

S.H.G.C. FILM EVENING
FRIDAY 29TH JANUARY 1982

AT
Fox & Hounds, Ditchling Road
Haywards Heath

Following the lack of a film show at the 1981 AGM and due to popular demand we have arranged a SPECIAL FILM EVENING for the above date. The venue is the same place as the last AGM and the various social evenings that were held last year.

The following films are on the bill:-

THE CROWED SKY - C.A.A. film on air traffic control

NOTHING ON THE CLOCK - C.A.A. film on safe airmanship

BEPPU WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS - Johnny Carr's film of the 1981 World hang glidings championships

SOUTHERN T.V. DOCUMENTARY ON FLYING THE ISLE OF WIGHT - Probably the best t.v. film of hang gliding. Shows Paddy Munroe flying sites on the I.O.W

HASTINGS EAST CLIFF - Various films by Peter Harris

As we have quite a few films to get through, the first film will start at 8.00pm, so get there early!

If anybody has anymore films on hang gliding or related activities (no not blue films) (Ed - why not - boo, hiss) please give me a ring as soon as possible and let me know.

See you on the 29th

Adrian Whitmarsh

BHGA AGM: Continued/...

So this year, as soon as the voting slips are sent out in WINGS! we will follow up with an envelope in which you can return your slip to the Club.

But, of course, the best way to ensure that your voice gets heard is to actually GO to the AGM and speak. It is usually a pretty good social occasion, and the debates are interesting and varied. The Committee will be trying to operate an informal car-sharing arrangement for those who want to go there at minimal cost, and are investigati^{ng} the possibilities of a coach trip.

BADGES...BADGES...BADGES...

When you're at the AGM, in the disco, or carving up the outside lane of the M23, let the punters know that you're not to be trifled with....

WALK TALL, with your SHGC badge in a prominent position. Available NOW from Peter Day, 112 Cotswold Way, Tilehurst Reading, the SHGC is offering helmet badges, cloth badges and windscreen stickers. Cloth £1.00; Helmet/Screen (Specify which), £0.50p. Cash with order, and SAE, please.



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I think you are
all amazing!

Smiling
Smile
OBE KCSG

AMAZING!!!

That just about describes Jimmy Savile's opinion about the SHGC, following our display and presentation at the Stoke Mandeville hospital on January 16 . A strong contingent from the Club went up there, masterminded by our PRO Peter Harris, rigged up their gliders on the sports field, and made themselves agreeable to the nurses and patients...and to cap it all, Keith Reynolds airlifted me, dressed up in a Father Christmas outfit, and we did a demonstration flypast followed by a landing. After that, we presented Jimmy with the cheque (for £1020), had a tour of the hospital, and went home...

The flight itself was very interesting for me - I've never been in a two-man skytrike before. Unfortunately, despite clear skies, the air was distinctly lively, and we had rather a rough ride. But Ren pulled off a superb landing, in quite a tight area, and the Press and TV loved it. We're hoping to get a copy of the ITV film to show at one of the social evenings in the near future.

But the real credit has to go to Peter, and his wife Yvonne - the amount of time and effort that went in to organising the event was unbelievable. Even after it was all over, we found it difficult to believe that it had actually happened - the number of things that COULD have gone wrong made the odds on success fairly long...there was the weather (which apart from the

turbulence, couldn't have been better), we had to get clearances from the CAA, the RAF, the hospital administration, the local police, and the owners of the disused airfield at Thame which was our takeoff point. It would only have taken one veto, and the whole thing would have been off. But we received magnificent cooperation from everyone - there's some kind of magic that happens when you say "Jimmy Savile-Stoke Mandeville", and they all fell over each other to be helpful.

And a special mention for John and Judy Hunter, who live near the hospital, and helped a lot in smoothing the path, not to mention providing the radio link we used.

