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Both our Club nominations were successful at the BHGA AGM. Jeannie Knight and Bob Wisely are duly elected Council members, so too is Malcolm Hawksworth who is still a member of the SHGC. Congratulations to all of you who sent your slips in or voted or both - it really was worthwhile.

Due to circumstances beyond my control, (two slipped discs - yes, caused by hang gliding), I'm afraid this Windsock is extra thin -just the essentials . The next issue will be back to normal.

It has come to the committees notice that some people are flying non-registered kites on club sites. The sign of registration is an attached and in date nose plate. If you have a noseplate please attach it as soon as you can, and if you have an old one please send it back to Pete Day quickly. No nose plate and it will cost you a quid flying fee.

Finally a plea for sensible flying. The next person who collides with a spectator, apart from being a dangerous fool, will kill the sport in this area.

SITE NEWS

Ditchling Beacon. Only to be flown by guaranteed top landers, unless you go round the corner to land in the field by the triangular road junction.

Devils Dyke. IMPORTANT CHANGE. Landing only over the road, in front of the bowl to the east end of the main ridge. Misbehaviour just now will lose us this site. Most standard rogallos will not make the other side of the road. Always check with notice board on pub before flying here.

Mill Hill. Only pilot badge holders if the wind exceeds 14 mph. For Gods sake stop any inexperienced people flying in difficult conditions or we'll have a repeat of the Alan Weeks incident. Farmer says we can move the disc harrow if it's in the way.

Steyning Bowl. Private site. Good for learning and testing.

Beachy Head. Not a club site, but very sensitive at the moment. Do not land in the takeoff area if you are top landing. Put down in the grass strip towards Eastbourne.

Newhaven Cliffs. Not a club site, and only to be flown by experienced flyers. Beware of rotors and being blown back. Only go for distance when the tide is out.

Firle. Slow progress, but County Council have accepted Paul Milmoores habg gliding management proposals now. We must get Lord Gage to accept them too. All is not lost yet.

GRAND DRAW

Personally I was delighted with the result. Quite justly the years free membership was won by Barrie Annette. As anyone will know who reads Windsock, Barrie is the most regular contributor. Even if you don't agree with him, he's never boring.

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