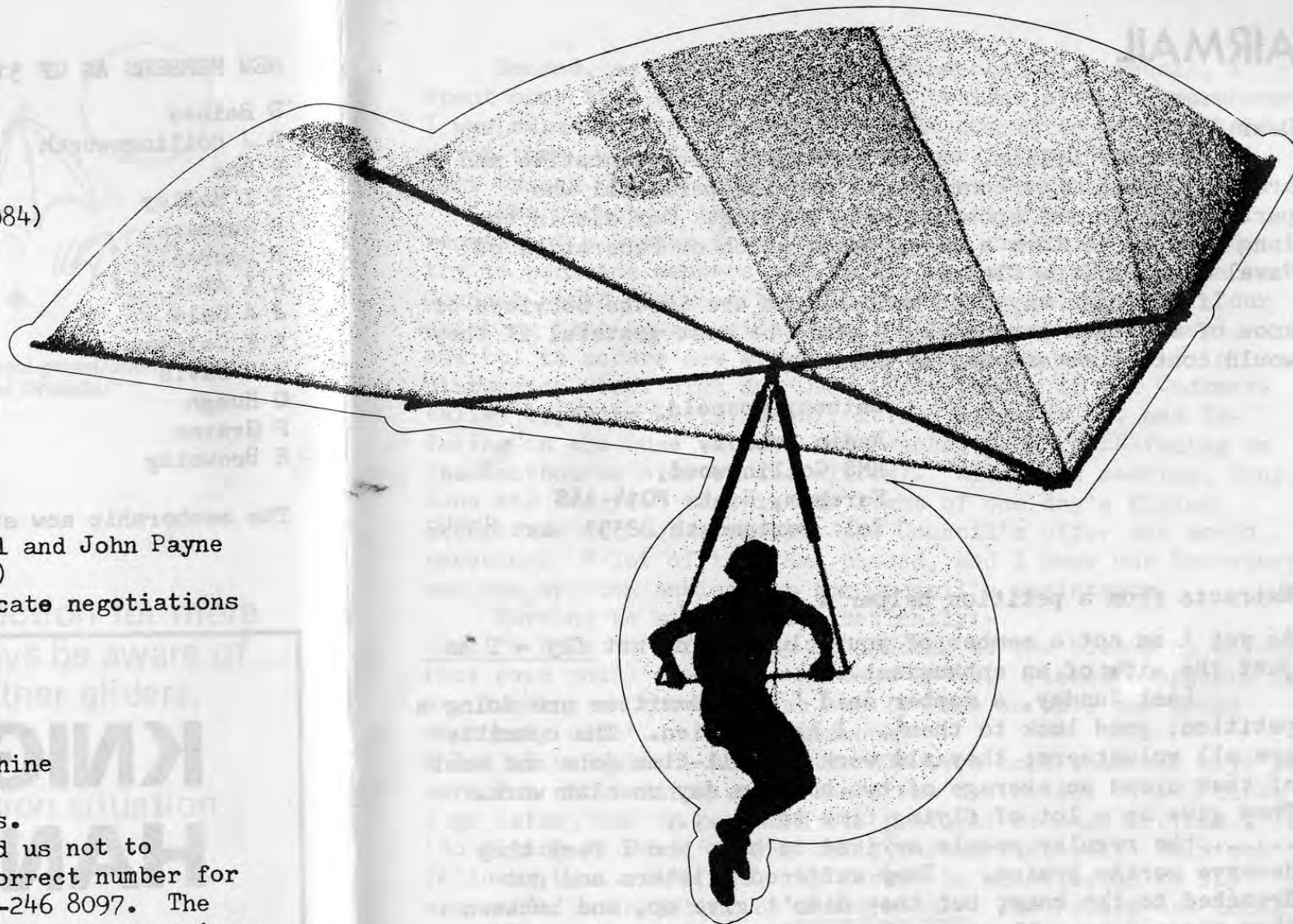
Flying, but please keep to usual precautions.

Shoreham Air Traffic Control have asked us not to phone them for the weather forecast. The correct number for weather expected on the Sussex coast is: 01-246 8097. The only time you need to phone Shoreham ATC is if you are going to fly and there is no-one else on the hill or in the car park.

The collection of signatures for the Mill Hill petition was very successful. On Saturday and Sunday alone, 3600 signatures were added.

