



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the September edition of the newsletter. Unfortunately I've not been out, so no photos to show. However the Yahoo site has posted plenty of activity while the weather held. Now as I'm typing it feels like autumn has finally arrived and the heavens have opened. That said Paul Cioffi posted a report of excellent flying conditions in Whitsand Bay yesterday, so the season is not finished yet.

August Meeting

23 people attended including two new faces:
Mia Urban, from Switzerland, flies a Swing paraglider;
Martin Thomson flies both powered and unpowered PG.

Club Library

The new 'Thermal flying' book, as reviewed in XC Magazine, has now been bought and is available for loan. Copies can also be bought through x-c.com for £36.

The new Ground Handling DVD is also strongly recommended, featuring Mike Kung. It is in English and German for those who want to practice their foreign paragliding terms.

South Hams Youth Festival

South Hams Council were organizing an 'Ultimate Sports Exhibition in Kingsbridge on Sat 8th Sept 07.

An attempt to show our sport at the show was thwarted due to insurance concerns, even though it was a static display!!

Malcolm's New Shop

With Innes leaving the area, Malcolm has set up a sales outlet (by phone/contact, no shop yet) and has had strong support from the 'big boys', especially Ozone. He aims not only to supply Demo wings, but also any types of minor items – books, DVDs, accessories – so give him a call for best offers before you order from anyone else (he reckons he can match other outlets). Mobile number is 07957 751319.

Overseas Trips

Colin Jones reported another "brilliant" holiday this year in St. Andre. He certainly looked a brighter red than the rest of us.

Safety

Congested Sites – the need for caution was repeated at the meeting. Tom Dodge has declined to name the offending member he had observed. However it was mentioned that at the Mere Bash there had been advice on extra ‘soaring tips’ and common sense messages.

Reds and Royals – another reminder that this now covers all temporary restrictions, not just Royals and Red Arrows in the area. It is recommended to call the number prior to setting out on 0500 354802.

Other News

Other Flying News

As mentioned in the introduction the weather has finally allowed a steady number of hours to be clocked up over the past 6 weeks. The Yahoo website has received regular reports of flying activities, and is now being used by more pilots.

Well done though for all the efforts to keep pilots advised, and the exciting flying reports that have followed (any photos?).

Next Meeting - Our next meeting will be held on the Thursday 30th August at the London Inn, South Brent, 7.30, as usual.

Alan Hughes to give a talk and review on GPS currently available.
Please bring your GPS and assist in the review.

Paul Cioffi is to show his video of his SIV Training this June in Olu Deniz.

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