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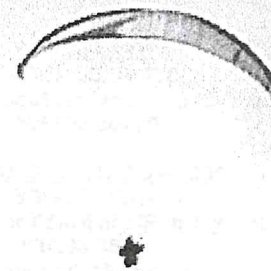
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JULY 4th.

CLUB NIGHT
Stewart Bond, giving a talk on bivouacking with the doodlebug

AUGUST 1st.

CLUB NIGHT
To Be Arranged

SEPT. 5th.

CLUB NIGHT
To Be Arranged

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Interested in Sailplane comps at Sutton Bank?

I hope you all enjoyed the visit from The Yorkshire Gliding Club to talk at our Club Night – I'm sorry I wasn't able to be there but circumstances dragged me to the Costa Blanca in Spain for a week and a half, not just to lounge around on the beach (don't do that stuff) but to look at buying a property. We were successful and chose a house overlooking the 13th green of a golf course – mainly a business venture as we intend to let it out (to fanatical golfers) and use it ourselves just occasionally. However, don't form an orderly queue to book up as it won't be built for 15 months! Anyway, I'm digressing; I think a lot of you will know Kay Draper. Gorgeous ex-League pilot who is now big time into sailplane comps and has invested her savings into a top performing LS8 glider (which she foolishly agreed to share with hubby Dave.

Her big comp out in the North will be at Sutton Bank and she is looking for flyers or anyone, I

suppose, to be a retrieve driver should she be unlucky enough to land out. I'm keen myself and will probably do the last weekend (3rd and 4th of August). Here's a letter from Kay. (Sorry about the quality of the piccy of Kay)

Letter from Kay

Hello Trev
Northern Regional dates are 27 July - 4 Aug inc. at Sutton Bank I'll be up to fly at least 1 day before if the weather looks OK. I will have my car insured for any driver over 25 but if there are some young (lean, muscular, toy boy) crew I can arrange to put them on as named drivers. People need to feel confident to



DALES XC LEAGUE

Andalucian Experience

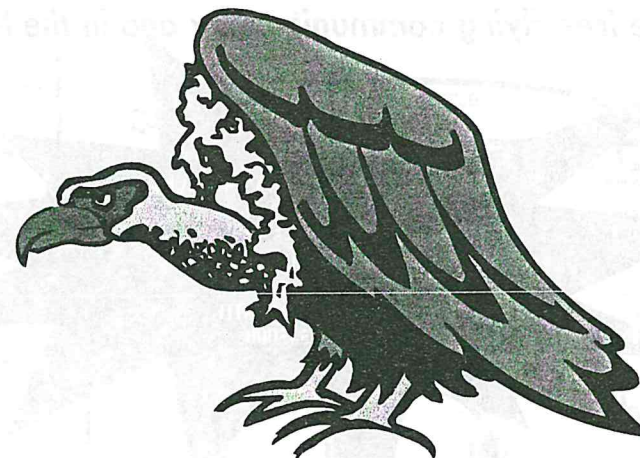


2002 Dales Paragliding XC League (as of 18/05/02) SPONSORED BY ANDALUCIAN EXPERIENCE

<u>Pos</u>	<u>Pilot</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1	Jake Herbert	70.9	58.3	22.5	18	16.5		186.2
2	Gus Hurst	45.5	37.8					83.3
3	Chris Fountain	19.3	14.9	11.3				45.5

2002 Dales Hang Gliding XC League

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DHPC Cross Country League Rules

- Entry to the DHPC XC League is free and is open to all members of the DHPC.
- All flights must be flown between the date XC is open and October 31st 2002. Pilots must submit their flight details within one calendar month.
- Trophies and prizes will be awarded at the next Dinner Dance.
- Flights must start from a Dales site.
- Only a pilot's six best flights will count. They can be Open Distances, Out & Returns or Triangles.
- Minimum distance is 5 km for straight flights and 15 km for all flights with turnpoints.
- Completed Out & Return flights score double the flight distance where the majority of the flight is out of ridge lift.
- Completed Triangle flights score three times the flight distance as long as they conform to the FAI 28% rule (the shortest leg of the triangle must be at least 28% of the total distance). However a completed Triangle flight which fails the 28% rule scores double the flight distance when the majority of the flight is out of ridge lift.
- Take off and landing witnesses are recommended, if not essential, in order to prove a flight when challenged.
- All flights must comply with current airspace regulations and restrictions.

