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Cover star Mikey Lovemore has stolen the show a bit this issue, but deservedly so. Having nominated him for the Taz Causer Skydiver of the Year Award eight months ago, I had always planned to follow up with an interview to mark 10 years since we lost the awesome Taz. She had a lot in common with her fellow award winner; multiple amazing achievements, a drive to always improve and a passion for whisking others along in the excitement.

Mikey has been the BPA's Speed Rep for many years now, always going above and beyond to help new Speeders get involved. His interview starts on p34, but then he went and won a Royal Aero Club award so he's on p44 as well, plus he got himself in News Zone helping to race a Peregrine Falcon against a skydiver, and then he broke the British Speed Record three times in one day! What with being on the cover as well, his head could be in danger of growing big enough to break the record yet again... but in fact he's one of the most modest men you'll meet. Why not go along to one of his roadshows and see what Speed is all about?

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LANGAR 4-WAY UKSL

The 4-way season is already underway, with a whopping 23 teams competing at the first UKSL at Langar. The winners of each category were: 4mula (AAA, 17.2 average); RAFSPA Lightning (AA, 9.2); Dive Hard 4.0 (A, 9.5) and RAFSPA Raptor (Rookie, 6.5).

As is always the case with these meets, the best stories come from the other end of the scoreboard. Pajama Pumas were Matt Cumming (161 jumps), Paul Milburn (48 jumps), Sam Widdowson (55 jumps), Jamie Havard (50 jumps) and Luke Curnow on camera. They met in the bar the night before and had never jumped together. Their scores were consistent throughout the competition and they gained the same score on each of the first five rounds. Sadly, it was a zero each time. Their Round 6 result was announced by the judges in front of an assembled throng of competitors, and the cheer for the single point they scored reflected the camaraderie and community ethos of these events.

Isn't it fantastic that the top team, 4mula, got a 17-point average and the bottom team got a point-17 average?



HEADCORN ACCURACY GP

Can you land on a target with a 2cm diameter? Ten Senior, two Intermediate and four Junior competitors challenged themselves to do just that at the Accuracy Grand Prix at Headcorn. Janos Leszko was the overall winner, totalling just 28cm over six rounds and being the only competitor to score a dead centre.

The next opportunity to compete will be the BPA Accuracy Nationals at Swansea on August 26-29.

THREE NEW UK SPEED RECORDS

Congratulations to Mikey Lovemore, who set three new UK Records while competing at the second Tim Mace Memorial Cup in Speed Skydiving, part of the ISSA World Series. His average speed in Rounds 3, 4 and 5 were 508.07kph, 521kph and 531.9kph, each one a new British Record. Mikey was already the fourth fastest person in the world and has now moved up to second place. This was the fastest competition ever held and the first time the top three competitors have averaged over 500kph. We talk to Mikey Lovemore on p34.

Congratulations also to Max Hurd (448.9kph, finishing in 11th) and James Parker (447.64kph, finishing in ninth) for setting new personal bests, and to Lucy Westgarth, who was fastest female and fastest junior.

CAT MAKES HISTORY

Congratulations to Cat Adam, who has become the first-ever female Level 4 Wind Tunnel Instructor. Cat, originally from Scotland, worked at Airkix Manchester before emigrating and now works at iFly Seattle. She holds several head down records including the Women's Vertical World Record and European and UK Head Down Records, and was one of the organisers of the UK Female Head Down Record. The International Bodyflight Association (IBA) has certified about 650 Wind Tunnel Instructors worldwide in the last 12 years, only about a dozen of whom are female. All instructors must pass rigorous health and fitness tests, and only about 25 have ever made it to Level 4 instructor/trainer status.

MAN VS BIRD ON THE ONE SHOW



BPA Members Andy Torbet and Rob Franklin pitched an idea to the BBC's *The One Show* about Speed Skydiving and the Peregrine Falcon. Occasional *One Show* presenter Andy took on the challenge

of seeing if he could fly as fast as a falcon in a short film called *Man vs Bird*. With help from the lcarus Wingsuit Project at Southampton University and top UK speeder Mikey Lovemore, Andy went from novice speeder to more than 200mph to get up there with the Peregrine Falcon. Andy and Rob also filmed some great sequences at Skydive Buzz, Dunkeswell to show Andy progressing and learning how to fly faster.

