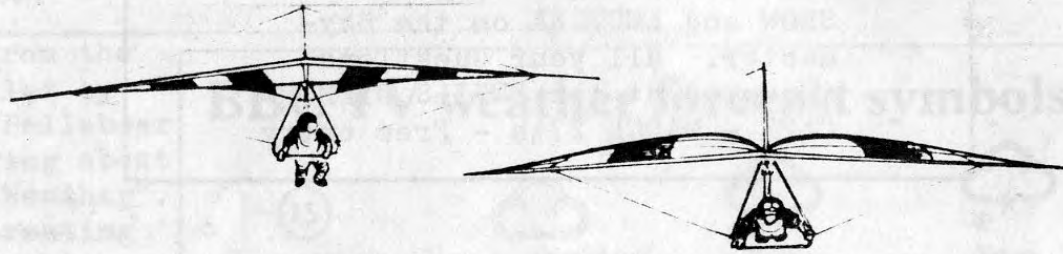


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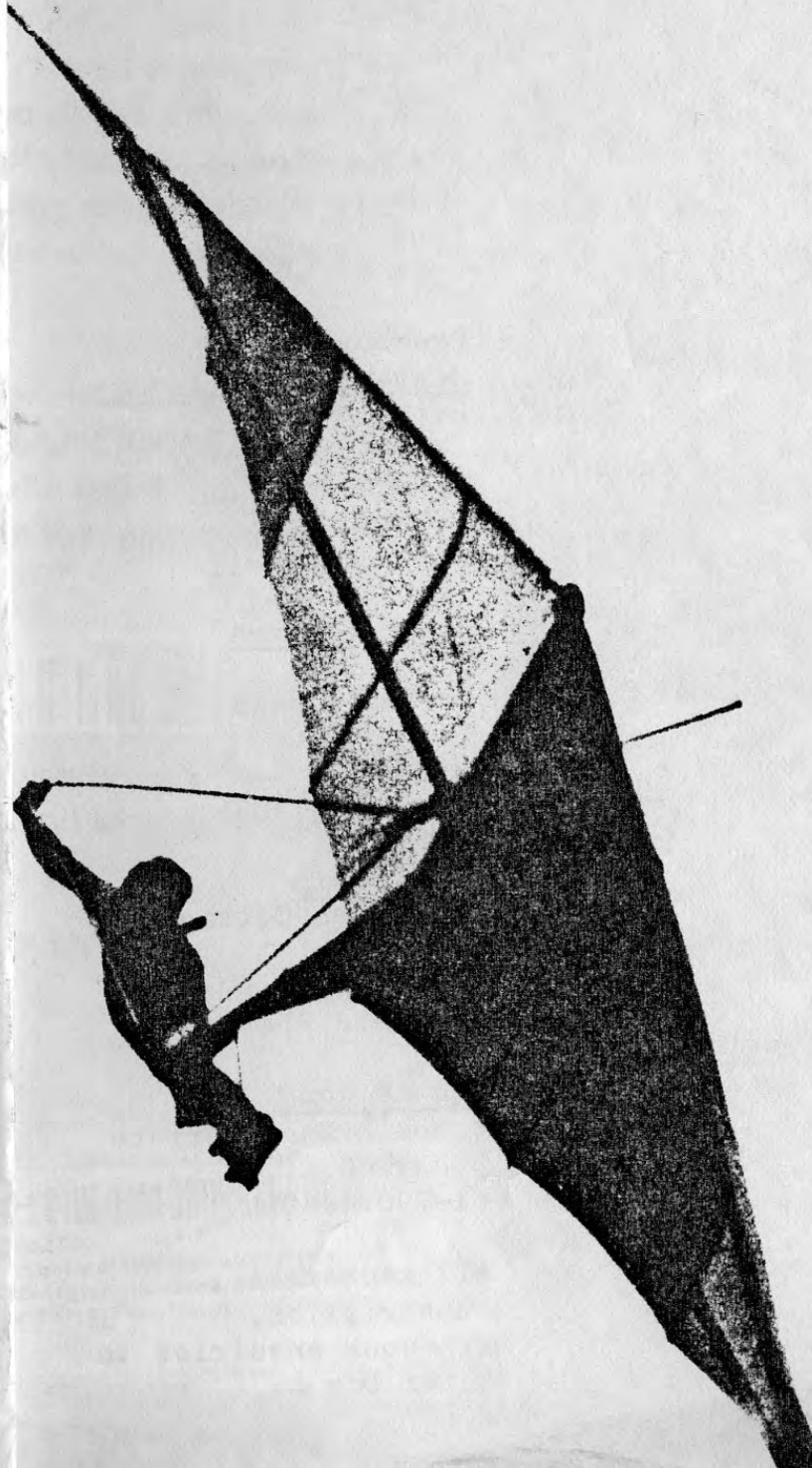
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Slope soaring. A glider or hang glider overtaking another must do so between the glider being overtaken and the hill. This is so that the glider having right of way will be able to turn out from the hill at any time in order to have room to manoeuvre or to go and land.