No words can describe the value of the work that Jimmy Savile is doing at that place - the hospital tour we recieved after the presentation was VERY sobering indeed. Having had a serious back injury myself, the whole atmosphere was filled with thoughts of the "there, but for the grace of God go I " type...(one of the reasons why we chose this particular charity as our beneficiary). The plight of the spinally-injured person is a desperate one indeed, and the hospital at Stoke Mandeville is world famous as a leader in caring for this type of patient. So, thanks everyone, you were all magnificent, and let's see the same again in 1983! The list of contributions is on the next page.

TONY FUELL

Late Santa swoops in with a gift from the skies

A SANTA from Sussex dropped from the skies at Stoke Mandeville Hospital on Saturday to hand over a cheque to Jimmy Savile.

Santa, alias Tony Fuell, from Worthing, was piloted to the Buckinghamshire hospital from an airfield seven miles away by Keith Reynolds, a fellow member of the Southern Hang Gliding Club.

Forty pilots from the club raised £1,016 with sponsored flights at Devils Dyke, near Brighton, in October.

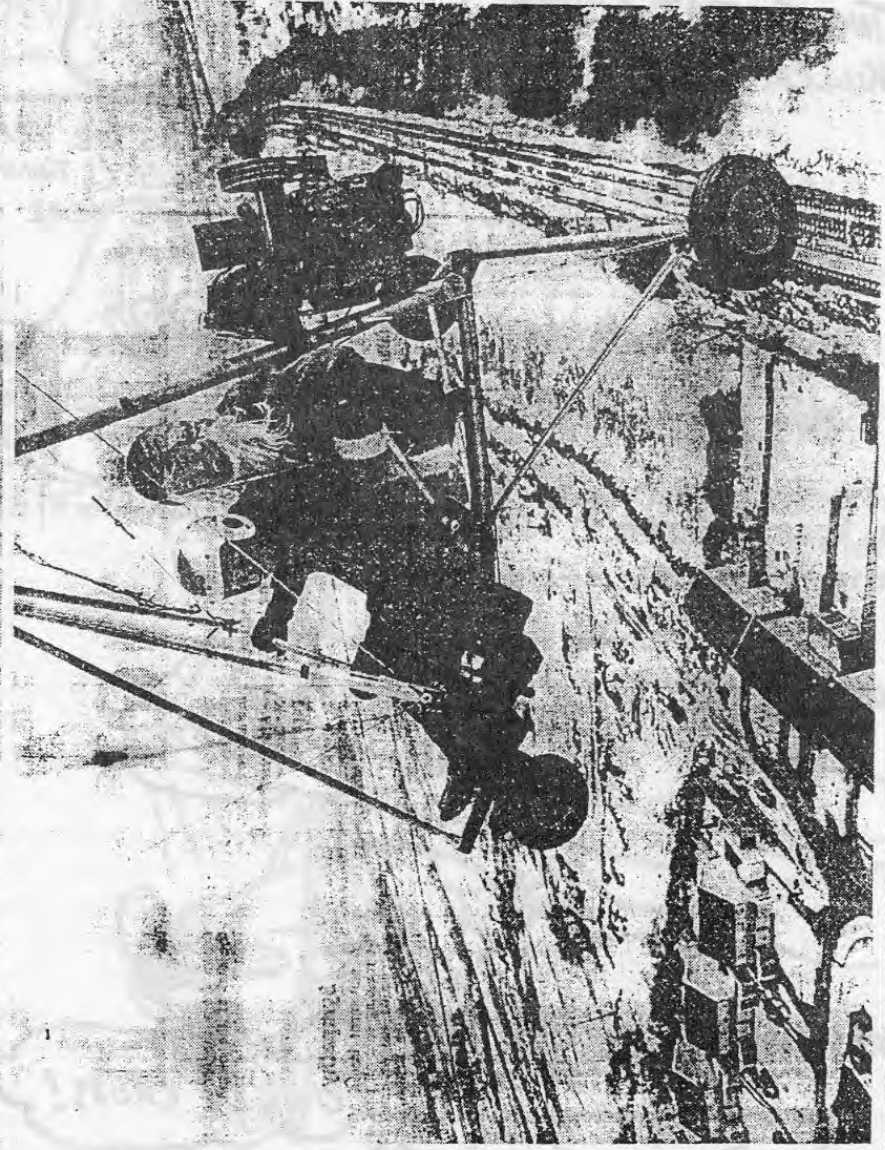
They had planned a Christmas flip to the hospital, famous for its spinal injuries unit, but were grounded by bad weather.