The episode was viewed by approximately five million people, so well done to all involved on a really nice piece casting a positive light on skydiving.

DILYS ON TV

Did you catch ITV's latest documentary *The Secrets* of *Growing Old*? It featured none other than our very own Dilys Price and, if you missed it, then it's not too late to catch up online.

Scientists think that one in five of us will live to be 100 but, for most of us, it's not the quantity but the quality of our Eighty-three-year-old Dilys took up skydiving at age 50 and is now the world's oldest skydiver. Dilys recalls: "In my middle age, I thought life was very difficult and hard. I remember when I was 50 thinking 'Is this life? Is this the beginning of the end?' My knees were stiffer, I didn't feel very happy. Then I thought 'If my knees hurt, I must live a life through my head'.

Oddly enough, as I thought that, my knees got better."

Of her first skydiving experience, Dilys remembers: "I was terrified, I could see the ground and was thinking 'What a mistake. This is death.' It's unnatural, you shouldn't be doing it. Then the next moment I thought

'Wow, I'm flying' and it was wonderful."

Dilys, who now has more than 1,100 jumps, says: "I found my passion. As far as I'm concerned, I'm just Dilys doing whatever excites me. Now I'm the oldest woman in the world skydiving, It's great."



BRIT-POPS 50-WAY FORMATION RECORD ATTEMPT

Our UK/European POPS Big-way Formation record attempt is back and will take place at Langar on September 15-17 2016 during Boogie 2 week. The single selection day for experienced and current multi-plane formation jumpers will be September 14.

The 50-way record attempt will take place once again with the help of the Langar DZ staff and, of course, the four aircraft they have booked.

If you would like to know more, please contact Jack Felstead at jackfelstead@uwclub.net

UK-S UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

UK-Skydiver has gained two new owners and a hyphen, and is back. Brian Cumming and Jack Bradford have bought the site and their mission statement is to provide a skydiving forum that is useful, impartial and fair yet which does not lose money. The forum structure has been tidied up and lots of small changes have been made already, giving the place more of a community feel again.

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REFURBISHMENT OF BPA OFFICE

After thorough consideration of a wide range of different options for premises, work is at last planned for refurbishment of the BPA Office in Leicester this summer to make it fit for purpose for the future. A main contractor, Brown & Shaw, was appointed in May with the tender of £250k plus VAT for the principal contract. This followed a competitive tender process organised by Corporate Architecture of Market Harborough, who had been appointed by the BPA Council to oversee the project.

The building will be entirely rebuilt inside so it will be able to serve members better, with a new and larger multi-functional meeting room and more efficient and effective working conditions for staff to deliver membership services.

The work is expected to start in June and last until the autumn. Staff will continue to work from one of the building's two floors while the other is refurbished. BPA meetings will be held at nearby premises for the duration of the works.

Inevitably in a project of this nature, there will be some disruption to the running of the office, including occasions when the computer and telephone systems may temporarily be out of commission. However, every effort will be made to give notice of this on the website to help minimise impact on member services. Please bear with us as we transform the BPA building from its 1970s heritage to a 21st century headquarters of which our Association and our sport can be proud.



NEW RATINGS

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ARCHANT DIALOGUE RE-APPOINTED AS BPA MEDIA PARTNER

Following a competitive tendering process, Norwich-based content agency Archant Dialogue, part of Archant Community Media Ltd, has been appointed as BPA Media Partner for a further three-year period from autumn 2016. Adrian Bond, BPA Communications Chair, said: "We look forward to continuing to work with Archant Dialogue to enhance and

develop still further the successful, multi-channel strategy that they have helped us to develop over their past six years with us. Digital and social media has revolutionised communication and the BPA is part of that. At the same time Skydive the Mag, edited by Liz Ashley, is our flagship of quality journalism and amazing imagery, and keeps on getting better and better."







