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February 2002



Here's to the end of Winter



Editorial

Thanks to Ashley Glenday, once more, for designing the front cover. Let's hope soon that the winter blues disappear and the weather improves, leaving Spring in its wake, so we can enjoy scenes like this again!

It is this time of year, before the birds start nesting, that we get an opportunity to do scrub clearance at the Dyke. Volunteers are needed this month for this. Please see the Chairman's request in the 'News' section.

Again I have repeated the instructions on marshalling responsibilities. Please note that it is your responsibility to arrange a swap with another member on the marshalling rota if you cannot make the date allocated. You must advise all personnel affected of the change so that they know with whom they are marshalling. However, this is not to be encouraged as the Membership Secretary works hard in arranging groups to consist of one HG pilot and two PG pilots, and mixing the inexperienced with the experienced.

Do check out the web site www.shgc.org.uk that Andy Kirkland has been working hard on. It's very impressive and shows the latest info and news!

I will soon be stepping down as Editor. Unfortunately my back needs a break, and this sort of work just aggravates it even more. We have found someone who would like to take over, and over the next few weeks, I will be running through the tasks that this job entails with him. That's if there is no one else out there who would like to try his or her hand at it?

As usual, please send all material for Windsock, ads, letters to the Ed, jokes, quizzes, crosswords, or anecdotes by the 1st of the month. Hard copies must be protected in a board back envelope please. I cannot support Publisher documents at the moment, so a word document is preferable if you are sending a soft copy.

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Designed and edited by
Diana Riordan



Chairman's Letter

Not much to write about this month as not much has been happening, flying or otherwise. At this year's AGM it was hoped that Hugh Miller would be giving a presentation of his various escapades. Unfortunately Hugh has other commitments. Another committee member suggested female mud wrestling, as an alternative. That won't be happening either. So it's just going to be the AGM and that's it. You will see further on in this month's issue that the start time is 7.00 pm. It was felt that by holding it as early as possible in the evening, it would enable you all to attend and still go out clubbing.

So far, we have had no proposals for the AGM and no one putting themselves forward, to fill the vacant positions on the committee. If you feel that you can fill one of the vacant positions, please come forward. We can certainly get you proposed and seconded on the night. I can assure you all that will be no problem. **Good news** though, Dave Massie has offered to take over the Chairmanship of the club. This will mean that we will need a club Safety Officer. Assuming of course that you elect him into the position.

Have you logged onto the new club website yet? If not, I suggest that you check it out. Andy Kirkland has done an excellent job. The new format is crisp, informative and loads very quickly. Rumour has it that Ozzie is even thinking about getting a computer so that he can see it. There goes that flock of pigs again.

The aerotow syndicate is getting a tandem class II hang glider. That is all I'm going to say about it, as I do not want to steal Will's thunder.

That's it for now. Safe flying. If you are lucky enough to get your feet off the ground!

Paul

Summary Following Committee Meeting 7 February 2002

- ◆ AGM March 23rd 7pm. Will be simple, quick and easy. New committee members wanted!
- ◆ New web site looking good, www.shgc.org.uk
- ◆ National Trust site agreements' updating going well.
- ◆ Aerotow group buying a dual Exxtacy.
- ◆ New Pilot lectures for April.
- ◆ Firlie fence will be moved, Dyke bottom landing cut back, car parks fixed.
- ◆ Scrub clearance group to be organised, Feb 23rd/24th.
- ◆ Need to sort out recording of days flown on club sites, many agreements ask for it.
- ◆ Caburn car park rates bill has been dropped.



AGM 2002

March 23rd

Venue

The Hassocks Hotel
Hassocks

(Near The Mainline Train Station)

Time

7.00 p.m.

It's vital that as many of you who can attend, do attend.
Otherwise it won't count!

Bar in meeting room.



The AGM And The Election Of Committee Members

The current committee members are as follows:

President (Non elected position)	Johnny Carr
Chairman	Paul Coidan
Secretary	Brian Brunswick
Treasurer	Martin Brady
Membership Secretary	Claire Page
Safety Officer	Dave Massie
Aerotow Officer	Will Greenwood
Sites Officer	Nigel Barrett
Site Fee Collector HG	Sue Brooks
Site Fee Collector PG	Vacant
Chief HG Coach	Ozzie Haines
Chief PG Coach	Trevor Mc Loughlin
Airspace Officer	Michel Carnet
Competitions Officer HG	Ozzie Haines
Competitions Officer PG	John Lancaster
Social Secretary	Stewart Swanton

Retiring Committee Members

Chairman	Paul Coidan
Windsock Editor	Diana Riordan
Site Fee Collector	Sue Brooks
Chief HG Coach & Comps Officer	Ozzie Haines

The remainder of the committee members are willing to stand again, assuming of course that you will have them. If any of you feel that you can fill the shoes of those standing down or those willing to stand for a further term, then come along to the AGM get yourself proposed and seconded and voted onto the committee.

AGM Proposals

If any member has a proposal for the AGM could they please forward it to a committee member directly or via committee@shgc.demon.co.uk. Remember your proposal will need to be seconded. Also, it would be advantageous if you attended the AGM to answer any questions arising from the floor. Unlike this year's BHPA AGM.

Safety Officer Required

Dave Massie has offered to take over the "Chairmanship" of the club, assuming of course that you elect him into the position at this year's AGM. However, it does mean that he will be stepping down as the club Safety Officer. Sooooo we need a new Safety Officer. Fancy the job? Then come to the AGM and get yourself elected.



Marshalling at Devil's Dyke

When it is your turn to marshal at the Dyke it is important that you **turn up, or find a substitute**. Your job is to help reduce overcrowding, and ensure air time is used fairly by all. Being the Marshal does **not** mean that you can't fly, you just have to organise it with the other Marshals on the day.

