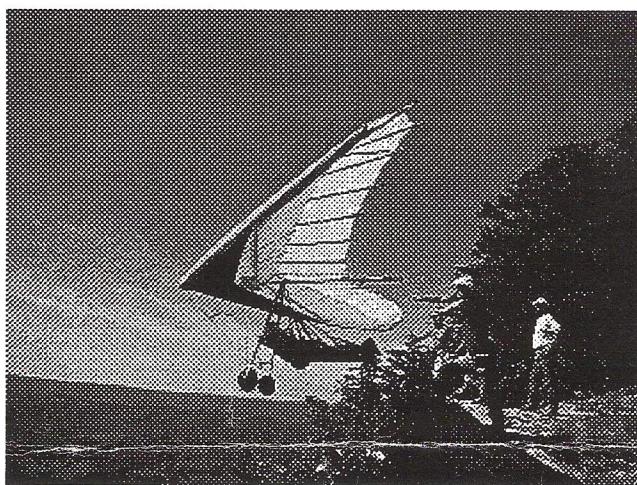


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Avon Hang Gliding and
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Newsletter

February 1996



Editors Bit

Hi there, here's the first issue of 96. I hope we all get some good flying this year. Well I haven't received that many articles recently, but I wanted to get a new issue out as there is some information on Fly Ins and Wendy Windblows. Thanks also to Rob Craine for his article and Peter Wise for his Weather Indicator. I've just got back from Chamonix so I'll try and write an article on it for the next issue. Still no articles on the 'club SIV course' yet hint hint, and has anyone else got any interesting tales

to tell, remember without you writing articles there won't be a NOVA.

Anyway, safe flying and remember fly high, stay high, fly far. See you on the hill. ☺

Marcus

**Membership Fees are Due in March!!!
Renewal Forms in the Next Issue.**

Le Hot Gossip

Provisional Dates for this years All Out are June 14th,15th and 16th. The location for this annual bash is again Kemble.

News from the fronts is that Kat Thurston has pushed the Women's record to over 280km in South Africa.

Also on the record trail are club members Richard Westgate and Graham Steel, who are both chasing dual records in separate parts of the world, South Africa and Brazil.

British Paragliding Cup is going ahead, will you be entering?

Fiona is appearing in the April issue of Family Circle, talking about being 'The Mother who enjoys the "dangerous sport" of paragliding.

Dave Draper should be giving a talk at the March Meeting

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NOVA needs your articles now. I have had many comments on how good it is to read about other members exploits so get sending your articles to:-

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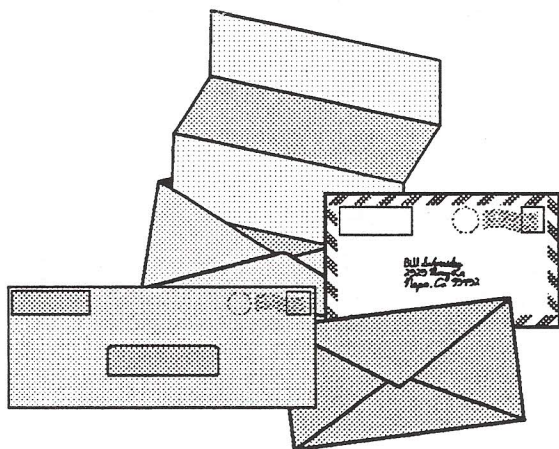
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Please get articles for the next issue to me by Feb. 20th 1996

Mobile Phones

There has been **little** response to my idea of including a list of people willing to publish their mobile phone numbers so that people can contact them on the hill so here it is again. I want to print mobile phone numbers for all those members who have them and are willing for other members to try phoning them on those flyable days. If you want or should I say are willing to have your number published then let me know. Hopefully this will be a further aid to new pilots who want to know where the experienced pilots, and it will help me when I lose the scrap of paper I wrote somebody's mobile number on. To get the ball rolling here's the list as it stands.

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Letters To NOVA

Dear Editor

It's not nice to protest but the decision to accept a whole year's XC flights in one go and rob those who have regularly entered their flights in the club XC league is totally out of order. The whole idea of an XC league is to submit flights as they happen or within a reasonable period of time, by accepting a whole years worth in one go makes it null and void and not a league at all.

