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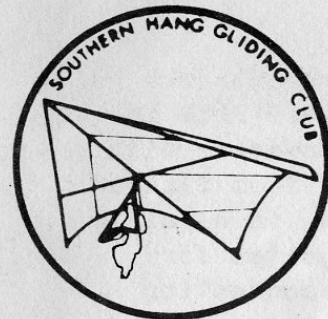
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Welcome to our new Editor, David Worth. David is a Graphic Designer and his fiancée has editorial experience so give them your support and watch the magazine improve by leaps and bounds -

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# WINDSOCK

September 1975

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our first AGM was held on 27 August 1975 and, quite by chance, our 200th glider was enrolled on that day. As some gliders are owned by several people, the number of individuals concerned (despite several members leaving over the past year) is considerable. It was therefore very depressing to find only about 40 people troubled to turn out.

The proposed new Constitution was approved by the meeting, with several major amendments, and you will be receiving full details when you receive the Minutes of the AGM in due course.

In the meantime, I thought you would like to read the Chairman's Report for 1974/75 and here it is.

### "SHGC Chairman's Report

This is the first AGM of the SHGC, hopefully the first of many. No doubt the early members will recall, and subsequent joiners certainly will be aware, that the question of sites remains our greatest problem.

Just over a year ago it became very apparent that, unless organised concerted action was taken, the sport would very rapidly be strangled in the SE due to there simply being nowhere to conduct it.

## Chairman's Report continued

Initially, with the sport new and six Hang Gliders on a hill constituting a busy day, fliers were able to enjoy free use of a number of sites. However, with increasing interest in the sport largely from fliers but, more significantly, from spectators, in a fairly short time we lost a number of our best sites for various reasons. Mainly, it was sheer congestion due to the flood of spectators; to a lesser extent damage by onlookers and, regrettably also from fliers landing in crops or trying to collect fences in flight, etc.

Hence, around midsummer last year, a meeting was called for interested parties and, from this was born the SSFA, subsequently becoming the SHGC.

We still have some members of the original Committee with notably Jill and Miles Handley, also Robin Haynes as manufacturers' rep. We all owe a particular debt to Jill and Miles who have made continual and selfless efforts to promote our sport and, whilst we must all regret that they are not standing for re-election, they have certainly earned a rest. However, the efforts of all previous and current members of the Committee are greatly appreciated.

That said, of course, whilst the aim of the Club was basically set at securing and retaining sufficient suitable sites and broadly that has been achieved, there is no room for complacency and we must all do what we can to ensure we at least maintain our present sites and hopefully add to them.

This depends upon each and every member, as I have said before and make no apology for repeating, there is no need for rules and regulations if everyone conducts themselves correctly at all times. OK, so perfection is out of season, but it remains a fact that every Hang Glider is responsible for his or her actions and, be assured if one person puts up a black, that will be the person who is seen and used by officialdom as a rod with which to beat us. Thus

## Chairman's report continued

I think, apart from the obvious aim of more sites, we must try and make membership of the Club sufficiently attractive such that all fliers will want to belong thus enabling us to promote good flying and safety standards as widely as possible whilst making the maximum amount of money available for the purpose.

Also during the year, we have seen an increasing tendency towards training schools which, properly run, must be a good thing. Again we are short of good safe training sites and it is to be hoped we can add others in the future. Of course, there are accidents and will continue to be so but I am glad to say that, although we have had fatalities again this June, in spite of the concentration of flying in the SE, we have not figured in the statistics. This is not to say we should be complacent, but I think it speaks well for the help and advice which seems to remain freely available from the more experienced towards the beginner.

I still consider the greatest difficulty for us lies in the fact that Hang Gliders are particularly individualistic and self-reliant and thus always difficult to weld into one unit. To digress slightly, I have always found this to be so among aircrew members and have never found it to any extent elsewhere until taking up hang gliding. This serves as another indication that our sport is an opening for such minded people to be able to fly at less prohibitive cost and, of course, with less red tape, than in the so-called conventional forms of aviation.

Having said this, I feel the Club has done a great deal towards achieving the aims set out a year ago and, with the help of us all, should achieve more in the coming year.