Before you marshal

Read the Site Guide. Know the rules. Note any NOTAMS ('Notice to Airmen') for the day (published in Windsock).

Marshalling Guidelines

If it is flyable, the Marshals of the day must collect the site control equipment from the metal cupboard outside the boiler room. This is in front of the outside toilets at the east side of the Devil's Dyke pub. The cupboard is padlocked; the combination is '1273'. Remember it as the dialling code for Brighton. The equipment consists of a logbook, 6 SHGC flags, strips of day-glo material, a black board, a split session "1/1" Flag, a low air time (red ribbon) "L" flag, a large red cross and an air horn. Sign yourself in in the logbook.

Set up a "Gate" in front of the pub. This consists of two flags. It will be either open, or with tape across it, closed. Additional gates may be set up as required in the Paddock or North bowl. Pilots may take off anywhere within the allocated areas **only when the gate is open**.

Pilots should read the marshalling board before flying, for current information, e.g. times for split of hang glider/paraglider/'red ribbon' sessions, details of NOTAMS, relevant information for the day etc. So **write this information** on the blackboard.

Assess the conditions. If the site becomes too crowded, close the gate by putting the day-glo tape across it. Pilots may not launch when the gate is closed, but you may allow flying on a 'one land/one take off' basis. **The closed gate is to allow you to restrict the numbers of pilots in the air.** If for instance 20+ pilots are flying below 300ft ATO, in the bowl to pub area, then close the gate. However, conditions may well dictate that a lesser number of pilots in the air may be more appropriate.

Split sessions. If conditions are such that both hang gliders and paragliders are flying, and it becomes crowded, it may be necessary to have split sessions, i.e. half an hour of one craft, then half an hour of the other. It may also be necessary to have a session for red-ribbon pilots only, to allow them more room. Set a time for these sessions, and write them on the blackboard in advance.

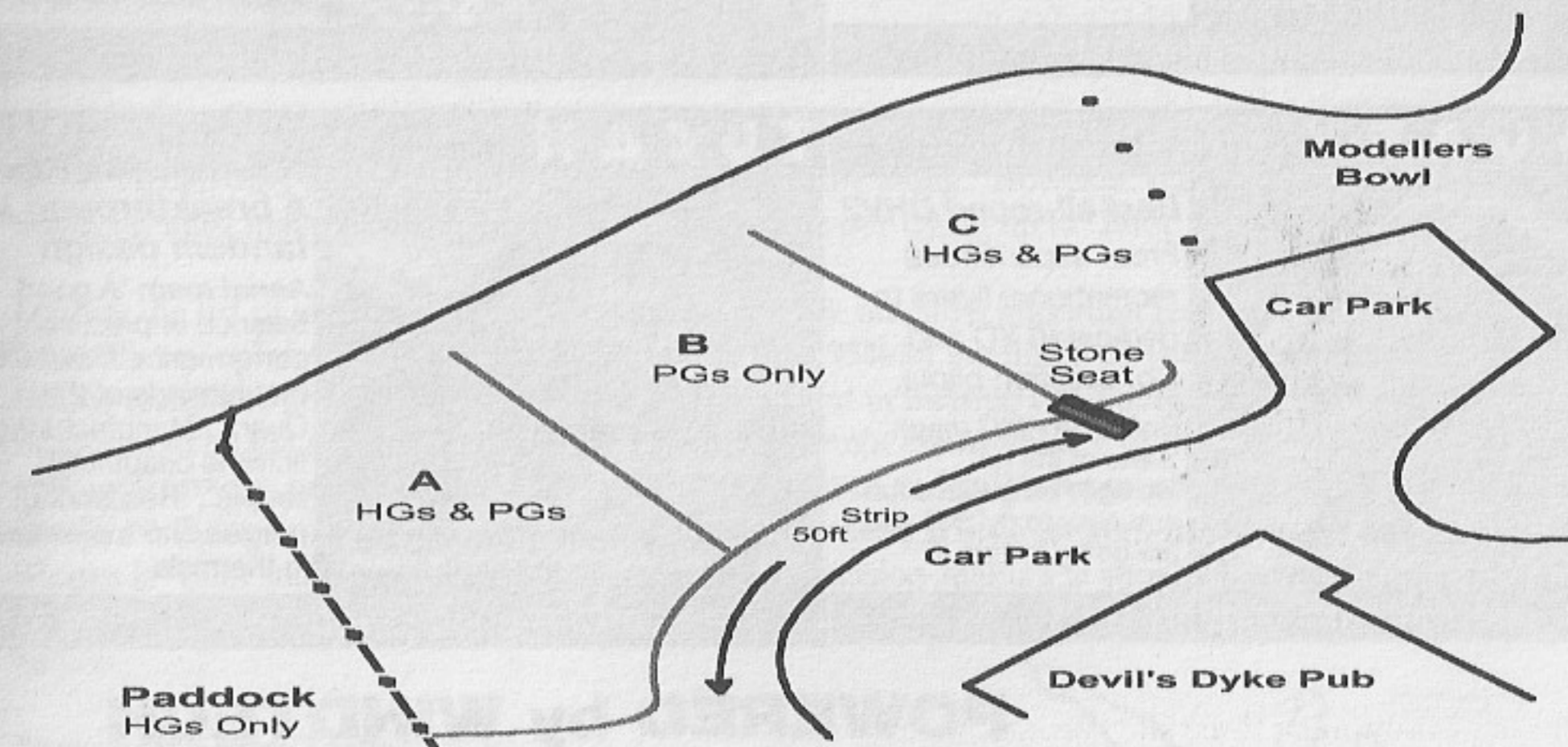
The **Split session** flag "1/1" indicates a _ hr for paragliders, _ hr for hang gliders, or red ribbon pilots. The **Low air time** session flag "L" indicates time for red ribbon pilots, hang gliders or paragliders, but **not together**. Do not restrict the other pilots from flying for long periods by having one special session after another, and try to avoid using the best part of the day for red ribbon pilots.