To submit entries for the league simply email: webmaster@dhpc.org.uk or use the SUBMIT AN XC ENTRY link at www.dhpc.ukgateway.net/league.htm

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Try to include details like:

Start site

Finish location

Date and Time

Wind Direction

Distance (see rules, points 5 to 8 on league webpage for help with this)

Type of flight (Open Distances, Out & Returns or Triangles)

Hang glider or Paraglider

Any witnesses at take off or landing.

Cheers

Pete Logan

drive with a 25' trailer - we would probably be able to set up a practice area on the airfield.

I'll be staying on the airfield and if anyone wants to camp up there it will be OK - it's free. There is usually a lot going on when the grid launches so it can be fun to watch & get involved. Its good to see everyone pulling up and dumping water when they finish the task. Of course I expect to get round! - my record is improving year on year.

I'm running at 2 - 3 landouts per 9 day comp now but it really depends on the weather and the optimism of the task setter.

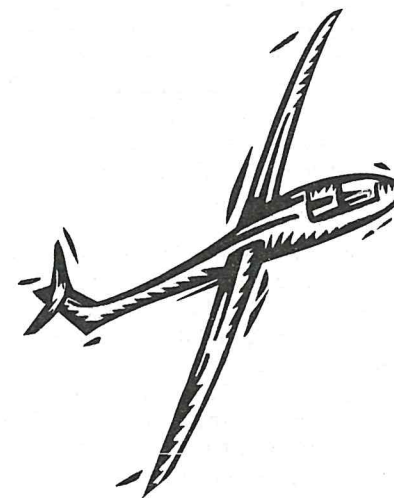
There should be the opportunity to have a fly when the grid has launched if anyone is interested and there are usually one or two socials through the week - including the final party probably Sat) which has a reputation for being a riot there.

We can discuss remuneration but for definite I would sort out petrol to get there, food and beer (within reason!!) Is there anything else you think

people will want to know?
Love & hugs
Kay

So
Who could refuse an opportunity to get chummy with the lovely Kay and, as an additional benefit learn a bit about gliding comps and possibly even get a flight up. Let me know what dates you could do!

Trevor Birkbeck



BCC ROUND 1

11th & 12th May Pennine club
Organiser Chris Williams (Pennine
Competitions secretary)

First round of the BCC Airwave challenge was held on the Pennine sites for the first time in over 10 years. I contacted the clubs that border our sites and asked if they wanted to enter a team from their club. A maximum of up to six per team of mainly low air time pilots who wanted to gain competition experience without the pressure of an open competition or a BPC were allowed. One team member could have competition experience. Four clubs agreed to come along, they were the Cumbrian club, Dales club, Derbyshire club and the Peaks club.

Saturday the 11th was predicted to be windy, so three of the clubs decided to leave travelling to the Pennine sites until the Sunday when the forecast was said to be light south easterly's, which would be the ideal day for an achievable task to be set. The Peak club came up the Saturday for a free fly and to join in the evenings socialising and camping behind the Talbot Pub. As the weather was predicted to be windy a day of more socialising was on the cards but, we heard that paragliders had been seen on Pendle.

As Pendle is a member's only site it was delicate taking 6 Peak non-members across but, I had a chat with the sites officer and it was agreed that they could fly as guests of the club as long as they abided by the club rules. Paragliders were skied out above Pendle and it was one of those rare days where wave had set up so it was possible for pilots to fly over Clitheroe about 4km in front of the hill up to 5000ft. We were flying until the evening up to 9.00pm, so it was agreed that everyone got a good days flying in and some practice for Sunday's flying.

Sunday 9.30am meeting in the main car park in Chipping village at the bottom of Parlick hill, the five teams arrived, but the weather was not playing and the early reports were giving light north easterly's. I decided that we should let the weather settle down and rebrief at 11.00am on the hill. By 11.00 with everyone on top of Parlick the wind had come around to the west so an initial task was set, with the window to open at 12.30. Not long after the window opened the wind settled on the south-east face, as the weatherman had predicted just a little late. I then changed the task to an initial ridge run, locally known as the Totterage run, which is approx. 13km there and back with a turn point in front of the hill to activate the task.