You cannot expect pilots to join or contribute to a club that has no regard for sportsmanship, the chairman must reverse this decision or wipe out what little activity remains in our club.

Colin Lark

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Low Airtimer Report (Sunday Jan 14th 1996)

January Fly-In.

(Not a Champagne Supernova more of a beer shampoo! apologies to Oasis)

Place; Mere.

Weather; Howling Gale.

Amount of Flying; Bugger All.

General Group Happiness; Fair to Middling.

Well that's about it really. It will never fail to amaze me how I can get a handful of relatively sane people to leave the calm and comfort of their respective homes and join me on some godforsaken corner of England that is an Avon site.

But still they come, Many thanks to Donna (the face behind the voice) Pinker, John (You'll get some in one day) Longstaff, Terry (the Ace) Webb, Rob (I've bought a kiss with an Elf logo on it, why are you laughing) Craine and Alex (the Theakstons fan), Peter (Chalky) White, Clive (Morocco I should coco) Dell and Simon (bugger this I'm off XC) Kerr to provide experienced back up.

After 30 minutes of huddling together in huddle mode we naffed off to the Red Lion of 'Turn Left at the Red Lion for Mere' fame not 'Turn at the Red Lion for Shaftesbury Avenue geezer and it's four doors down on your right' which is another story and indeed another Red Lion.

This public house has always had the wonderful look of one that is shut whenever I have passed it but on entering we find pints of foaming ale, excellent food and lashing of ginger beer, all washed down with acres of chat about flying, how to fly and what it's like when you fly about a bit which I hope will have been somewhat informative to all present. After this orgy of debauchery we sauntered back up to Mere where we performed mass huddling to the accompaniment of the Shaftesbury Bugle and Gazoo Ensemble, (Mass huddling division) followed by the excellent news that the wind had dropped from 30 knots to 26.

Oh bugger there goes another Fly IN. Thanks anyway to all who attended and lets try again in February.

Chant after me.....Oh Lord, who doth create the wind and floaty bits in cattle troughs please supply Dave Garbe with a fab 15 knot North Westerly during his next fly in. Ta.

Final diatribe.....I hate Mere. There I've said it!!!

Please watch March NOVA (beware keep your eyes on it, it can run on it's own) for a calendar of events to be held throughout the year for Low Airtimer person. Rob and I promise a good variety of events and if anybody out there has any ideas please call us.

In the meantime get your kit ready for spring coz it's coming. Hooray!!

For all you ridge rats have a fine summer, coz I'm off winching. (Ain't that right Auntie Ray!)

Dave Garbe, over but definitely not out!

Kemble Airfield - Then and Now

For those of you who went to the '95 all out, you will know all about it. For those who did not, you missed out, but more of that later...

Kemble Airfield is situated just south of Cirencester on the Glos Wilts border. Its big, very big and is currently owned by the MOD.

Then

Built just prior to the Second World War, the airfield has had an interesting past. Initially it was used as an assembly plant for Lancasters and a storage and test centre for various types of aircraft waiting to be delivered to other airfields. Many women pilots, delivering aircraft for combat use would have known Kemble.

Towards the end of the war a squadron of Hurricanes was stationed there and the manufacturing of various Lancaster components began. There is a rumour that whole chunks of bomber are buried somewhere on the site. Who knows someone with a metal detector might get lucky.

Kemble is remembered mainly as the home of the Red Arrows. I remember being treated to many a free air show as they practiced their routines over our school.

The Americans had a spell at the airfield and brought with them a whole range of interesting aircraft, from Mustangs to A10's. They also very kindly rebuilt the main runway which is still in perfect condition today.

Eventually they cleared off to frighten the locals elsewhere and Kemble became a storage depot for everything the MOD did not know what to do with. Recently the whole airfield has fallen into that category.

Now

Kemble is being sold. Good news! It will be kept as an active airfield, operating as many types of compatible aircraft as possible. For the last year it has been used for Microlight and Gyrocopter training as well as a repair centre for virtually anything which flies.

1996 brings the addition of Paraglider and Paramotor training, a museum of aircraft designed and built in Gloucestershire and possibly Ballooning.

Not content with this, a shop for pilots of all disciplines is being developed over the coming months. Loads of goodies for Paragliders to Light Aircraft will be available.

