



# NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2007

Welcome to the April edition of the newsletter – even later this month, as we didn't have the usual meeting minutes to stimulate articles. However the flying weather has at last arrived, and we've seen a flurry of activity on the Club Yahoo website (mainly courtesy of Bill and Bob, but also now Mark Canvin).

### **March Curry Night**

Unfortunately I missed this as I flew out to Geneva for a skiing holiday that morning, but I gather there was a good turnout, and photos have been posted on the Yahoo site. Well done to Gordon for organizing that one.

### **Communications**

Please note that Gordon (Social Secretary) has set up a new e-mail grouping for him to contact members and replies to return to him, without cluttering the Yahoo site. However we believe that many members have not updated their contact information. I therefore attached a contact form on the March Newsletter, but received very few confirmations. Please ensure that Bill and myself have your latest contact details.

The following ideas were put forward, but again Gordon wants some feedback:

Interclub Competition event

Summer BBQ

Visit to the Met Office (probably a long waiting list, so need interest to be shown)

Quiz Night

Boat Cruise (Torbay or Tamar)

Lakes Classic Weekend – a club group to attend in June.

Karting (Race World, Exeter)

Paintball

So please contact Gordon to give feedback on 01803 328181 or [gw21@btinternet.com](mailto:gw21@btinternet.com).

### **Membership Fees**

A few more members have paid up, but for those who expressed a wish to pay their subs by Standing Order or On-Line banking, here are the bank details again:

South Devon Hang Gliding & Paragliding Club

HSBC, 4 Strand, Torquay

Account number 31321536

Sort code 40-44-22

## **Other News**

### **South Devon Club Flying Holiday**

I don't know if there are still spaces to go flying in Oludeniz, Turkey from the 7th May 2007. However if anyone else is interested, contact Gordon White for details.

### **Library**

Ensure that borrowed books/DVDs are returned on a timely basis. Several have been out for extended periods and other members are waiting for their return.

### **March Flying News**

The good weather finally appeared, especially when I was away skiing. However I did get 50 minutes up at Corn Ridge where several pilots had rushed to take advantage of a moderate day in late March. Unfortunately we were reminded that spring air can be unpredictable and I arrived to see the Air Ambulance loading Tim Pilling aboard after he was 'dumped' on take off. Word was he had broken his leg, so we weren't overly concerned and carried on flying (if a bit warily in my case). However, later reports were that Tim had suffered multiple leg fractures and will be grounded for around 3 months. [Tim, we all wish you a swift recovery].

As if we hadn't given the Air Ambulance enough trade, Bob Moore then dislocated a shoulder at Beesands and will also have to rest up for a while. (Details were posted on the Yahoo Site). The cause seems to be just bad luck in this case (pulling at an awkward angle) but we need to reduce the accident rate, so "fly safely".

I did see the Stiffies up and about in early March at Freathy, when the wind was too much for the Floppies, and I think they had the best of that month. [April has calmed down a bit]. I managed some photos, which are attached for the e-mail version.

### **Articles**

I know a lot of news is being posted on the Yahoo site, but if anyone wishes to share their experiences of a good day's flying, do write it up and send it with a few photos. With the current nice weather I'm sure many members are out and about. Let us know about any unusual or new sites you've used.

### **Next Meeting**

Our next **meeting** will be held on the 26th April at the London Inn, South Brent, 7.30, as usual.

Adrian Bishop (PG Safety Officer) has offered to give a talk and video on safe flying.

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