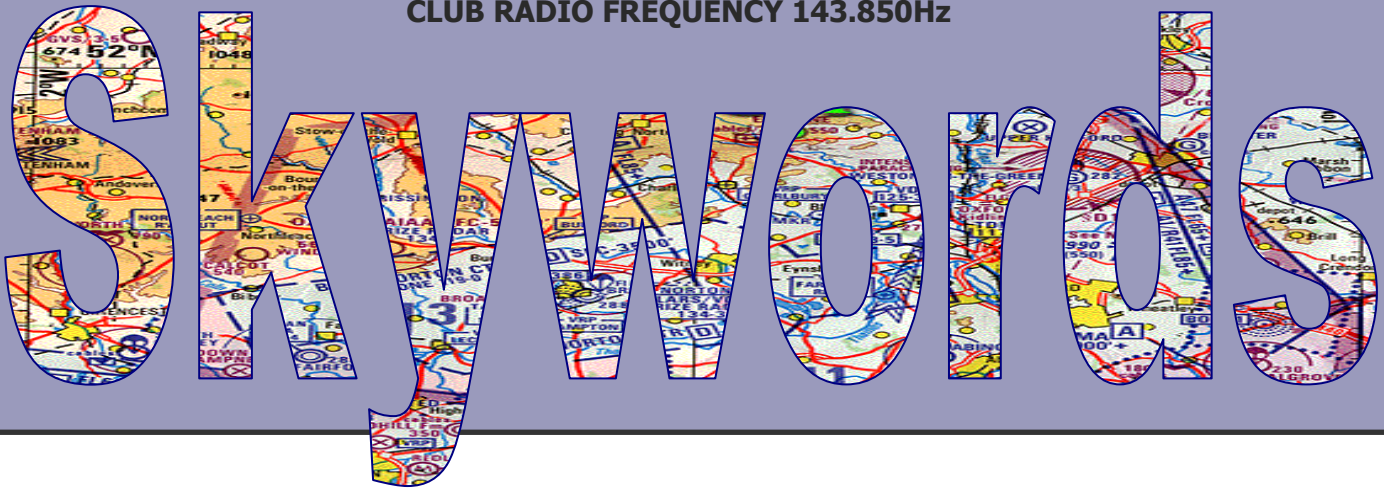


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Email katerawlinson@hotmail.co.uk if you wish to submit anything for next month's mag. *Kate x*

**CLUB NIGHTS
ARE BACK!**

Club Nights – first Thursday of the month 8pm start - The Black Horse, Otley, Westgate LS21 3AS

**Thursday 6th September
Simon Goodman**



Flying the Zillertal Valley Austria and Nepal

Ed's Coaching Column Live!!



Great for new and low airtime pilots, valuable help and advice from our very experienced Chief Coach Ed Cleasby

**Coming up.....
Club Night October 4th**



Kerim Jespersen

Talking about the techniques and equipment involved in film making, one not to miss

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Chairman's Chat

Noooooo – I can't believe that it's September already! The first club night of the winter season is just around the corner: where has the summer gone?

The British have a great tradition of complaining about the weather. Some of you have even been reduced to using the Shout Box to suggest alternative acronyms for RASP. My favourite (so far) is Really Abysmal Summer's Paragliding; which says it all really.

Perhaps we should reflect on what we have achieved and what lessons we want to take into next year rather than dwelling on the negatives?

Whilst the weather can be great in the UK, there are no guarantees. Should you commit to an overseas paragliding 'trip' to satisfy your 'addiction'? I was lucky enough to go on 2 this year. The first to Hotel California in March was rewarded with excellent conditions and some great flying. The second, with the club, to Baz and Sam revealed the potential at Algodonales, but sadly, only a month later, the weather didn't play ball and we only got 2 days flying in. No guarantees even if you do go abroad.