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The 1996 ALL OUT 14th 15th and 16th of June

Last years All Out was a joyous occasion. A wild time, some people flew, some danced and all sorts of new and interesting craft were tried and tested.

Ok, September weather is not the best for outside partying and there was a lack of winch facilities for Paraglider pilots. Other grumbles have been duly noted.

However, the concept and the venue would be hard to beat!

Where else can you try virtually any make or model of wing, HG or PG, new harnesses, varios, helmets from all the major manufactures? Where else can you enter a competition or free fly as the mood takes and still have time to go to two major parties with live music and meet 1,000 other like minded people.

This years All Out will be in June. Daylight until 10:00 pm! Imagine that lovely wafty flying in the evening. We're hoping to combine the Mere events of years gone by with recent All Outs to create an event for club pilots, student pilots and the general public to enjoy.

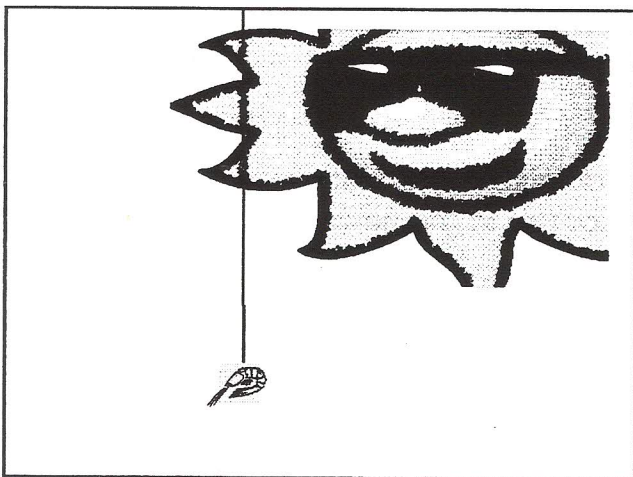
HELP

This event involves an awful lot of work. The more folk who contribute the better. I would like to hear from any body who has an opinion or idea. But most of all I would like to hear from anybody who wants to help. Particularly electricians, lighting engineers, bands, pyrotechnitions and anybody with a PA or megaphone. This years All Out will be the biggest and the best free flying extravaganza you have ever seen....

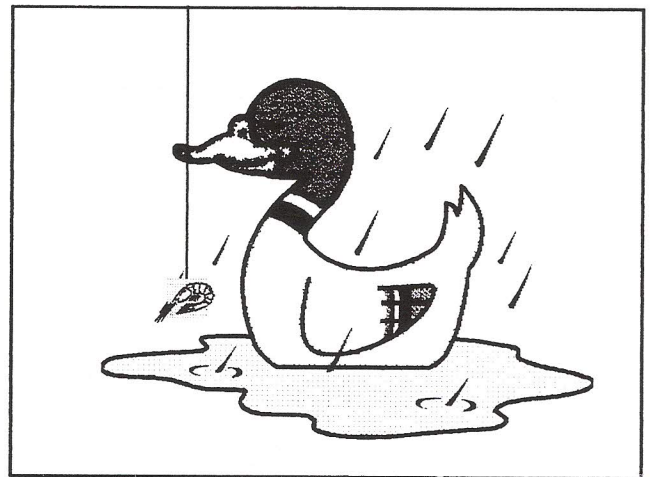
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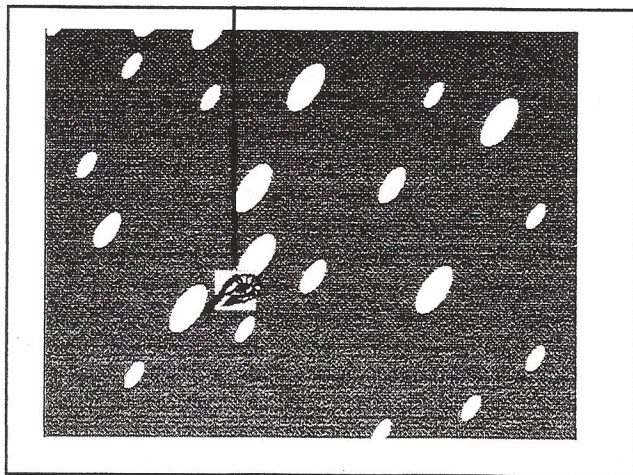
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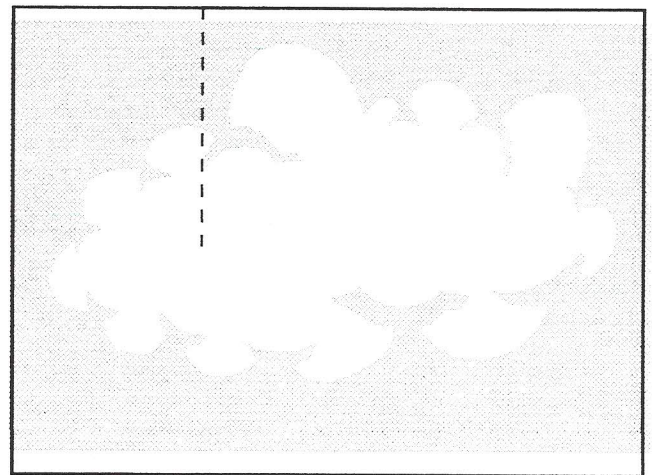
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HARD PRAWN- COLD



