



# NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2010

First thing everyone has asked me to emphasise that we will be **meeting in the Royal Oak, Station Road, South Brent this month**, due to uncertainties over whether the London Inn is still trading. Hopefully we'll have a good selection of flying reports after the weather turned good this month.

### March Meeting minutes

22 members came to the March meeting, including Jon Thorne as a new member. Apologies from Brian Clavin and Bill Arkle.

### Paramotoring Tuition

Graham Phipps gave an interesting talk on how he approaches the training for prospective pilots, rather than drone on [pun] about the sport itself. This was a refreshing approach allowing members to consider whether they would like to pursue it. A demonstration rig was available for assessing the weight, etc.



Preparing for Take-off .....and what to do if you land in the wrong farmer's field.

### Air Ambulances

Both Devon and Cornwall sent letters of thanks for the annual donations.

### BHPA Membership

It has been recently found that some paid up members of the club are not BHPA members. You are reminded that you should be BHPA members to fly at our sites, or will not be covered by insurance. Several members have been approached and 2 admitted not being paid up.

### Twitter

Bob advised it is now being tested with 15 – 20 members alongside the Avon Club. Various e-mails have been sent via the group mail explaining progress.

### Future Events

Richard Whitmarsh has been rebooked for April.

Robert Greenwood of Devon Adventures will be invited to give a talk at the May meeting.

## **Other News**

### Annual Repack

Gordon arranged the event at Devonport School on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March, which had good turnout.



Thanks go to Andy and Robin Mills for their expert tuition.

### Membership numbers

We are now up to 55 paid up members – keep it coming in, we must be a few outstanding after the 80 last year.

### Contact List

Ashley has compiled a list of club contacts for new / visiting pilots.

### **Flying News**

As the active flying season is now underway I won't regurgitate every report as I do during the slow winter months. However congratulations must go to Matt for an epic start to the XC season. I managed to get out on Saturday for 30 mins at Maker, only to hear tales of over 5 hours flying the previous day on the same site.



Jim explains what 'Wife Swapping' means in paragliding circles.

Unfortunately we need to review the accident at Belstone, which should be covered at the monthly meeting, if Paul can give a follow up.

**Next Meeting** is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April at the **Royal Oak, South Brent**, at 8:00pm

Directions (roughly) are to go into the town centre from the roundabout before (westbound) or after (eastbound) the London Inn. The Pub is in station road (near the station?) to the right, when you get to the middle. (I don't think there are too many pubs there).

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