A 1000pts was the maximum achievable, 100pts for the first turn point, 500 pts to the cairn at the end of Totteridge and the remaining 400 back to take off. With option of open distance, activated with 5km from the cairn at the end of Totteridge. Now, this might sound easy, a ridge run what kind of task is that? First of all only a hand full of paragliders have ever completed the run, through difficult gullies locally known as the washing machine for obvious reasons, and a wild boar park part way down the ridge to encourage you not to bottom land! As I was trying to set a task for low air time pilots a ridge run and turn points with the option of open distance seemed the best option. Window was opened at 1.00pm and closed at 3.00pm and a land by time of 7.00pm, with option of multiple launches from launch to encourage pilots to have a go in the light thermic conditions!

As it was difficult to stay above ridge height it was Tim Brindle, who was free flying, who launched into a weak thermal to gain height and take the thermal upto cloud base over the back of the hill. With this and my shouting, it seemed encour-

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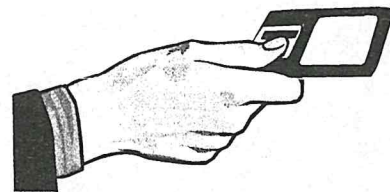
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age the others to have a go!

There were reports from many pilots of climbs on their varicos off the scale, and sink to accompany this with base at over 6000ft. From some of the collapses seen from the ground and reports of strong air from even the experienced pilots, I could see why! From what I could see all the pilots in the competition had a go at the task in their own time, and gained from the experience and the atmosphere of the day. There were no real incidents on the day and I am sure everyone got something out of the weekend.

Special mention must go to Jake Herbert (Dales) turnpoints and 67.5km, John Murphy turnpoints and 54km (Pennine), Pete Wood full Totteridge run (Pennine), Chris Fountain full Totteridge run (Dales) and Roger Savery 90% Totteridge run and turn points (Peaks).

Results:

Pennine:

John Murphy 900
 Pete Wood 1000
 Chris Robinson 100
 Mark Weatherill 800
 Brian Stewart 800
 Pete Wright 100
 Total: 3700

Dales:

Gus Hurst 100 -
 XC to Ingleton but didn't manage the 2nd turnpoint, one of the day's top 5 XCs.
 Jake Herbert 1000 -
 XC to Kirby Stephen longest of the day, nice one.
 Chris Fountain 1000 -
 Made it back from Totteridge and his

reserve nearly saw the light of day in rough air. One of only two to do so.
 Scott Armitage 200 -
 Got back on ridge to Wolf Fell but returned when the boonies were looming.

Les Cowling 100 -

Plenty of airtime but wasn't able to make it back.

Craig Richardson 100 -
 First comp, nicely done.
 Total: 2500

Cumbria:

Steve Thwaites 100
 Mike Skinner 100
 Chris Greenwood 100
 Paul Gannon 100
 Jim Stilling 100
 Total: 500

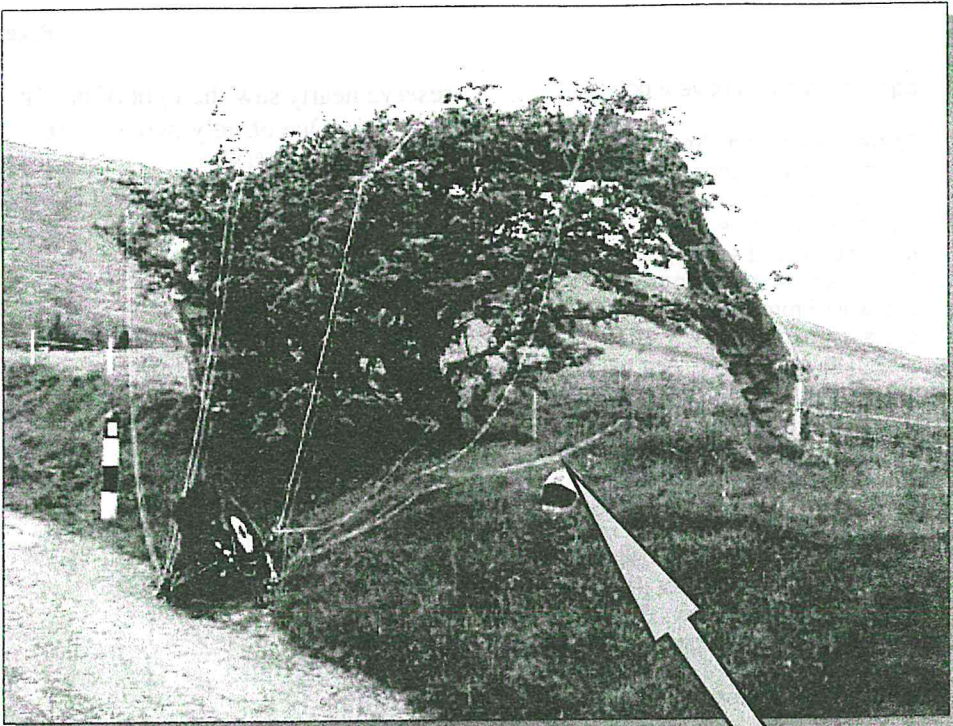
Peaks:

Roger Savery 800
 Dave Buchanan 100
 Frog Twissel 100
 John Bottomley 100
 Helen Gant 100
 Chris White 100
 Total: 1300

Derbyshire:

Dave Martin 100
 John Malown 100
 John Stevenson 100
 Fiona Danzell 100
 Bill Sampson 100
 Liz Sampson 100
 Total: 600

Chris Williams.



As it says in the sites guide the capacity of this site is not limited by the hill but by the goodwill of the owner, whose welcome we must cherish.

reth and Barkin. Beware Amber 1 air lane lies just down wind, SW of ridge (FL65-FL245). A recent XC from here ended up at Lake Coniston.

The bottom landing area is on the flat grassy area next to the parked cars, this can become boggy at times (remember this if you park here), one hazard on the bottom landing field is the numerous sink holes, these can clearly be seen from above.

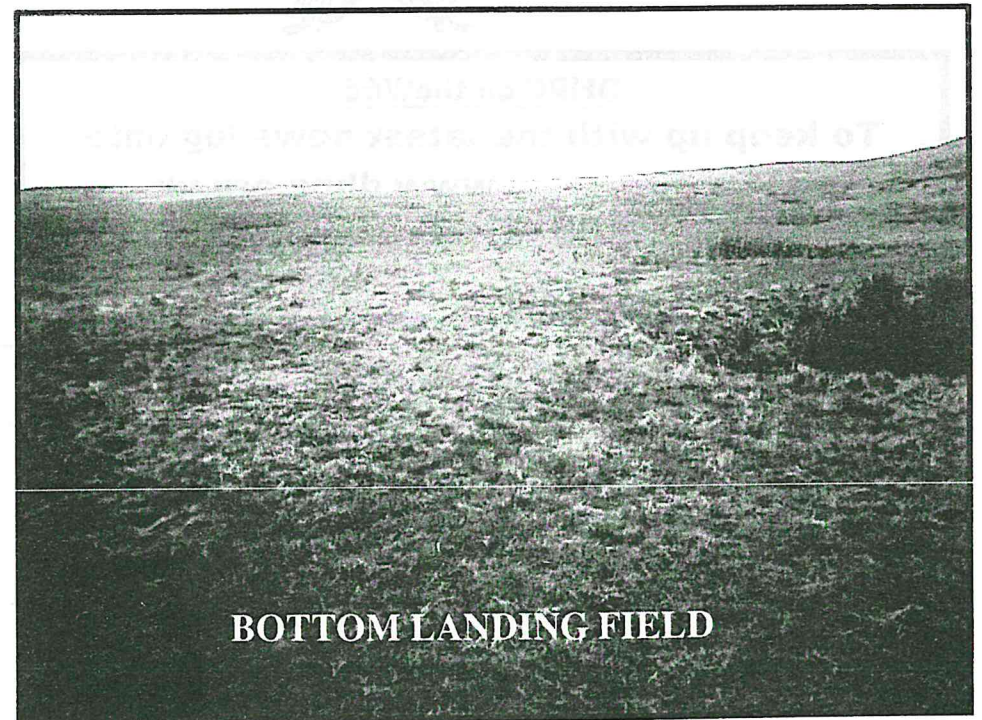
If the weather takes a turn for the worst, it may be worth asking Mr. Brennand at Ellerbeck Farm about his superb collection of veteran tractors.