It seems fitting that, with the end of our first year approaching, the Club ran a two-day competition last month at Steyning in conjunction with Mr Langmead and sponsored by Embassy. Unfortunately, I could not be

## Chairman's report continued

present but understand that, in spite of the weather, the event was carried off extremely well both competition wise and also as a useful addition to Club funds. Brian Wood demonstrated his consistent ability once again to take a well-deserved top place.

Whilst on the subject of competitions, although this is being written before the Mere event, a strong contingent of fliers will be going and we wish them good luck. Again, the weather is all-important but, if all is well, it should be another good push for the sport.

It remains for me to thank you all for coming here this evening, once again my thanks to the Committee, in particular to Jill and Miles, and to remind members that it is very easy to offer opinions and criticise so please, if you feel you have something to contribute, offer yourself for election to the Committee or, if you have any particular skill or talent which may assist the Club, let us know. Finally, remember that we are all the Club and it is up to each of us to do what we can to keep our sport of Hang Gliding untarnished. Good Flying.

ERIC WOODS

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George Street, Hastings

10 August

Dear Sirs

A fortnight ago, whilst flying at Mill Hill, I had the misfortune of crashing my glider and breaking my heel bone in the process.

Through the medium of your magazine, I would like to thank the three other flyers who helped me and my glider to the top of the hill. It would have been an impossible journey without their assistance.

The glider is now repaired and I look forward to further flying on my recovery.

Yours sincerely, Jim Crawhsaw

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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 21 September 1975  | Scottish Sailing Association<br>Championship, Edinburgh<br>(Details from Brian Harrison, 19 Camphill Avenue,<br>Glasgow GA1 3AU) |
| Mid-September      | German HG Club Championship<br>(details from Wolfgang Mayer, Richard Wagner Str.23<br>E-8901 NE USAB, Germany)                   |
| End-September      | Delta Club Bavaria INZELL, Bavaria<br>(details from Hansjorg Keller, D-8221 INZELL,<br>Bichlstr. 43, Bavaria)                    |
| 17/19 October 1975 | 1st Bavarian Championship GARMISCH<br>(details from R Johannsen, WDCW e.V., D-81<br>Garmisch, Badgasse 1)                        |

BP BRITISH HANG GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS AT MERE 1975

The following results are listed for the benefit of those members who could not get to Mere -

<u>Class I</u>	1st Robert Wisely		Ridge Rider
	( 2nd Miles Handley		Hiway 260
	( 2nd Norman Millhouse		McBroom Argus
	3rd Dale Clothier		Hiway 260
<u>CLASS II</u>	1st Bob Wills	USA	Wills Swallowtail
	2nd Chris Wills	USA	Wills Swallowtail
	3rd Bob Calvert		Skyhook
<u>CLASS III</u>	1st Brian Wood		Miles Wings Gulp!
	2nd Michael Collis		Tweetie
	3rd Johnny Carr		Miles Wings Gulp!

Overall Winner - Bob Wills of the U S of A

Overall UK Winner and British Champion - Bob Calvert  
on a Skyhook

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SOCIAL/DISCO/BUFFET on 19 October 1975.

We will be running a raffle for Club funds (money is urgently needed for the Mill Hill fight).

Robin Haynes of Waspair Ltd. has donated a glider - he won it in the Rodney Nickell Draw and has very generously given it to the Club as a prize.

All donations gratefully received.

Tickets still available for this Social from SHGC,  
4 Saltash Close, Cheam, Surrey, price £1 per head.

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A daring young flyer named Flynn  
Built his glider from paper and string  
The Sunday Express stood up to the test  
But "Men Only" affected his trim.

NEWS ON FIRLE

It is possible there will be no more flying at Firle until you, the flyers, get organised. The Agents have laid it down that no more than 10 gliders may be on the site at any time and, as this has not been enforced, the Agents are reluctant to give permission to fly again until we produce a scheme to meet their requirements.

It is up to you to think up a workable scheme and offer to help run it - perhaps a phone-in to book flying time? Send your suggestions to the Committee together with offers of positive help.

NEWS ON DEVIL'S DYKE

We also have problems here. Mr Lee, the Farmer, is allowing us to fly again now 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?

MEMBER SITES

We now have three sites, Firle, Devil's Dyke and Ditchling where we are restricted to members only and where we will lose the sites if we do not enforce this. It is not sufficient to merely pay your subscription and fly - you must also be prepared to put in some (sometimes unpleasant) work. Don't leave it to the Committee as Committee Members already have too much work to do.