Please note that hang glider pilots may not wish to take off in the early part of the session if they are waiting for the right conditions. This can cause ill feeling among the other grounded pilots. Once hang glider pilots get off the ground, it is often better to let them continue flying after the _ hr session is over rather than get them to land. The main problem for hang gliders is to be able to take off without paragliders getting in the way. Requests for split or special sessions should not be unreasonably withheld. **The signal to land is a single blast of the air horn.**

In the case of a serious accident, the large red cross is the 'Emergency land now' signal and/or **three blasts of the air horn**. Use it only in the event of an accident or emergency. Pilots are then required to clear the area as quickly as possible and land, **all but the closest pilots must bottom land**. Please remember that a helicopter may be arriving in a matter of minutes and pilots must not get in the way, or allow unattended canopies or gliders to get in the way.

THE A, B AND C AREAS:



The main paraglider take off in front of the car park has been divided into three areas:

Area A, bounded by the paddock fence and the beginning of the pub, and **Area C**, bounded by the stone seat and the modellers bowl markers, are for hang glider rigging, parking and take off in addition to Paragliders.

Area B is exclusively for paragliders to rig and take off and is bounded by the stone seat on the east, and the end of the pub on the west.

It is important to leave at least a 50ft strip in front of the car park for public access and viewing.

If you need help or advice from experienced pilots, ask for it. **Enjoy your Day**

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Coaching Column by Trevor McLoughlin

Well, I don't know what's happened to the weather, but I'm getting a serious bout of the 'SAD' syndrome. With teaching all the time, I don't get to fly as much as I'd like to, but this is ridiculous. If it doesn't improve soon, I'm going to need to do a refresher course.

Pilot Lectures

It's that time of year again and I've been asked by quite a few people to do another series of lectures for the 'Pilot' exam. So, I will be doing them in April on all the Wednesday evenings. It will follow the same procedure as the last few times; three two-hour lectures one week apart followed by an exam evening. The start time will be 8 o'clock and the dates are as follows:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| April 3 rd | – Air law |
| April 10 th | – Theory of Flight |
| April 17 th | – Meteorology |
| April 24 th | – Exam Evening |

So, who should be attending? Anyone!! Although these are intended to help you get through the exam, it doesn't mean only people willing to take it should come along. However, those of you thinking of taking the exam must make sure that you're ready for it: Is your flying up to 'Pilot' level?

Despite the list of tasks that follows, I personally think the most important requirement is consistency (but it is only my opinion). Do you get it right more than 95% of the time? Is your ground handling and launch technique good – in light wind, strong wind and in thermic conditions? Remember, you are now supposed to be the master of your craft – ready to attempt cross-country flying (if you fancy it). If you still cock up your take offs, can't land where you want to and still have to ask other people whether you should be flying or not, maybe you should consider waiting a little longer. Just because you know Joe Bloggs is 'Pilot' rated and his ground handling and decision-making is appalling, it doesn't mean you have to be like that. There will always be someone who likes to make a fool of themselves - don't let it be you.

Paragliding Pilot Tasks

To achieve your 'Pilot' rating you must complete the following tasks (from the BHPA task book):

- 1) Complete a minimum of 50 flights since attaining CP rating, with at least 15 flights to a height above take-off, at least 15 flights in wind speeds of over 15 mph and at least 5 flights in thermic conditions
- 2) Demonstrate controlled 360 degree turns in both directions.
- 3) Complete at least 5 flights of over 5 minutes duration: (at least 5 minutes are to be above take-off height). Additionally you must complete a minimum of 25 hours flying since achieving CP rating.
- 4) Complete 5 controlled landings in a designated area (not to exceed 10 metres radius). Plus two top landings at each of two sites.



- 5) Experience flying in four different wind directions and at two sites.
- 6) Display an ability to fly competently and safely in the company of others, maintaining a good lookout, complying with the Rules of the Air and exhibiting good airmanship.
- 7) Satisfy the Instructor/Coach as to the correct attitude to continue a flying career both safely and competently.
- 8) * Safely demonstrate slow flight awareness and discuss the relevant symptoms and dangers. (WARNING: deliberate stalls must be avoided).
- 9) * Maintain directional control whilst showing recovery from tucks of not less than 50%.
- 10) Discuss and be able to explain the techniques for avoiding and recovering from tucks, stalls and spins; and emergency rapid descent techniques (B line stall and spiral dives).
- 11) Pass the Pilot written examination paper.

* I strongly recommend you get a thorough briefing from a qualified instructor before you attempt to do the fifty percent asymmetric and slow flying tasks.

Hang Gliding Pilot Tasks

The HILL pilot must complete:

- 1) 3 takeoffs and 3 landings, within 10 metres of a defined spot, all accomplished in winds of less than 5 mph.
- 2) 2 top landings on each of three different sites.
- 3) Flights from 5 different sites, 3 of which should be inland sites.
- 4) A minimum of 30 flights logged since gaining CP.
- 5) A minimum of 25 hours logged airtime.
- 6) 2 flights out of ridge lift during which the ground clearance exceeds 1,000 feet for over 10 minutes duration.