Having booked into a B&B for the Lakes Charity Classic I was committed to going even though conditions were atrocious. I walked up, and down, a very big hill in the rain on the first day; but did, at least, get a little coastal flying task in on the last day. That experience of committing to an event in advance rather put me off the Pennine Parafest, although I hear that those braving the elements were rewarded with some flying. As you know we cancelled the Dales Bash because of a lack of commitment from members. On reflection it probably wasn't such a bad idea?

I'm embarrassed to admit that I have only managed four UK flights this year, and none have amounted to anything resembling a decent XC. I haven't managed to participate in any coaching days and I haven't done any tandem flying. On reflection I suppose that most of this was predictable. In my defence I was mobilised to support the (once in a lifetime) Olympics and that took away at least a month. I've also been trying to sell my house and the buggers always arrange a viewing when the weather is good: they must study RASP beforehand!

I have made a little progress with equipment. A second-hand reversible harness has certainly reduced the all up weight of my kit. If you are an optimist you could consider that to be twice the bonus when you have to walk down the hill as well? In a similar vein my Camelback has developed a leak, but at least I discovered it before putting it into my bag. Every cloud has a silver lining.

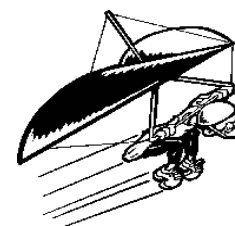
Whether you consider your glass to be half empty or half full, why not come along to The Black Horse in Otley on Thu 6 Sep. If you think you've had a bad summer we can all have a good moan together. I bet mine was worse than yours...

Fly safely,

Martin Baxter
Chairman



Noticeboard



Okay, this helmet won't work for hang gliding

Tue, Aug 21 2012, 8:05:18 am MDT

But maybe it will work for bicycling

<http://mashable.com/2012/08/16/invisible-bike-helmet/>



Caption Corner August

Winner of the free pint!

"This bag is mine and I'm not swapping it for an invisible golf club or an invisible snooker cue"

Dominic

If anyone has any amusing pics for caption corner please send to me at katerawlinson@hotmail.co.uk free pint for the winner.

Kate x

Library News – Melise Harland



The library catalogue is now on the DHPC website! To access it go to the homepage and you will see the library listed in white lettering on the blue band at the top of the page. If you click on the word Library it will take you to the catalogue so you can have a look, see what we have and have a wish list ready for the next club night. If you would like to pre-order any item from the catalogue feel free to send me an e-mail (Melise_Harland@yahoo.co.uk) and I will reserve it for you. Some of the items are now getting a bit dated so if you have any suggestions for things you would like to see here let me know.

If anyone who has an item out of the library would like to write a review over the summer it would be much appreciated, I'm sure people would like to hear someone else's view rather than just mine from time to time, thanks.

We have a new book addition to the library, **Scottish Paragliding**: an introduction and selected sites guide by cliff smith and Gary Williamson. I'm sure this will be a popular book for those who don't mind travelling to fly or are going on holiday across the border.



DVD Review The Race

By Uli Wiesmeier

Reviewed by Melise Harland

The concept of this film is that Rob Whittall, with his paraglider looking like an ordinary ruck sack, challenges Stefan Glowacz, a climber, to race to the top of Piz Pordoi in the Italian Dolmites. Glowacz shakes on it but shrugs it off as an irrelevance and starts his epic climb only to realise later that Rob was far from joking and the race is on.

The film opens with a long slow shot travelling through the stunning, rugged grey mountains in the early morning calm before the race begins and the tension starts to build. Although it is a short film, just 11 minutes, it took them two summers to complete the filming and you can tell. It is brilliantly cut and the timing is impeccable. It takes you several views to realise just how many different camera types and angles were used.

For various reasons I have watched this film three or four times now and it never fails to make me smile. As someone who came into paragliding through climbing I have always seen a lot of similarities between the two sports and this film highlights that for me. I'm not surprised this is a multiple award winner.

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Ed Cleasby (Senior power coach) Chief Coach	Various	Ingleton	edcle1@tiscali.co.uk	07808394895

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