"We flew from an airfield near Thame and Jimmy Savile fired a flare to let us know it was safe to land," said Tony.

"Jimmy greeted us and shook hands. He was pleased to get the cash."

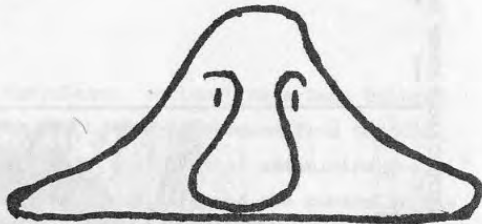
The charity hang gliders used a motorised two-man sky trike built by Keith's company, South-down Sailwings, of Hove, in conjunction with Ultraspots.

The club, which covers the Downs from Storrington to Beachy Head, presented Jimmy with a medallion inscribed: "We helped Jimmy Fix It."



BLOB

THE GREAT WHITE
KILLER THERMAL



LAST YEAR WAS THE YEAR OF
THE COCKEREL (I THINK).
THIS IS THE YEAR OF
THE GNU.



THIS YEAR I PREDICT BETTER
CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHTS...

--DOWN WIND



--CROSS WIND

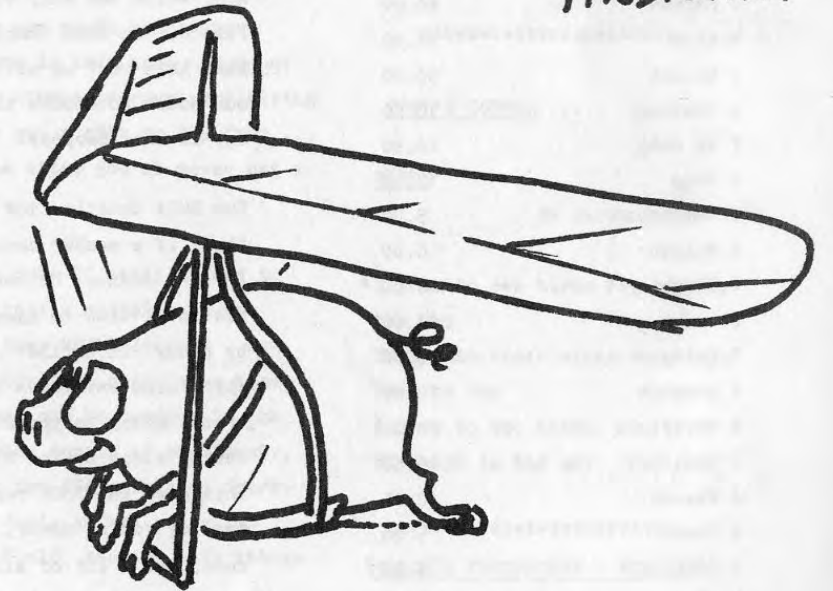


AND EVEN UP WIND



I ALSO PREDICT THAT
"THINGS!!?*" WILL CONTAIN
A TECHNICAL ARTICLE ON
HANG GLIDING OR AIR
LAW.

AND A FINAL FORECAST BASED ON THE PREVIOUS
PREDICTION.