XC's from Whernside can be rewarding, two more ridges behind can be used those being Graga-

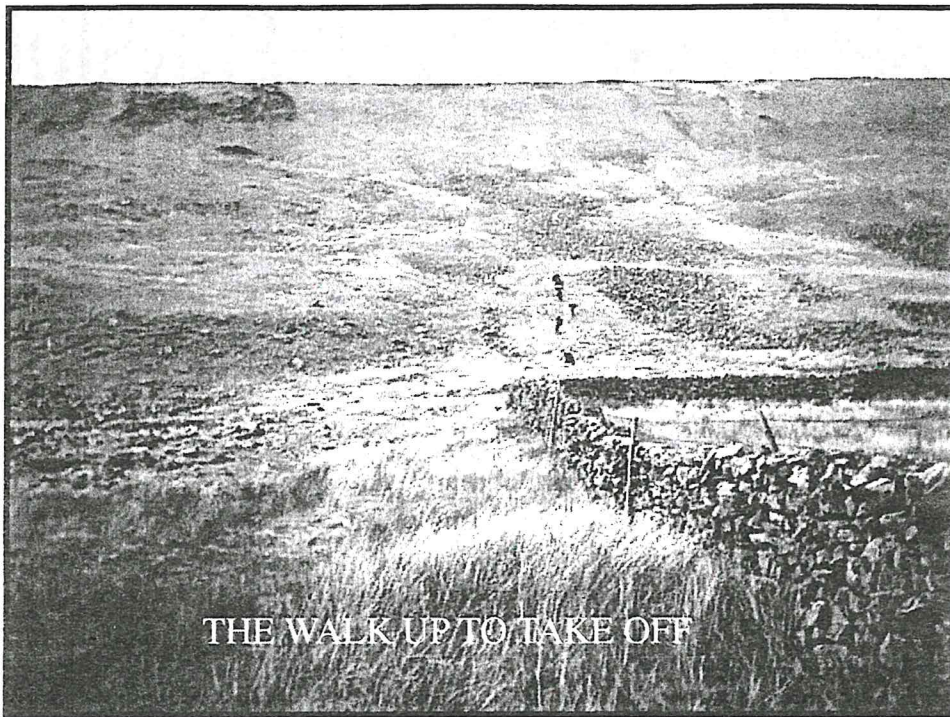


Not a spot I would have chosen to land !!!!!

Chris Fountain on his way to the Tottridge run and maximum points



BOTTOM LANDING FIELD



THE WALK UP TO TAKE OFF

Pilots especially paraglider pilots should be aware of the severe wind gradient that is often present at Wherside, pilots should not be tempted to take off part way up the hill in soarable conditions, always walk up and check the wind speed.

Wherside is a severe carry up especially for the hang glider pilot, but well worth the effort. In soarable conditions the ridge can be flown the entire length, from take off upto the summit and back again.

Top landing is possible along most of the ridge, but on the summit, the triangular area

east of the wall and south of the trig point should be used.

Access to Wherside is by the turn off on the B6255 signed Chapel le Dale, immediately after the small chapel on the right, turn sharp right. Follow this bridleway upto the bend in the track just before Ellerbeck Farm.

Parking is on the flat grassy area on the left of the track (we do not have permission to park on this area, park at your own risk) please do not block gates or access. From here walk directly up the hill, to the left of the wall.

A DAY OUT AT THE BCC

The first Northern round of the British Club Challenge was scheduled for the weekend of 11/12 of May, held at the Pennine Soaring Club site of Parlick.

Pete Logan had done a great job of organising a team, and keeping everyone in touch in the preceding week.

The weather forecast for the weekend was looking poor for the Saturday, but good for Sunday.

As it turned out Saturday was canned, and everybody was instructed to meet in the car park at Chipping on Sunday morning. After a bacon sandwich and pot of tea we doubled up on cars to avoid congestion and set off for Parlick.

On top of Parlick we met up with, Les Cowling, Steve Scholefield, Gus Hurst, Chris Fountain and Jake Herbert.

We needed a team of six pilots, the first five more or less picked themselves, those were Les, Chris, Gus, Jake and Scott Armitage, that left one place to be filled from the remaining four pilots.

Pete Logan and Pete Richardson thought that they did not have enough air time in to compete, and Steve Scholefield volunteered me!!! The wind was coming from the South West so meet director Chris Williams, set a task that involved taking off in the West bowl and flying to the first turn point that was located on top of Fairsnape Fell, then following the ridge Northeast to Dunsop Bridge, and from there open XC. The window was set to open at one o'clock and close at three.

Typically the wind decided to alter direction to come from the South, so Chris Williams had to set another task. This involved flying to Fell Foot Farm and returning to Parlick to score 100 points, then flying along the ridge that runs to the east (known as the Tottridge run) to collect 500 points at the far end, plus another 500 points if any pilot managed to fly back to Parlick. Any pilot wanting to go XC had to fly to the end of the Tottridge run to collect 500 points before going XC.