ALL pilots must complete:

- 1) 5 flights of not less than 5 minutes duration, each followed by controlled landings within 25 metres of a designated spot.
- 2) Fly co-ordinated 360 turns in both directions.
- 3) Manoeuvre the glider safely, considerably, and in accordance with the Rules of the Air.
- 4) Achieve a height gain of at least 2,000 feet (barographs are not necessary).



- 5) Attend club lectures on Meteorology, Principles of Flight, Air Law and Navigation, Instrumentation. (First Aid is no longer necessary.)
- 6) Pass the Pilot written examination paper.
- 7) Pass a final assessment on airmanship.

All of these tasks should be signed off in your logbook for me to look at before I apply for your exam paper. You can't take the exam until the rest of the tasks are done. Any of our coaches qualified in the same discipline (i.e. HG or PG) can sign these tasks off for you.

Meetings

The next coaching meeting will be on **Thursday 28th of February** at 8' o'clock in The Wellington as usual. The topic of discussion will be 'open'. My intention is to be there to simply answer your questions about flying. I won't be alone; the usual people will be there and hopefully between us we can answer all your questions. So, start writing down all those things you've always meant to ask and haven't, and with a bit of luck we'll give you the answers. Plus of course there will be the usual good beer and the table dancers etc.....

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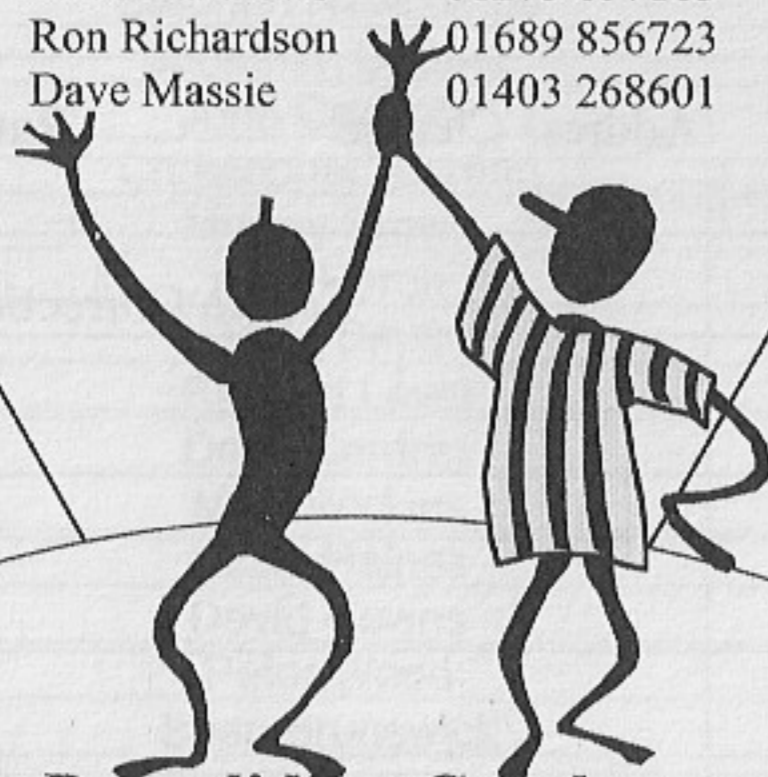
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Present Paraglider: Model:

Now please read and sign the following declaration

In applying for membership of the Southern Hang Gliding Club, I agree to abide by its rules and regulations and any amendments and/or additions to these rules as might be made by the Committee and/or General Meeting of the Club. I fully understand that contravention of these rules and regulations may lead to my suspension as a member, in which case I will not be permitted the use of Club sites or facilities.

Please note: Each member is expected to perform a maximum of one day per annum as weekend flying marshal. The rota will be published monthly in 'Windsock'. It is your responsibility to find a replacement from the published list if you are unable to attend your allotted date.

Signed Date:

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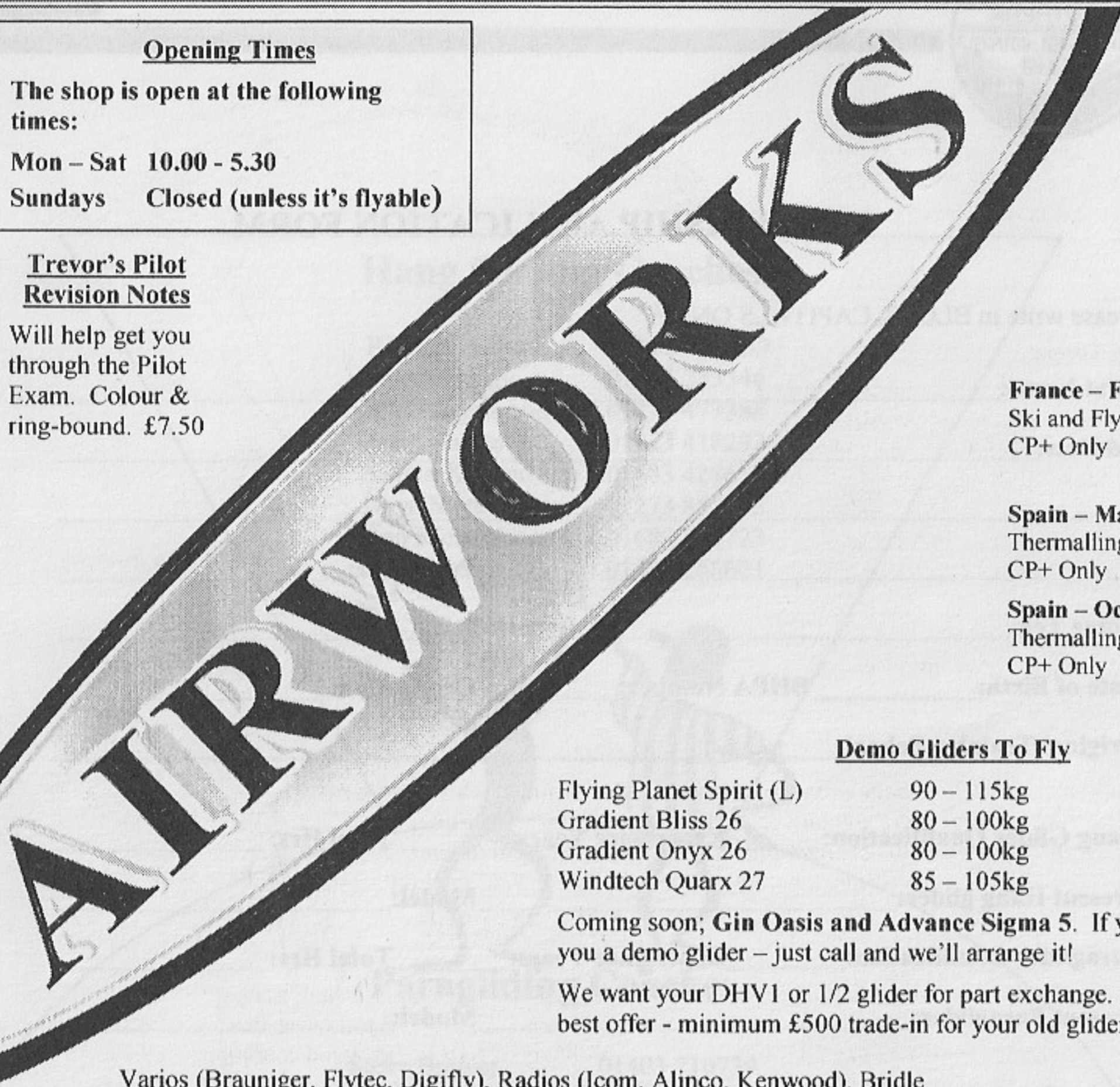
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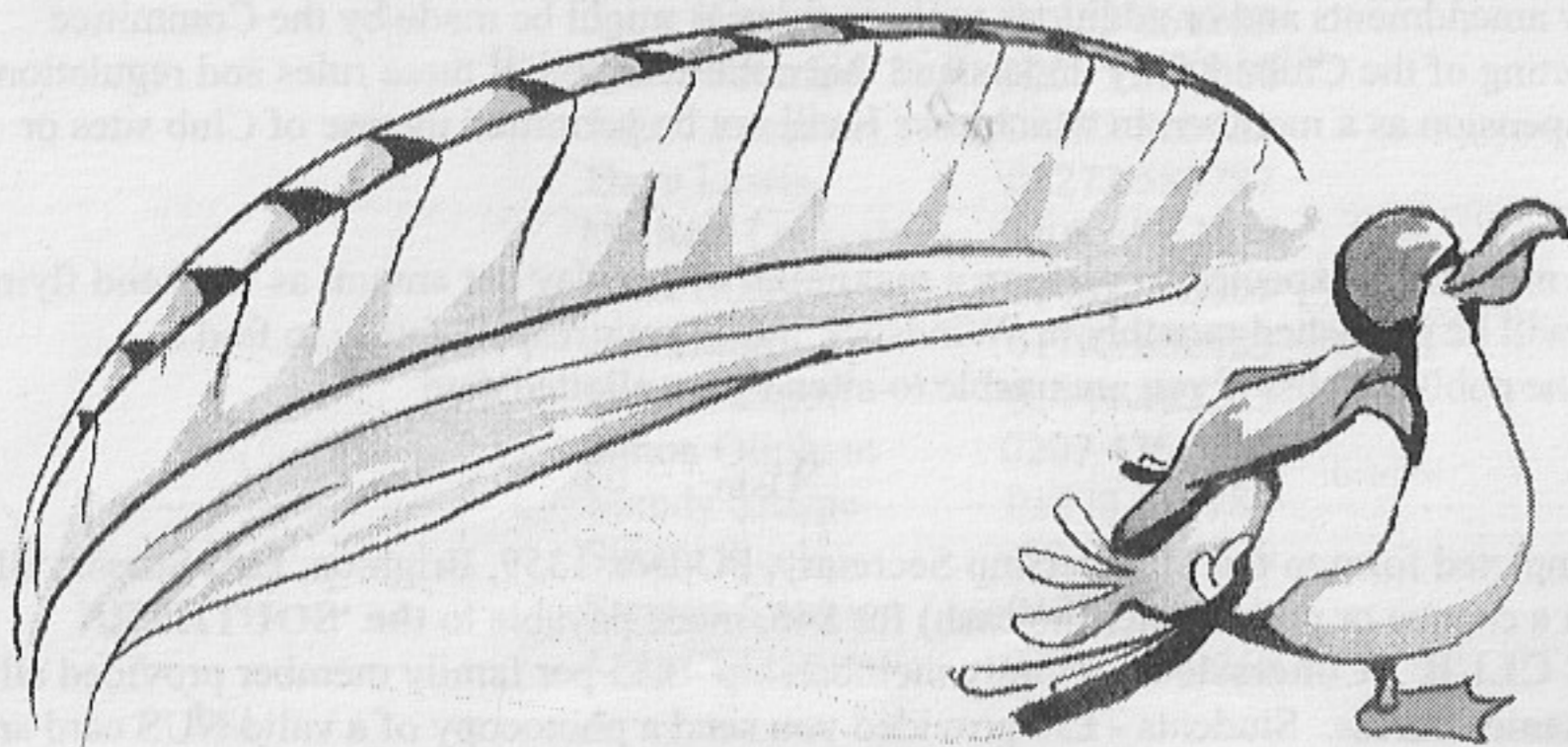
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Coaching & Lectures

We'll be doing regular lecture evenings soon; there will be talks on weather, air law, and theory of flight from EP to AP, novice to instructor. There will be one and two day courses on various other aspects of flying too. Watch this space for more details!