STOKE MANDEVILLE : CONTRIBUTIONS

*-Trophy winner	£
B Newton	25.50
J Chadwick	150.00 *
P Kent	7.00
J Young	2.00
K Sinclair	35.00
M Legge	17.00
A Whitmarsh	16.25
P Harris	41.00
J Carstairs	5.00
R Bacon	5.00
A Fuell	11.06
P Day	13.00
P Bateman	19.00
S Heffer	20.00
P Banner	22.00
M Brady	48.80
A Turner	155.00*
E Lloyd	31.50
J Harmon	60.00
M Wira	17.00
D Bluett	50.00
D Clayton	10.50
T de Jong	10.00
S Goad	17.00
C Phillips	5.00
R Halpin	6.00
P Unwin	100.00 *
J Leden	17.00
P Coidan	16.00
S Goodman	10.00
E Horsfield	20.00
D Woolford	16.50
A Paynes	12.75
R Green	5.00
J Carr	5.00
Mr X	9.60
Wine Raffle	23.00

The total contribution was £1034.46.

Well done, everyone!

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WHERE WERE YOU ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

...asks Vince Hallam, who once again claims to have been the only SHGC pilot to shake off sloth and drunkenness, and actually get his Pelican into the air. It's all right for you blokes who don't have kids, I suppose.....

BHGA AGM: COMMITTEE GEARS UP FOR ACTION

After last year's events at the BHGA AGM, which can only be described as a fiasco, the SHGC Committee has decided that this year we will do everything in our power to ensure that the SHGC gets a say in what happens.

The BHGA Constitution sensibly provides that, if a member cannot attend the AGM for any reason, he can give his vote to his local Club to exercise it for him by proxy. In earlier years SHGC has circulated envelopes so that people who weren't going to the AGM could return the voting slips to the Club Secretary, and this gave the SHGC representatives a good deal of voting power. Last year it wasn't done, and a lot of silly things happened without us being able to do much about it.

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SITES ... NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS!

Very little change in the sites position this month, fortunately.

At BEACHY HEAD, the Committee members who have been negotiating with the Council are trying to fix up a visit from a few Eastbourne councillors at a time when hang gliding is going on, so that they can get some idea of what is actually involved. So do, please be on your best behaviour at all times when on this site, obey the site rules, and ALWAYS make sure that the landing area flags are put out before flying starts. They are kept at the side of the hotel, in the alcove with the empty beer barrels. Do NOT land anywhere but in the marked areas on the top of the hill, and if you are in any doubt about your ability to top land in that area, go down! Remember, you can always improve your flying, as long as you've got a site to fly from... but if we lose the site, you'll never get a chance to do better.

At MILL HILL, the Adur DC still intend to appeal the magistrate's decision to the High Court (will they NEVER learn?), but this will apparently take quite some time, and no prosecutions can be brought in the meantime. Site rules remain as previously, obey the board at the ATC office on Shoreham Airport, and derig before you climb back up from the field, are the main things to watch.

The SHGC Committee intends to have a shot at re-negotiating the STEYNING BOWL site,

now the former Management Committee has packed up, but the general view is that this site is not worth the currently-asked £2500 annual rent, if the schools do not intend to use it. The Committee will be interested to get feedback from the Club on this issue, and we would certainly like to hear from people who use the Bowl regularly. It would certainly be impossible for the Club to organise car-park attendants and the like, as has been done previously.

But for the time being, it seems OK to use the site, but please advise the Sites Officer, or the Secretary if you get any aggravation while flying there.

OTHER SITES, are all as per the Guide.

POET'S CORNER

BIRDS

By Sarah Fuell

I love to see birds fly high in the sky
They flap their wings so nicely
That is why
I love to see birds
Fly high in the sky

VINCE'S PUNTERCOMP - RESULTS

(late final)

- 1st Mark Heffer, (Midas C) Hastings
- 2nd Phil Kent (Spectrum) Hastings
- 3rd Keith Kimber(S/Scorp) Littleham-



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COLOUR SUPPLEMENT

(Editor's Note:- I'd just put the January issue to bed when two people let me have contributions I couldn't ignore...)