Our thanks to the landlord of the Bridge Hotel for allowing members to erect kites on his forecourt. This attracted a lot of attention and many people signed the petition as a result. This kind of local support is greatly appreciated.

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AIRMAIL

Dear Sirs,

Commander Collis, the BHGA Service representative and I are most anxious to contact all Service personnel who participate in the sport of hang gliding. Our aim in the long term is to form a Naval Association or Federation of Naval Hang Gliding Clubs.

If you have any club members who are in the Services or know of any such personnel, I would be most grateful if they would contact me as soon as possible.

Anthony Gosnold,
Radio School,
HMS Collingwood,
Fareham, Hants PO14 1AS
Tel: Portsmouth 22351 ext 85549

Extracts from a petition helper's letter

As yet I am not a member of your club and do not fly - I am just the wife of an enthusiast.....

Last Sunday, a member said 'the committee are doing a petition, good luck to them'. I nearly died. The committee are all volunteers; they all work at full-time jobs and most of them spend an average of two hours a day on club work.

They give up a lot of flying time too.....

.....the regular people arrived to help and I feel they deserve worthy praise. They suffered blisters and got drenched to the bone, but they didn't give up, and between them managed to collect nearly 4,000 signatures in the Adur district alone.

Dear Sirs,

I hope you will allow an anxious member some space, and if I may, I will preface my remarks with three paragraphs - the first of them a personal one.

First then, I really do appreciate the hard work of our well-intentioned committee members. Because earning a living prevents me doing as much, I offer any critical comments with considerable reluctance.

Second, as readers of July 'Windsock' will recall, I spent some time and collected some bruises over Cuckmerehaven I was subsequently invited to a club committee meeting, and after that, with Tony McLaren and John Ievers, met several East Sussex County Council officials at County Hall, Lewes.

The upshot of the County Hall meeting was that on receipt of a letter from the club, and providing we would try to persuade members not to fly at Cuckmerehaven, the Council would see what help it could give (a) to retain our existing East Sussex sites (Mill Hill is in West Sussex), and (b) to secure new sites. The new sites mentioned in discussion were: High and Over (East-facing in the Cuckmere valley opposite Littlington); Itford Hill (NW, W, and SW-facing in the Ouse valley) and Beachey Head (E/SE-facing on the Eastbourne side of the cliffs). After the meeting, Tony, John and I agreed that in the light of one day's flying experience at Cuckmerehaven, the Council's offer was worth pursuing. A lot of time has passed, and I hope our Secretary has now written asking for the Council's assistance.

Turning to sites - alphabetically:-

Devil's Dyke 'Definitely no landing at the bottom by anyone (not even you!) until the harvest is in. Please cooperate as any landing on the crop can easily lose us this our prime northerly site'. June 'Windsock'

A lot of us waited, and at the AGM were told what bad boys we were for not waiting until the straw was baled. Then, three days later, the 1p per word (in postage) message arrived..... 'No flying at Devil's Dyke until further notice'. This was followed by.....'Mr Lee, the farmer is allowing us to fly again but is insisting on members only. The Police and local residents are complaining about our cars going round to pick up gliders at the bottom.

'Well it is up to you. Are you able and willing to check each glider for its noseplate and explain to non-members about the club? Are you able and willing to walk back up the hill instead of driving round?' September 'Windsock' (part of Jill's sermon on the hill)

As an experiment could we in future:-

1 Reach clear and definite agreements with Mr Lee and other farmers?

2 Give members brief background information and EXPLICIT instructions?

3 Install a club notice board at the entrance to the Devil's Dyke Hotel? the landlord offered us this facility when I asked him in July.

4 Ask the Police to provide 'No parking' cones on the bottom road? Members have no authority on the highway.

5 Ask East Sussex County Council to clean the road and provide a short hard shoulder for kite retrieval?

6 Ask another member to assist Tom Knight who must have to work harder for us than most?

Firle 'It is possible there will be no more flying at Firle until you, the flyers, get organised..... no more than ten

gliders may be on the site at any time..... the agents are reluctant to give permission to fly again until we produce a scheme to meet their requirements.