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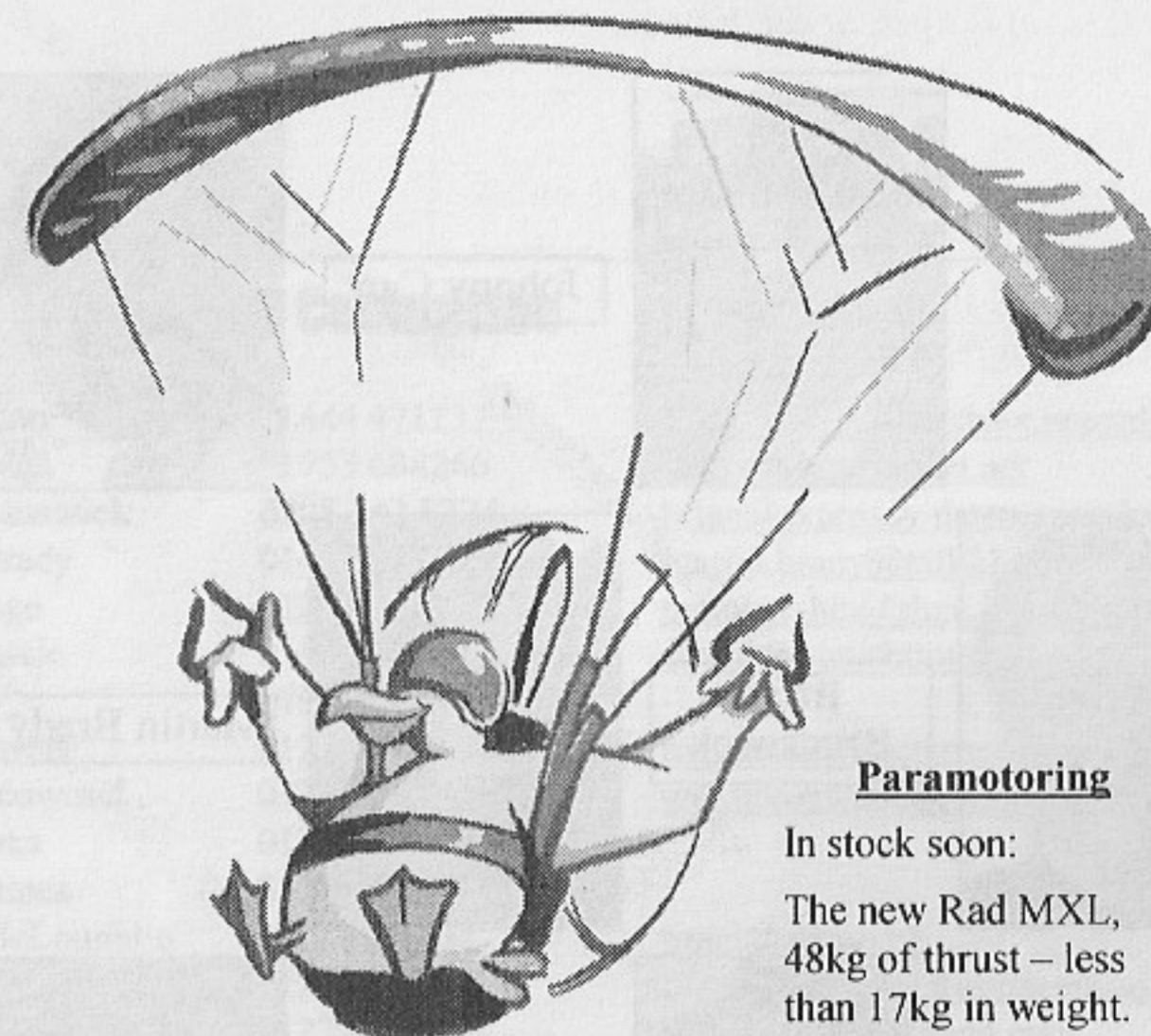
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A trip to Chamonix, Annecy or somewhere similar in the Alps. Details to be finalised - get in touch if you're interested.

Trevor is off to Alicante again. There is only a couple of spaces left. If you want to come be quick.

Alicante once again. This is proving so popular now, we've had to book the dates this far in advance.



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Site News

Happy New Year.

Just to let you know, I haven't hibernated for the winter yet!!! So I thought I had better keep you up to date with some site news before I do.

1) Firle Bo Peep

I have met with the tenant farmer today and he has agreed to lower the fence in the bowl area. The strip should be around 50 metres in length and will be dropped to the footpath below the existing fence. He has also agreed to use plain wire on the top layer not barbed wire. He hopes to have this completed in the next couple of weeks and I have agreed to pay the costs out of SHGC funds.

2) Firle Bo Peep

The same farmer has also agreed with the SHGC to lay some hardcore in the car parking area. Jez Richards is trying to get hold of some along with a compacter. He may be looking for volunteers to help him lay it, so I will keep you posted.

I would like to point out that the farmer, Will Palmer, has been really helpful considering he gets nothing for all his trouble. I shall, however, be giving him some bottles of booze as a 'thank you' on behalf of the SHGC.

Caburn

The entrance to the car-parking field is a mess, so take care if you don't want to get your car stuck. If you have to park on the side of the road, don't block it. I shall also try to get some hardcore put down ASAP.

1 Devils Dyke

I will be meeting up with the farmer re the bottom landing area this week. I will keep you posted.