NEW SOLAR WINGS DEALER IN SOUTH

- LESTER CRUSE

It's a fact, I am the new agent for the Typhoon and all Solar Wings products in the South East. I have been flying the Typhoon for a year now and can honestly say I have no wish to fly any other glider. I have been after this agency for a year now because I believe it's the best glider and they have been badly misrepresented in this part of the country.

But let me tell you how it all started. I was a works flyer and dealer for Birdman Sports when the Solar Wings boys left to set up their own business. I was tempted to go with them but I felt I owed something to Ken Messenger. His prototype 'Comanche' looked promising but he never really solved the problems and eventually lost interest.

I then concentrated on the Fledge which was about the hottest wing around in its improved form but it wasn't long before the rag Wings had more to offer and at the European Championships I sold my Fledge and looked around for the hottest rag I could find for competition flying - the Guggenmos Wings. For some months, you may remember, nothing could

get near it. Until one day, there I was flying my Wings at the Dyke - looking down at everyone when up comes this new glider. Next thing I know there's Johnny Carr sitting next to me saying "Typhoon, I've just got it."

Not only did he go way above me, when he pulled the bar in, it went woosh! leaving me paddling in the vapour trail!

I don't believe anything can out perform the Typhoon and that includes it's American counterpart the 'Comet'. Why anybody should buy a Comet in preference to a Typhoon is beyond me. The performance is the same, the handling is much better and from me they are £100 cheaper than a Comet.

A few notable characters who are flying Comets can be explained as follows:- Johnny Carr was made an offer he couldn't refuse.

Michelle Carnet He thinks Johnny's God and what is good enough for John is good enough for him.

Dave Blewitt He's got more money than sense. The Chevy Saga proves that, he rolled a £3000 Stingray on third party only insurance.

Steve Goad He's eccentric. You can tell he's crackers - he flies better with a plastic hip than he ever did with a real one!

Seriously, all I ask is that you take a look at my new Typhoon. It's the big one at 180sq.ft. It has an incredible sink rate an immaculate sail incorporating the new windmaster sailcloth, and a superb finish. At 11 stone in nature I find the large Comet difficult to handle, but my large Typhoon feels like my medium one to fly.

At least come and talk to me before you buy your next glider. You can't lose anything but you can make a great deal. My after sales service is next to none and I guarantee your glider is test flown and in perfect trim.

Unfortunately the price of this Typhoon went up in the New Year by £40 making it £897 inc. VAT, but my first three customers will get them for £797 - £100 OFF Subsequent gliders will be £830 still approx £100 cheaper than a Comet. Think about a Typhoon - you can't do any better. See me for a spec. sheet and order form or phone Downland 54322.

NB:- Contributions in a similar vein from other manufacturers or agents will be welcomed.....Ed

BHGA AGM: VENUE CHANGED...

This year's AGM (See news item) will be held at the LILLESHALL NATIONAL SPORTS CENTRE, near Newport, Shropshire, on SUNDAY, MARCH 21st 1982. Full details will appear in the February issue of WINGS!

DEVIL'S DYKE XC COMP: SPONSORS COME

FOREWARD

To encourage people to attempt XC flights in the Devil's Dyke XC comp, Michele Carnet has been getting local firms to sponsor prizes for the longest qualifying flight in each month....

KENT CEILINGS (Spanish Joe) are offering £10 for the longest flight in January

SOUTHDOWN SAILWINGS offer £20 for the February best,

ULTRASPORTS offer £20 for March, and

REIGATE BUILDERS (Steve Goad) offer £20 for the April best.

Despite the unpromising conditions, several members have been goinferit recently, although at Jan 25th, only two qualifying flights had been made:-

M Carnet (Wouidh't you know!)	6.0 km
Roland Delez	6.0 km

Ken Sinclair made an attempt in awful conditions on January 22, and made the Dyke crossroads (3.9 km)....so it CAN be done!