The window opened at one o'clock and the air was soon busy with paragliders and sailplanes

from the local gliding club.

The pilots who launched early had the best of conditions, even if they were a little rough, Chris had two major collapses that resulted in him loosing at least two hundred feet, he then went on to fly around the first turn point, flew back to Parlick then flew along the Tottridge run and back again for maximum points. Jake went XC after picking up well earned points and landed out in the Dales.

Gus Hurst gained plenty of height and also went XC landing out in the boonies, but still collecting good points.

Scott Armitage collected his 100 points for the first turn point, he then flew over the back only to come back again as a long walk out looked on the cards if he carried on.

Les Cowling and myself launched a little later and found the thermals were very difficult to connect with, they were now small and very punchy, no sooner had you turned 360 degrees than you fell out of them, but we both managed to reach the first turn point to score 100 points each.

Pete Logan had a fly around at the end of the day, but the wind was now picking up, he managed to make it to the bottom of the hill but was coming down short of the landing field. He made it over one wire fence but turned to avoid the next one, smartly landing on the road he failed to control his canopy only to see it softly spread itself over the only tree in the vicinity.

Half an hour later and six people with arms shredded to bits by thorns the glider was free. The beer did taste good though (thanks Pete). The contest was held between four clubs ourselves the Pennine, Cumbrian, and Peak clubs.

Official results are not known yet but I think we have done reasonably well, and hopefully will make it into the next round.

Thanks to Pete Logan for organising the team and to all who turned out.

If we do make it into the next round lets have a big turn out for what is a friendly comp.

with a great atmosphere.

CRAIG RICHARDSON

SEMER WATER

As of Saturday May 18, 2002, Semer Water is temporarily closed to allow new sheep on the site time to settle in to their new pasture. In the past our flying has caused local farmers some difficulty at this time of the year and we have agreed to stop flying on Semer Water during this period. The closure usually lasts for about 5 weeks but I will send out an announcement when the site is open again.

Alternative Sites to consider: Whernside, Far end of Stags Fell (good albeit small SE face) and Barkin Fell.

Many thanks for your cooperation,

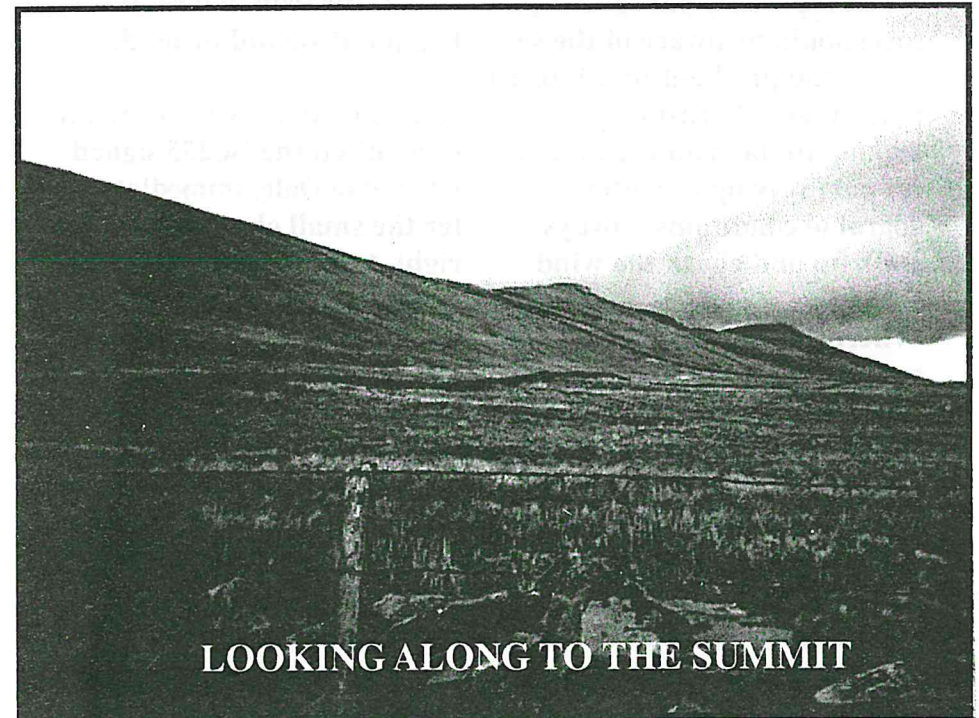
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SPOT LIGHT ON WHERNSIDE