ONLINE RENEWALS

Some 2,149 members had renewed online by June 8 this year. Members who can renew online are those aged over 18 without current or lapsed ratings and who are living at UK or BFPO addresses. If you know anyone who has yet to renew, please remind them to log on to bpa.org.uk/member.

BPA MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS 2015/6

The BPA membership year runs from April 1 to March 31 the following year. BPA membership totals for the membership year April 1 2015 to March 31 2016, compared with the previous year, are as follows:

6,398	6,269	+2%		
2,552	2,591	-2%		
(including Joint Services Adventurous Training)				
58,792	59,863	-2%		
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Full membership continued to grow – to a record 6,398 members - due to an increase in renewals. The weather is always a factor, sometimes a significant one, in year-onvear variance.

CONSULTATION ON THE **BPA'S MISSION, VALUES** AND IDENTITY

Earlier this year, Council held a strategy day to consider the BPA's mission and values. It is important to be clear on these in order to establish the right structure to realise them – form follows function. The day was facilitated by Amanda Bennett, the BPA's independent consultant on governance.

It was a rare opportunity to step back from normal business to consider the basics, and was both refreshing and constructive. The enthusiasm showed just how much everyone involved cares about our organisation and our sport.

There was consensus that we exist to promote our passion, secure safety and encourage excellence. We also identified a set of organisational values and are consulting with members about them. Discussion after the event picked up on a point raised about the BPA's name and identity. Should we build on our heritage by looking at what National Governing Bodies of other sports call themselves today, and style ourselves as 'British Skydiving'?

In the BPA eNewsletter last month and in social media, we asked members: What do you think? Please say by taking the short survey, which will remain open on the BPA website until the end of June.





MEGHAN JOINS THE BPA STAFF

Welcome to Meghan Sheedy (pictured), who has joined the BPA staff as Competitions Co-ordinator – a new part-time office-based post. Meghan's role is to support the BPA's programme of domestic competitions and provide administrative back-up to international delegations flying our flag on the world stage.



BPA STARS

Nominations for the BPA Star Awards 2016 are open and we're inviting A Licence holders and above to tell

us about great service, over-and-above the norm, that they have received from other BPA Members – Service that deserves To Achieve Recognition. For full details and to download the nomination form, visit bpa.org.uk/star. Nominations will remain open until November 1 2016.

ROYAL AERO CLUB TRUST BURSARIES

The Royal Aero Club Trust administers a Bursary Scheme for young people as part of its Flying for Youth programme. BPA members received the lion's share of the 50 awards for 2016.

The scheme and the bursaries comprise all types of air sports and aviation-related activities including paragliding, gliding, hang-gliding, parachuting, microlight aircraft, helicopter, light aircraft and the designing, building and flying of model aeroplanes.

The Bursary Scheme was extended in 2015 to reach young people between 14 and 21.

A new category of bursary – The Follow-On Bursary – was also introduced for exceptionally

talented young sportspersons (previous bursary winners) up to the age of 24.

Congratulations to Cara Pritchard, who was awarded the President's Scholar Award in order to work towards her FS Coach qualification, and also to Lucy Austins who won the Peter Cruddas Foundation Scholarship. A total of 25 awards were made to BPA members between 16 and 24. We look forward to the following BPA members being able to achieve their ambitions this year:

- Lucy Austins (FS1 and FF1)
- Lucas Bishop (FS1),
- Sam Carter

 (AFF Instructor)
- Shellby Collins (FS1 and FF1)
- Edward Cracknell (4-Way National Championships)
 Jordan Dickinson
- (FS1 and FF1)
 Orla Donnelly (FS1)
- Joanna Fitch (FS1)
- Dan Guest (VFS World Championships)
- Levi Hamill (FS Coach)
 Jonathon Hancov (FS1)
- Jonathon Hancox (FS1)
 Kiaran Hancox
- Kieran Hogan (FS1 and FF1)
- Morgan Holland (FS1 and FF1)

- Will Howes (FS1 and FF1)
- Peiying Jiang (FS1)Lucy Marriott
- (FS1 and FF1)
 Ellie Marshall
- (FS1 and FF1)
 Eve Mason (UK Artistic
- Championships)
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- Henry Simmons (FS1)Kelly-Ann Spittle
- (UK Skydiving Championships)
- Emily Thornton (FS1)

Applications for 2017 bursaries will be available in September 2016.