NO PRAWN- FOG

WENDY WINDBLOWS COMES TO THE THAMES VALLEY/AVON AREA!

I have written before about my wonderful Wendy, she who talks dirty to you when you phone her up!

Well, we shall shortly have one up in your area. Mark Taggart has kindly volunteered to house a station at his place. He lives on top of a small hill near Chippenham, not far from Milk Hill, and there is a clear wind takeoff in all directions, so we should be able to get a good representative result for local sites.

For those of you who don't know, Wendy is my pet invention. You ring her up, and she reads out to you, in a clear voice the following items:

- 1) Overnight temperature profile (gives anticipated cloudbase)
- 2) Sky state (whether its blue and sunny, or grey and clagged in)
- 3) Max+Min windspeeds for last 30 mins (gives how rough it is).
- 4) Average speed and direction in last 30 mins.
- 5) Average speed + direction 30, 60, and 90 mins ago.
- 6) Whether it's rained today or not, and if so, how much fell, and when it stopped.

In short, almost everything a handy mate on the hill with a portable phone would tell you.

Nice, eh? Now, this year, I'm putting these up all over the place. I already have one up at Bradwell, in the Peaks. Permission has been granted for one at Butser Hill (Mercury), and site permissions are under negotiation for SE Wales (Bryn Bach Park), Pandy, Frocester, etc. Even the Lakes, too!

The old station that I have up at the Dyke is being uprated to the new standard this year. I'd also like one at Westbury, and in the vicinity of the Gibbet.

Now these things cost several thousand to put up. Who pays? Well, I pay for the cost of building, fitting, and running it. I hope you guys will subscribe to it. It's only 20p a call. It's NOT an 0898-type number, so you can phone it from work - it's just a local BT number.

When you phone a Wendy station, it asks for your personal PIN code, (which you get from me). It won't give you the weather without this. You tap it in on a touch-tone telephone when the station asks. When you do, it gives you the weather, and logs a call to your account.

Your PIN code will work in any station I put up - and by the middle of summer, I shall have about 6 up and running at various sites.

You contact me, and I'll issue you with a PIN number, and relieve you of £20 deposit. This is for 100 calls at 20p. There's NO joining fee, or annual membership fee. You can do this by credit card over the phone if you wish, or send me a cheque.

Each time you enter your PIN to get access to a station, it knocks one call off your 100. When you get down to 10 or less, it starts warning you that you're running low, and to ring me and renew. You can use the calls up as slowly or as quickly as you like.

Now, I'm in your hands here. The more of you that subscribe, the more stations I'll be able to put up. The one at Milk Hill area will be up by the end of Feb (perhaps sooner). But, I'm ploughing all the subscription money back into more stations, so, please join, and get all your friends to join as well.

I must emphasise - you don't just join one station - you get access to ALL the Wendy stations around the country. Going to the Peaks for the weekend? Ring Bradwell Wendy - she'll tell you if it's worth it. Same for SE Wales.

Now, when there are several of them up, it gets REALLY interesting. Comparing two or three stations readouts enables you to track the seabreeze fronts, (or ordinary fronts) before setting out. You can also decide exactly which site is best for your skill/glider combination today, and waste NO time or petrol chasing around!