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Beachy Head

There is no flying at Beachy Head on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st of March as the BBC will be using the site to film a costume drama on those days.

Club Coach Eddie Horsfield has expressed his concern about messed up top landings at Beachy, a sensitive site which could easily be lost if a spectator is hurt. He reminds all club flyers not to start a top landing approach unless they have sufficient height to complete the manoeuvre. Without sufficient height to get in safely, either try for more height or go down. The safe bottom landing field option is always available with an easy walk back to the top.

Newhaven Cliffs

There is no flying at Newhaven Cliffs until 1st April due to renovation work to the fort.

Steyning Bowl

Mr Langmead, the farmer who owns Steyning Bowl, has officially closed the site and the gate is locked. Two hang gliding schools have negotiated use of the site with the farmer as we go to press, they are Free Flight and Ultra Sports. Cost to the two schools will be £2000 a year!

The Southern Club committee voted in their March meeting to pay £240 a year to the two schools for use of the site for its members. Steyning is expected to open again in the near future.

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AGM Blues

Poor attendance, poor turnout of manufacturers, and poor proposals for debate was the trend at this year's AGM. The Lilleshall National Sports Centre's modern and plush buildings, and the attractive wooded and lawned grounds, didn't make a drab AGM special.

Half a dozen hang gliders and four wingless trikes, and a cramped hall with few manufacturers displaying equipment seemed inappropriate for a gathering of this importance.

Southern Club members should hang their heads in shame at our abysmal voting performance - we had a measly 26 votes on our block voting card from a current paid up membership of 128! My apologies to those who did send in their votes to Johnny Carr - they at least weren't wasted!

Of the Southern Club membership present, Johnny Carr, Tony Fuell and Vince Hallam spoke eloquently and well, managing some influence on the voting.

Points of importance which emerged during the meeting included the number of accidents for 1981 - 109, 2 of which were fatalities - though Accident Co-ordinator, Diane Hanlon didn't seem to be sure of the injuries resulting in one of the deaths.

The meeting endorsed Council's belief that power and "pure" hang gliding shouldn't be divorced, although there was some dissent from the floor on the subject.

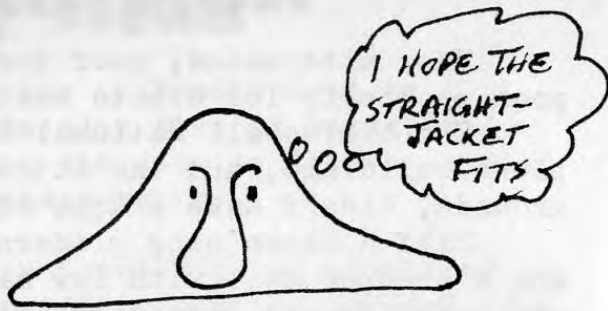
On a lighter note, it was amusing to observe Chairman Roy Hill's reluctance to reveal BHGA Council Members salaries. Barry Blore, Chief Executive Officer, was less bashful and volunteered the fact that his present salary is £9,200 - 75 per cent coming from a Sports Council grant.

The few important proposals caused some debate and argument, with proposal 8, trying to impose a probationary P1 on top of the current P1, being thrown out by 211 - 104 votes. Proposal 9, requiring schools to provide new P1's with a detailed card showing their strengths and weaknesses which is then passed on to the club they join, was adopted by the large majority of 278-46 votes.

Next year's event will be at the same venue, but there will be more floor space available, and more events are planned. Hopefully this will mean a better AGM! PP★