Jillian Handley  
(her last lecture to you all)

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#### LOST AND FOUND

A blue bag with some tools was found at Steyning in early August. If it is yours, please contact N de Viell, 42 London Road, Guildford.

I still have a crash hat found in the SHGC tent at the end of the Steyning event and some other items also. Please contact me at Mallows if you lost anything there.

#### SLOGAN COMPETITION - £10 PRIZE

The winning slogan, as voted upon at the A.G.M. was

Hang Gliding - fly like a bird, land in a turd.

As this was anonymous, the prize has not yet been presented!

Voted second was David Tait's "Fly free with a hang glider". Much more usable in advertising!

Thank you to Colin Webb for his prize which will presumably go to Club funds if no one claims it!

#### TRANSPORT

David Simpson of 27 Porten Road, London W 14, telephone number 01 603 3042, is interested in sharing transport with another member, thus helping with petrol costs. Anyone interested, please contact David direct.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the A.G.M. it was decided to alter the system of membership but, until the new Committee manages to meet and formulate its plans, please send all renewals to -

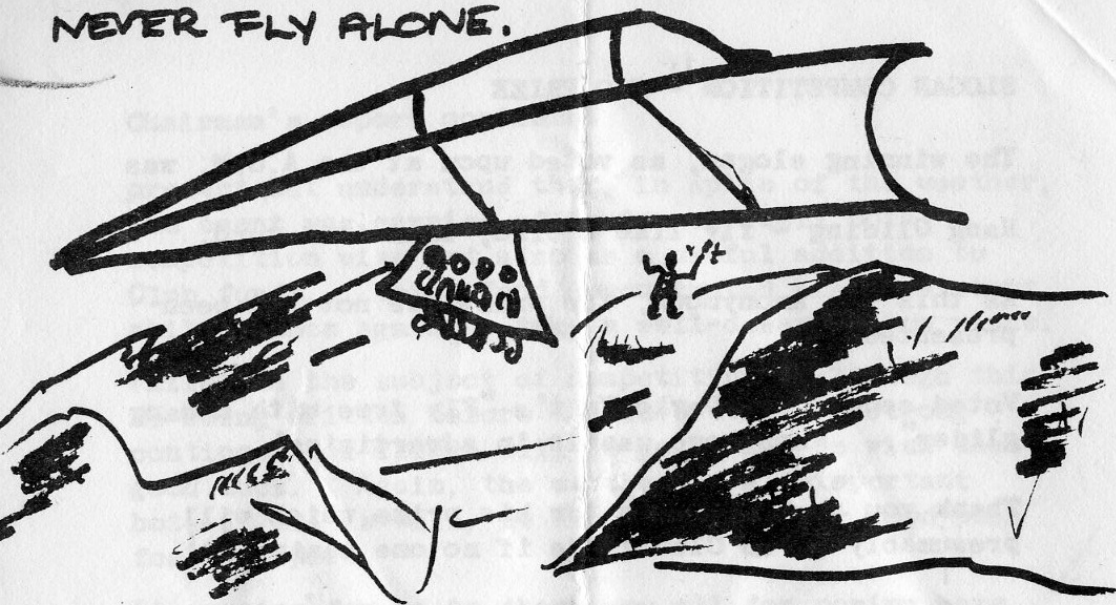
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BOB BRADLEY

FAREWELL!

Well, Miles and I have managed to resign and now plan to start living again. This is my last issue of Windsock - David Worth is on holiday so I offered (mad, impetuous fool that I am) to cope with one more issue to avoid any delay.

You will note there are no ARTICLES in this issue. Do support David by sending him lots of items for publication.

Miles and I are looking forward to a quiet telephone, an empty letter box and time for me to do embroidery and Miles to build lots of Gulps?

Happy and Safe Flying to you all. Jillian Handley

NEW FULL MEMBERS SINCE 30 JULY 1975

J W Andow  
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Don't forget, the overall British winner at Mere was flying a SKYHOOK!

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£27 o.n.o.    No, it's not the latest type of third generation glider!    Phone Peter Day as above.

STEYNING BOWL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr Michael Langmead has very kindly forwarded a cheque to the Club to reimburse it for all out-of-pocket expenses incurred in running this event. As a result, all entry fees have gone straight into Club funds and I should like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Langmead most sincerely for his generosity.

J H    Treasurer