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Colin Lark.

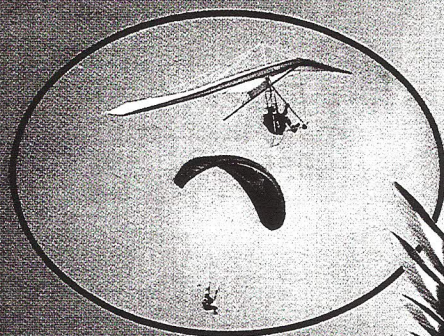
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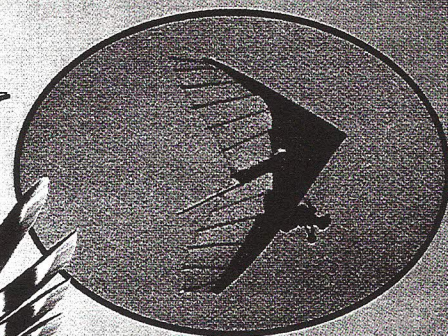
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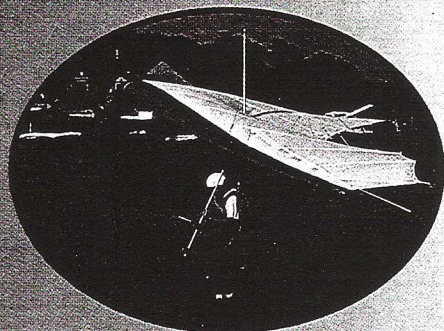
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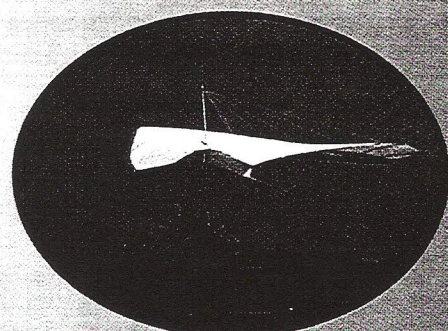
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The **Discovery** can be flown seated, supine or prone in any standard Hang Gliding or Paragliding harness. The king post hang point system can be adjusted in seconds with a unique dampening adjuster that gives a choice of bar pressure which will suit all pilots.

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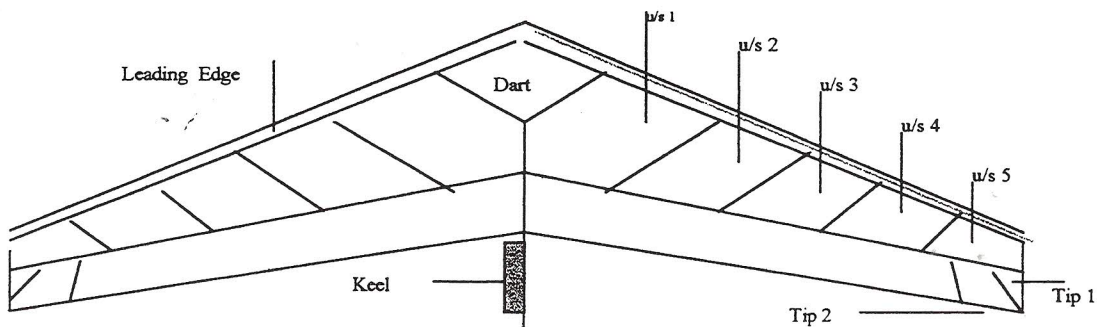
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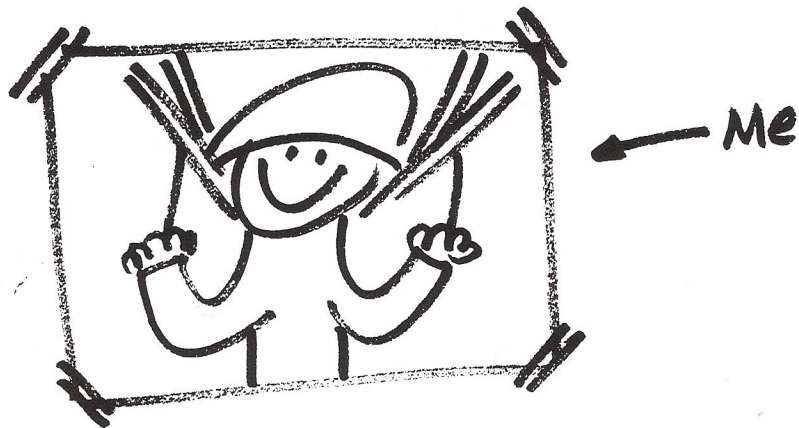
NEW YEAR'S DAY (I got to try out a new site)