2 Devils Dyke

Chris Williams, the farmer, has agreed for the SHGC to clear some of the shrubs in front of the paddock area, and the bowl area, so I shall be looking for volunteers to help out. I will keep you posted as to when but it will have to be soon due to nesting birds.

3 Devils Dyke

I have asked the National Trust if it would be possible to lower or even remove the fence in front of the paragliding area, but was told by the local ranger that lowering it would create an eye sore???? What a joke the whole fence is an eye sore and I shall be taking it up with their bosses. I'll let you know how I get on.



High and Over/Ditchling

There are new licence agreements from the National Trust for both H/O and Ditchling and I have just received the drafts. They seem ok. Both sites can be flown for 40 days of the year and they have asked us to send them 6 monthly reports on numbers and days flown. I will let you know when I can get some sort of system in place re the info they require.

Beachy Head

Don't forget that, as from Jan 31st, you must not fly the cliffs unless you are 200ft above the top. They become flyable again on 1st Aug. This is in our LICENCE with Eastbourne Borough Council, which is up for renewal in March, and I will be trying to get this changed but, in the meantime, keep to the site rules.

New Sites

I have been reading your e mails with interest re Westerly Sites. There are very few in this area. I have been looking into The Long Man of Wilmington, which has a W/SW face. John Lancaster has been talking to the farmer but, for the present, we have not got permission for the club to fly there. We have, however, registered the site to SHGC to stop poaching from other clubs and schools. **DO NOT FLY THERE.** You will only undo the work done so far.

Newtimber has a westerly face and is controlled by the National Trust. I will be meeting up with their Land Agent shortly, but at the moment she's off sick. However, there may be a problem because there is a covenant to stop airports on it!!!!!!

Cuckmere has a Westerly face. The SHGC has tried to get permission to fly there in the past 2 years but with no luck. I shall try again. Things may have changed.

Boxhill/Reigate hill. The National Trust, and the local farmers, have all been anti airports on both of these sites, but if anyone has any local knowledge with the farmers/tenants etc, let me know. I will continue to put pressure on the NT from this end.

PLEASE do not fly any site unless you have permission from the landowner. You will only make any ongoing or future negotiations impossible.

If any one wants to discuss any of the matters above, please contact me on my e mail address only.

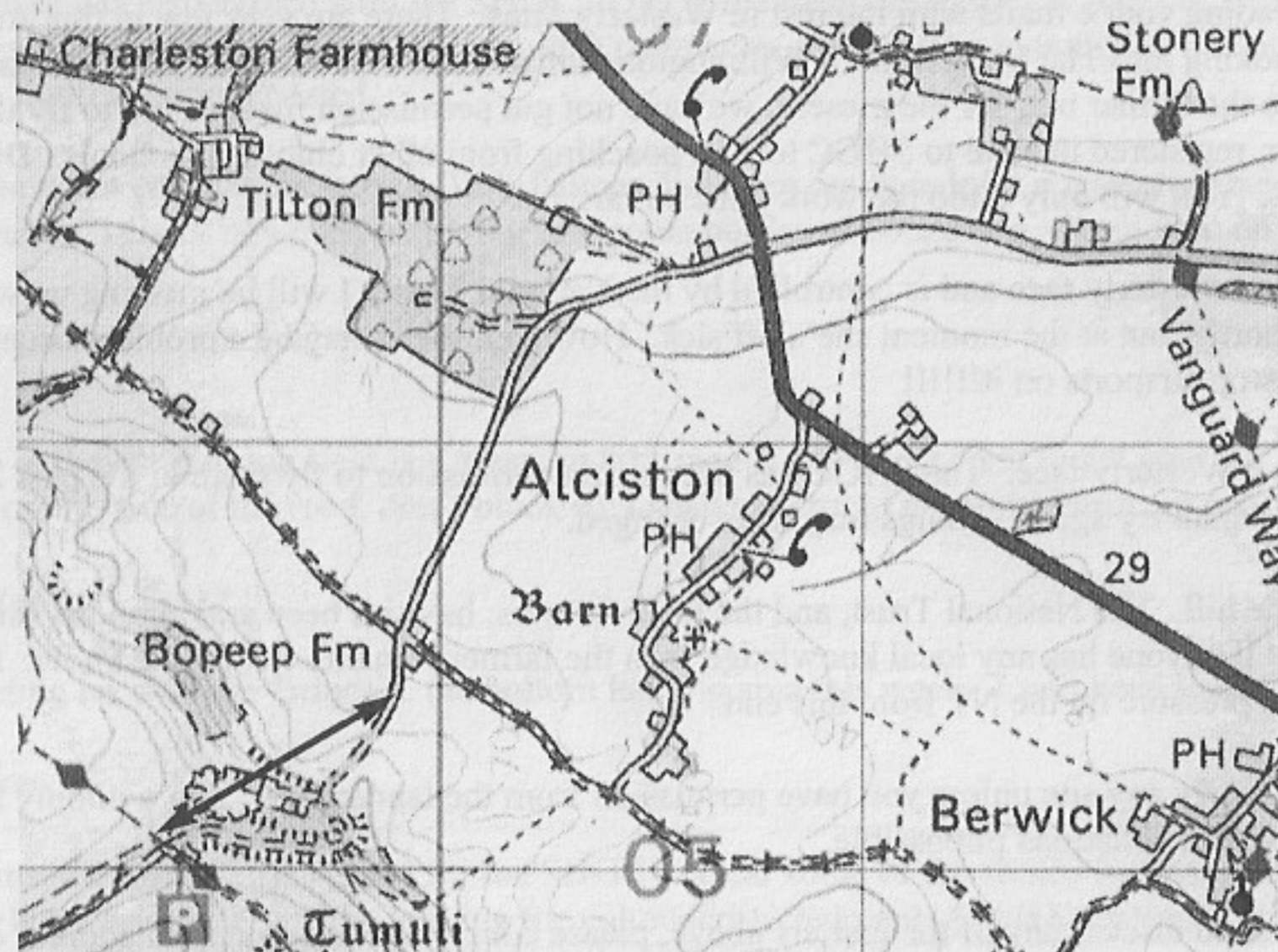
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What is the club policy about F.L.P.A.s? It seems we don't have one, other than to say, if you want to do it, it's ok with us, just keep away from our sites - not very welcoming or inclusive. You may hold the view that, as a club, we shouldn't welcome or include the noisy petrol heads anyway, and you may have a case. However, the BHPA has, with the BMAA, been given the task of overseeing these new developments in our sport, and our club can, at the local level, help to incorporate and encourage those who wish to explore another side to their flying. We've done it successfully as a club by supporting the aerotow group. We are in the throws of starting a winning group. There are many ways to make those who add power to their flying, feel a part of the Southern club, and I propose to have a stab at doing just that.