'It's up to you to think up a scheme and offer to help run it....'. September 'Windsock'

How do we count kites when the bowl and ridge are both being flown? Probably the agents are trying to impress Lord Gage with their zeal. In any event he should be told why this rule is unenforceable and flying stopped until something sensible is agreed. Muddleheaded indecision won't keep the site, so please, let us have EXPLICIT instructions.

Mill Hill Two letters and six signatures on petitions is not much, but Angela and I might have done more if the AGM plan of sending out voters list sections had been carried out. Other members might also have done more, and a joint effort with the radio-controlled glider people, who are also threatened, might have been more time-effective.

Finally
People are flattered if they are asked to help
people generally don't get swithed on by sermons
People get irritated if told 'it's up to you'
People get annoyed if they are told 'it's your damn fault'

Ten years ago a shirt company had a sales slogan which read 'See brain is engaged before operating mouth'.

Eric Woods understands about people. He was right when he said 'It's our club'.

Yours sincerely
Paul Clements
33A Brunswick Square,
Hove BN3 1ED, Sussex

A lot of pertinent questions are raised in this letter and for this reason I have not edited it at all. The committee members, as all other active club members, have to earn a living, and I think this quickly explains why all of Mr Clements' suggestions have not been followed up. It is almost impossible to effect complete communication between site wardens, committee members and farmers, spread over the south east of England without one person acting as a full-time coordinator.

New sites There is so much work involved in preserving the sites we do have that the people concerned do not have time to negotiate new ones.

Devil's Dyke Of course clear and definite agreements with farmers are what we aim for, but getting them is more difficult.

Notice board If any member is a sign writer, who would be willing to make and erect a sign, would they contact me.

Parking The police have been approached about this and other traffic problems. At the time of going to press, I do not know the outcome of this meeting.

Firle Fling has been stopped altogether pending delicate negotiations.

Mill Hill 4000 signatures were collected in one weekend by members. These, with the rest, were presented to the Under Secretary of State proving that timing and organisation could not have been too inefficient.

Perhaps we should quote a little more of Eric Woods' words of wisdom.....'It is our club, the committee is not some strange set-up, it is us. Let us all make an effort to say less and do more...'

D W

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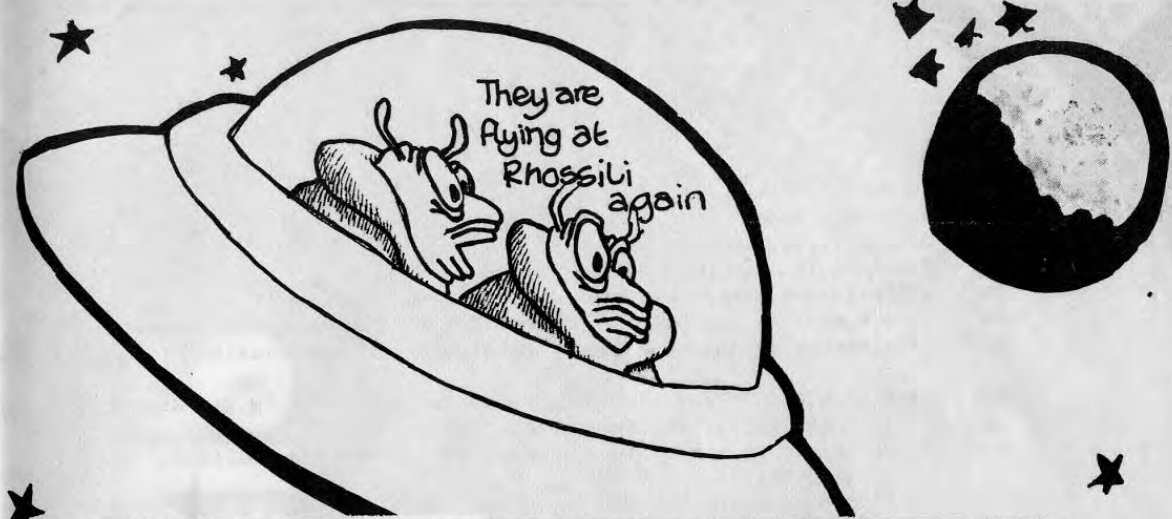
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Postage		6p
Total enclosed		£ _____
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Address.....		
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Address.....

Telephone No. BHGA Membership No.

Flying experience.....Weeks/Months/Years (Delete as appropriate)
(if applicable)

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