



# NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER 2008

Is it me, or was September a bit better than August. There seems to have been a flurry of flying reports especially this last week, probably because I was in the Alps paying for low cloud and stable air. At least I managed my largest top to bottoms this year (5000'), sinking like a rock. So again the Newsletter is rather late as I only got off the plane last night and have been fighting the works e-mails all day.

### August Meeting

#### Jennycliff

Colin and Mark N have been assessing alternative options for Take Off, without intruding on private land. A long discussion ensued, given the relatively high risks associated with this site for low airtime pilots. Basically the experienced pilots will make their own assessments, and anyone else considering flying it should contact Mark N first.

#### South Devon Competition and BBQ

Again these events were discussed for a delayed date. [However it looks unlikely to happen now, due to the inclement weather.]

#### Plymouth Local Access Forum

Paul C has been in contact with this group who are very keen to promote outdoor activities.

#### Slapton Field Centre Fair

Bill single handedly represented the club in a weatherproof barn swiftly made available to him. He was congratulated by club members for his effort and has received a thank you letter from the Field Centre along with an invite to a Reception party.

#### Gate Security

Members were again reminded to ensure sites with secure access need to be closed and locked behind you when entering, following problems dislodging some opportunist campervans at Freathy.

#### Possible speaking engagement at Norman Lockyer Observatory

The Norman Lockyer Observatory Weather Group were very keen to try to get hold of a speaker to talk to there group about the weather conditions conducive to good hang gliding conditions. Discussion revealed that no-one felt competent in this matter, but that we should refer them to the Condors Club, particularly as the Observatory is near Sidmouth.

### Quiz Night and Curry

Mark S requested a vote on combining these 2 events, or having them separately. The conclusion was to have the Quiz in October and the Curry Night in November.

The quiz night is to be flying related and partners are welcome.

The **Curry Night** has been set as Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Cost to be £5 with choices of Vegetarian, Mild or Medium Chicken curries. We would like commitments by the October meeting and again partners are welcome.

### Towing

As mentioned last month, Graham Phipps has offered to come and give a talk on towing. A 1-day conversion course costs around £220, but he gives a discount for 7+ students. The Kernow winch is in the Redruth area and charges are £5 / launch or £20/day. Gordon will try to contact him for a talk.

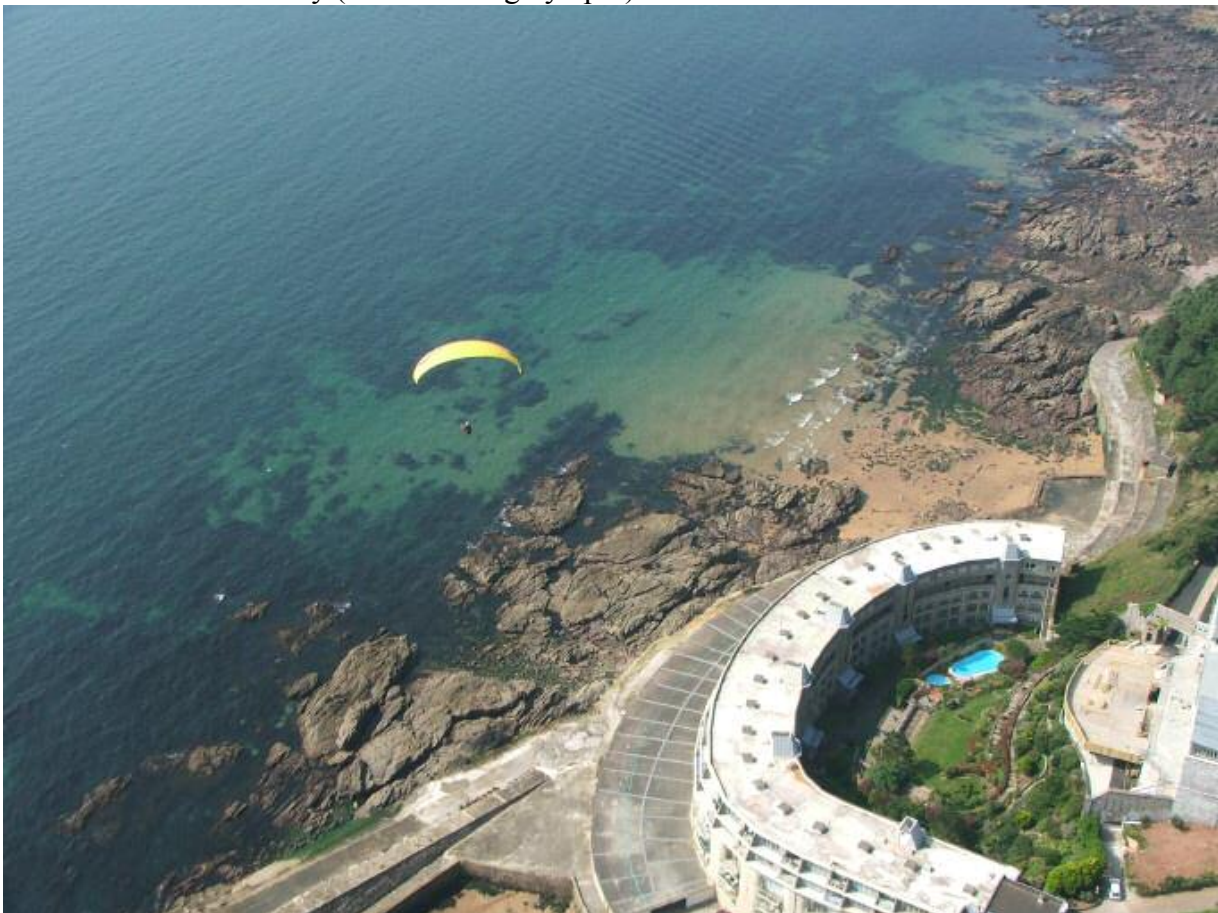
### Agir Trip

Some members are planning a trip down to Ager in Spain in October (11<sup>th</sup>?).

## Other News

### Flying News

On the 30<sup>th</sup> August some of us enjoyed a surprise treat at Maker. After weeks of rubbish weather it felt like summer for a day (it was raining by 9pm).



Portugal or Portwrinkle?



Views up the Tamar past the dockyard (and some paraglider getting in the way).



Thanks also go to Jamie MacDonald for his views at Beesand last Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sep.

Next time I hope to report on my trip to a foggy St.Hilaire:



"I see no 4,000' drop...."

**Next Meeting** will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September at the London Inn, South Brent, 8:00pm, as usual.

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