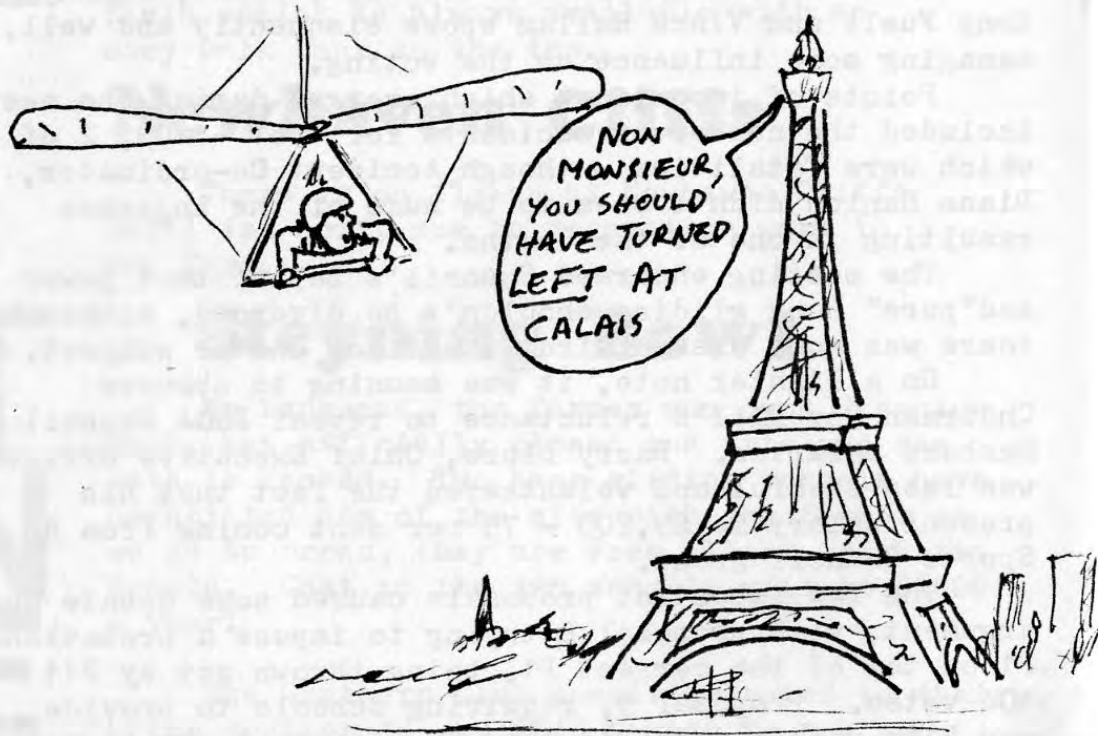
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THE GREAT WHITE
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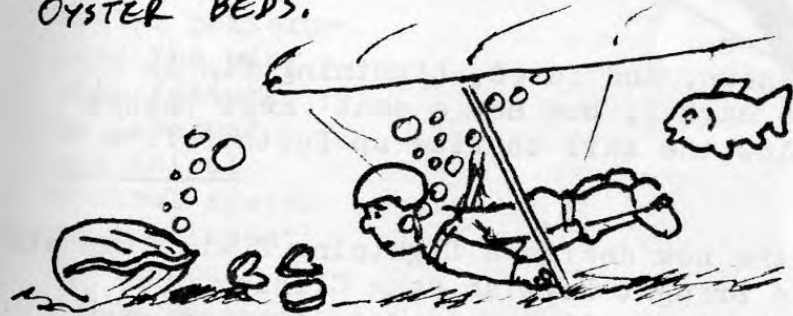
TONY FUELL HAS BEEN OFFERED £1,000,000 A WEEK
AND ALL THE SPROUTS HE CAN EAT TO WORK IN BRUSSELS,
DESPITE THE REFERENCE FROM STEVE GOAD.



I SEE DAVE BLUETT WAS DISAPPOINTED AT BEING
OVERTAKEN BY A JAGUAR WHILE DRIVING HIS
STINGRAY DOWN THE A23 LAST WEEK--



I ALSO NOTICED THAT ONE OF
THE LADS ON A CROSS
COUNTRY FLIGHT HAD TROUBLE FINDING A LANDING AREA.
HE JUST MISSED A BEEF FARM, THEN A PIG STY
AND HE FINALLY CRASHED IN THE SEA NEAR SOME
OYSTER BEDS.



MIND YOU, IT WAS A TERRIBLE CHOICE TO MAKE.

YES, I KNOW THE FEELING.
PEARLS, BEEF
OR SWINE?





LIGHTNING 2★

The Lightning 2 represents the new Southdown Sailwings Ltd Company's first assault on the 1982 market - and judging by the performance tests so far its going to be quite something.

Utilising the same, well-proven frame as the mark 1 Lightning, the new glider has evolved through two prototypes and several months of development and is now at the production stage.

The sail has been completely re-cut to give a faster, lighter handling wing with a much improved sink rate. The whole glider has a flatter, cleaner appearance, right down to the batten pockets which are now aerodynamic tubes of sail material rather than the previous flat pockets with their large amount of sewn seams.

The well-known, and loved, Lightning fin is retained on the mark 2, but now a small keel pocket is added to allow the sail to rise up further from the keel.

To prove the new design a Lightning 2 will compete in the Foster's Draught British Hang Gliding Open on the Isle of Wight in April/May, and to further prove the design, Southdown director, Keith Reynolds, will be campaigning the glider in the League.