I'd studied the place enough times; on each occasion that I'd walked that bleak bit of Cornish coastline I'd wondered about its flying potential, waiting for an easterly wind. Then, on new year's day, it happened.

Wandering across the fields towards the shallow cliff slopes, paraglider on my back, I saw seagulls soaring overhead and in response quickened my pace. Excitedly I laid out the canopy in my chosen launch area, the wind felt good. Now to see if it was possible.

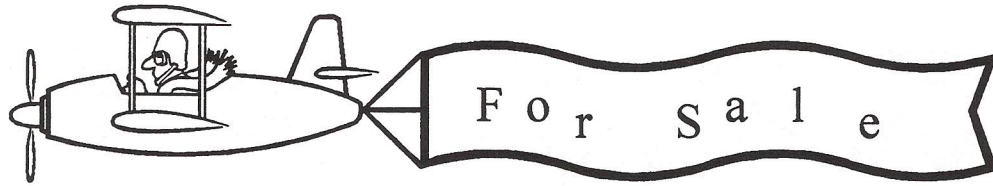
With unusual ease the wing inflated, arcing upwards into a satisfying crescent. I turned, forced a few steps forward and tip-toed into the air. At first it seemed the hill wasn't steep enough as my glide paralleled the slope just a few feet below. Then, as the ground gradually concaved away, I felt the reassuring buoyancy of ridge lift and ventured a left turn over gorse and brambles to where the hillside steepened and seagulls played on the rising sea air. For the next half hour or so I tried to follow their effortless games, ascending over the small stretch of twisting coastline, exploring my way along the spur reaching out to sea.

When the wind increased and the sky darkened with rain clouds I flew down to land on the empty beach beneath where I took off. The only other person around was a farmer mending a dry stone wall, absorbed in his work up on the cliff top. As I walked back across the fields to my car I could hear the surf shifting pebbles on the beach behind me while above the birds still soared. The world was indifferent to my perfect start to the year, but I was well chuffed.



Robert Craine

N O V A



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And Finally...

Chairman's Bit

A Happy New Year to all our members.

If you have read Colin Lark's letter you will have read a number of forceful points (I could almost hear his voice as I read each sentence). Colin asks me to intervene and change how the paragliding XC league was administrated. I believe it is not really within the Chairman's power to make decisions of this type; the chairman's job is more to ensure that anyone who has anything to say gets the chance to make their point about how the club should be run.

There was a good deal of informal discussion about how to react to Richard's late submission of entries for the XC league. As we have few rules and none of them had been broken there was no reason for not accepting the entries. Following on from these discussions we will no doubt amend the rules for this year's league. I hope Mark, Fiona and Simon do not feel too robbed of club glory by finishing a position lower in the league; their various exploits of the year are well known to their friends in the club.

Colin's point about the level of activity in the club is difficult to answer. Most people join the club for the simple reason they want to fly our sites, not a bad reason really. The group activities we do have are also based around going flying: an increasing number of pilots turn out for the Airwave Challenge rounds; if the weather ever allows we will have some low airtime events; assorted groups go on flying holidays together; and you will normally find us a friendly bunch to talk to on the hill.

There is a fluctuating group who turn up for a pint and chat at the Wednesday club meetings, and we are usually guaranteed a good turnout when we get a speaker along. We have just started our annual who can we get this year discussions, as usual any ideas would be gratefully received.

If anyone has any other suggestions for events then lets get them into Nova and drum up some support for them.

Pete

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...Richard Westgate (Avon Member and Avon PG XC League Winner) has broken two World Records in South Africa recently. He took both the Multiplace Distance Record and the Multiplace Height Gain Record...

...Also on the record trail was Kat Thurston who has not only set a new Women's World Record but the Overall World Record...

Congratulations to them both!

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