To this end, I would be grateful if all those members who motor, both 'hang' and 'para', would contact me so that I can ascertain your needs and requirements with regard to social events, 'fly in's', coaching, lectures, sites (not hill sites), and any other areas. My numbers are: 01273 813842 or mobile 07951 500769.

John Lancaster

P.S. I hope that there is more response than I've had in the past wearing my other hat as Comps Officer (paragliding), and whilst I'm on that subject...

Paragliding Competitions

The club challenge should be on this year, now that the country has got the all clear re Foot & Mouth. We have three teams entered, plus a tandem team. Entry fees are paid from last year, and so we need to know who wants to have a go in a friendly and fun competition. It will be designed to suit all levels of pilot skill. Each team should have a sky god/nationals pilot. (Are those terms mutually inclusive)? Who would be willing to impart great dollops of hard won knowledge, and tips on technique to us lesser team members, many of who may still have red ribbons? Please let me know if you're interested in a team place, so that we can organise some inter team competitions as a prelude to the real thing.

For those competition pilots that just compete around the world, the news of your successes and achievements sometimes take an age to filter through to the other members of the club. Whilst we know that you are all shy creatures really, and don't want to blow your own trumpets, we would like to know how you get on. So, it has been suggested that we have a 'Competition Scene' section in Windsock to feature information, results, anecdotes, tips, etc. Your response and input would be very welcome.

John Lancaster

P.P.S. The cliffs at Newhaven were flyable for two or three hours on three mornings in early Feb, before the day blew out. Where were you all?

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Coaching Meetings

Coaching meetings take place at 1930 hours at the Wellington, Seaford on the last Thursday of each month (map within this issue under 'Coaching'). Trevor McLoughlin would be pleased to welcome all pilots with varying experience including Coaches. Email or phone Trevor if you travel a distance to get to these meetings. It may be that someone else is coming down from your neck of the woods.

Right Hand 360's Only Please

Members are reminded that on all club sites the ruling regarding 360's is, that below 1000 feet above take off, only right hand 360's are allowed. Once you are above 1000 feet above take off then 360's in either direction are allowed. Also, please remember that, when joining other gliders in a thermal, join them going in the same direction of rotation.

Low Air Time Pilots

Low airtime pilots must speak to a coach on the hill before flying to ensure the conditions are safe to fly.



News

Modeller's Bowl

Hang gliding and paragliding pilots must not fly below 250ft above take off over the modeller's bowl, whether they are flying or not. Four white posts mark the boundary.

Airwave Challenge

I'm planning to get teams together for the Airwave Challenge. Everything still to be arranged. Dates for an initial meeting will be published in next month's issue of Windsock. Hairy Dave

Important

Once hang gliders are rigged, paragliders must not land in the hang gliding paddock except in emergencies. DO NOT RE-INFLATE in the paddock.

Dave Massie, Safety Officer

Found

Found at West Firl, 10/11/01, some distinctive foreign money and some camera equipment. Please contact Hairy Dave, 01273 589787.

Air Law Reminder

Give way to pilots who have the ridge on their right. Do not fly in to them.

Dave Massie, Safety Officer

British Hang Gliding Cup

Are there any club members keen in having a go at the British Paragliding Cup 02 and sharing the cost of travel/accommodation etc.?

I have spoken to individuals who are keen. Perhaps if there are a number of us, this could reduce costs. I have a large dome tent for six!

I don't have any competition experience and I'm sure there are many more experienced pilots out there that fancy having a go!

If you're keen, or have other ideas, I would be pleased to hear from you on 0790 0016392 or tambira@supanet.com.

For more details and dates see Jan 02 Skywings.

Mike Peters



News

Found

Found at the Dyke, 24/11/01: speed bar and pair of strings. Please contact Hairy Dave, 01273 589787.

Scub Clearance at the Dyke

The club has been given permission to clear the scrub at the Dyke, in front of the paddock (HG take off) down to the bottom of the hill, if need be.

At February's Committee Meeting, the date for this task was set for Saturday & Sunday the 23rd & 24th of February, starting at 9.00am both days. It was felt that if we left it any later than this, then we would be encroaching on our feathered fellow aviators nesting period, unless, of course, any twitchers amongst you can advise differently.

This will certainly benefit the PG pilots with regards to slope landings in that area. So we need as **many** of you on these two days to help with this. Interested in helping? Then please lodge your offers of help on the forum or with a committee member. Those of you with a chainsaw and the requisite operating licence would be handy. Thanking you all in advance.

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