WHERNESIDE FACTS

GRID REFERENCE	SD 725 788
WIND DIRECTION	SE-E (090-155)
HEIGHT (AMSL)	Summit 2429 ft. Take off 1750 ft.
TOP TO BOTTOM	Take off to bottom landing 595 ft.
HAZARDS	Severe wind gradient
HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS	Check latest air charts
NOTAM CODE	17.010
OWNERS	Mr. Frank Brennand. Ellerbeck Farm (At the base of the hill)

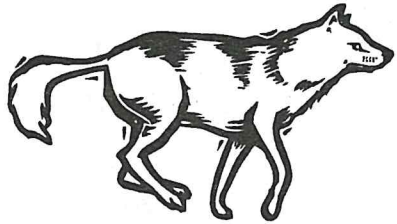


LOOKING ALONG TO THE SUMMIT

Children's Hour

Children's Hour

Goldilocks was walking through the woods one day carrying bags for her grandmother, but as she walked by singing, up pricked the ears of Rodriguez The Big Bad



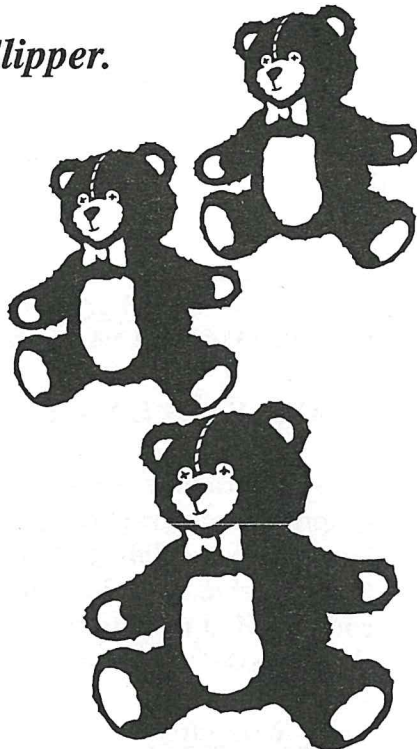
Wolf. After following her for quite a distance Goldilocks sat down for a bite to eat, she placed the bags down carefully where she could see them. Rodriguez was far too clever and hid behind a tree, as Goldilocks was eating he snatched the bags. As soon as Goldilocks realised that the bags had been stolen she began to cry, she couldn't believe it had happened again "I can't believe it has happened again" she said. After a while she set off to grandmothers to tell her the bad news, but as she was walking she could hear singing getting closer.

She knelt down and peered through the bluebells, there in a clearing were 8 dwarfs and Zebedee from the Magic Roundabout. Zebedee

was flying a huge yellow composite kite, grumpy was pacing up and down with his hands behind his back "You bend it you but it" he said. Goldilocks followed the group to a small cottage in the woods on seeing Goldilocks they all gathered round "I had something for all of you in my bags but alas Rodriguez the Big Bad Wolf stole them" Dopey began to cry "what no shampoo" he sobbed "don't worry, we'll get you some chocolate later" said Zebedee.

Follow next month's instalment "Who is Goldilocks?"

Flipper.



SITES NEWS

<u>SITE</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Bishopdale	Contact Game-keeper as per site guide to fly
Cow Close Fell	No crowds please
Cowling	3/12/01- open - Note new steps in side of hill to aid walking up
Hawkswick	Closed for lambing. See sites guide for more details.
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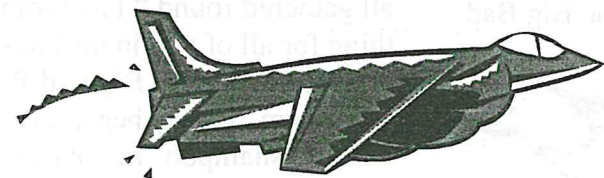
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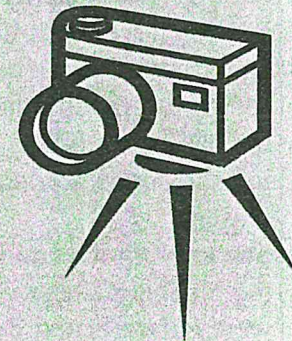
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