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Not satisfied with just one string to their bow, Southdown Sailwings are already well advanced with the

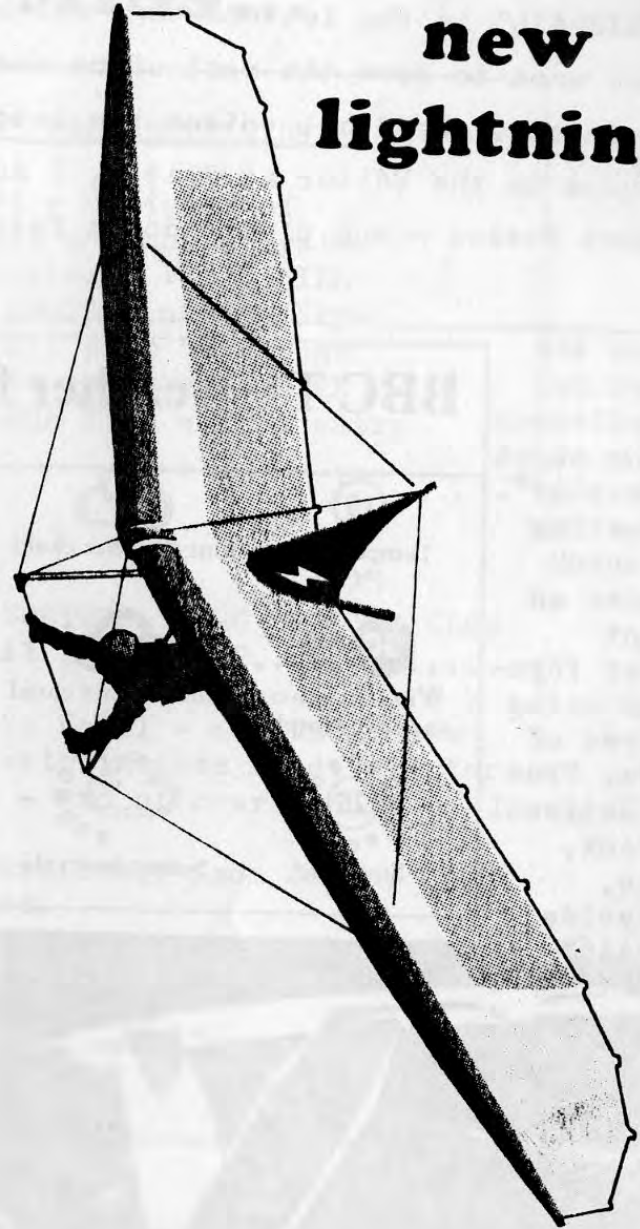
design of their next hang glider.

Called the SAPPHIRE, this totally new machine will truly be a sixth generation glider, the result of years of hard won developmental experience.

Features on the Sapphire will be a 180 degree nose angle, a fin, and a tail section.

For even better performance the wing will feature an internal mechanical control system to complement the normal pilot weight-shift control★

new lightning★














IMPORTANT REMINDER: ALL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE ON 1ST MAY, 1982, RENEWALS TO PETER DAY AT HIS READING ADDRESS★

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From the booklet by .H.Pelleboer talking about the Weather". Interesting read which includes an instant weather fore-caster using pictures of clouds. Free from National Girobank, Sootle, Merseyside AIR OAA*

BBC TV weather forecast symbols

 Temperature (°C)	 Fine-weather cloud	 Rain	 Snow
 Wind direction and speed (mph)	 Dull-weather cloud	 Showers and sunny intervals	 Thunderstorm
 Sunshine	 Sunny intervals	 Sleet	FOG No symbol - word placed on map



COMPETITION: Best caption to this picture wins a fantastic prize - 15 per cent off any product by South-down Sailwings Ltd - be it a harness or a trike! Entries to the Editors address by April 20, maximum 15 words.

DON'T MISS...

"SKYMASTER" PARACHUTE SYSTEM

Peter Best - designer of this latest parachute system will be giving a VIDEO FILM SHOW and LECTURE on the Sky-master. All your questions answered at the DEVILS DYKE CAFE - MARCH 27th - Free entry

ADVANCE NOTICE: SOUTHERN HANG GLIDING CLUB DINNER DANCE - MAY 21st, 1982.....

At the Devils Dyke Hotel - now under new management. Tickets include food: starter and carvery menu - and of course MUSIC!

Tickets will be available from Johnny Carr, Price £10 per head.

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SMALLS

SIGMA 12M For Sale £9,995 (consider £400ish) Had lots tender loving care, sets of patters, good condition. Peter Day on Reading 21481.

Got a glider to sell? Want to swop the old man/woman for a vario? Well this is the place to do it! Every member of the club can place a 25 word advert here absolutely free. All ads to the Editor's address - don't forget the deadline.