GOLD Sixty-three Performance competitors, four Acrobatic teams and 15 countries represented – what a Nationals at Netheravon! STANDARD

he Wingsuit Nationals took
place over the second May
Bank Holiday weekend at
Netheravon, marking the fifth
year of holding a wingsuit
competition there. The inaugural event
in 2012 attracted 28 competitors and it

has grown every single year since, with 57 wingsuiters competing in the 2015 World Cup and an enormous 63 competitors at the 2016 Nationals, making it the biggest wingsuit competition in the world. Barely more than half were representing the UK, making it the most multinational discipline

in which we have ever hosted Nationals. We had competitors from Ireland, Poland, Denmark, the Netherlands, Australia, New Zealand, India and Mexico!

There were more than 25,000 hits on the Paralog Performance Competition scoreboard during the competition as





Spike Harper (GBR), Performance (Advanced Open / UK)



Marc Daly (IRL), Performance (Intermediate Open)

people from all over the world were monitoring the live scoreboard. The results were loaded immediately after each jump and everyone's eyes were on the results that people were getting in their new suits.

Both Spike and Jackie Harper beat their current records during the event and lots of competitors beat their own PBs. Jackie beat her current competition World Record for the Time task – previously 80 seconds, her new record is 85.7 seconds. Spike also beat his National record for Time, which previously stood at 86.5 seconds and is now 90.0 seconds.

This is also a World Championship Year for wingsuit. The eight members of the British Wingsuit Team are competing in the first FAI World Wingsuit Performance Championships, which will be held in November at 7-Hills *Tutti Frutti*, our new National Champion Acrobatics Team, are competing in the first World Cup of Wingsuit Acrobatics at the same time. These selections are based on the results from last year's Nationals.

Looking forward, the top twelve GB competitors at the 2016 Performance Nationals have qualified for the 2017 Wingsuit Performance World Cup. In qualification order, they are: Spike Harper, Paul Cain, Tony Uragallo, Jackie Harper, Steve Murfin, Matt Peerless, Kevin Tucker, Alastair Bradie, Jonathan Charles, Keith Skelley, Kraig Evans and Redy Redfern. Acrobatic teams Tutti Frutti and Per Aeris both qualified for the 2017 Wingsuit World Cup, and we hope to see more teams entering Acrobatics next year where they have a chance to qualify for the first World Championships in Acrobatic Flying in 2018. Good luck everyone!

RESULTS:

Performance (Advanced Open)

Gold: Spike Harper (GBR) Silver: Paul Cain (GBR) Bronze: Ulf Munkedal (DEN)

Performance (Advanced UK)

Gold: Spike Harper Silver: Paul Cain Bronze: Tony Uragallo

Performance (Intermediate Open)

Gold: Marc Daly (IRL)
Silver: Des Reardon (IRL)

Bronze: Pieter Wittevrongel (BEL)

Performance (Intermediate UK)
Gold: Chris Berte

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Silver: Stewart Ewing

Performance (Rookie)

Gold: Will Major Silver: Tom Lawson Bronze: Gary McGuinness



WHEN ALL'S SAID AND DONE

Tony Uragallo (GBR) – third placed Brit and fourth overall in Advanced Performance

"I started skydiving in England in 1972. We had so many weekends of rain and wind jumping at Thruxton and Netheravon! Coming here from Florida (where I live now) for a weekend of skydiving could be considered to be a trifle risky, but I'm happy to say the weather was great – as it is every year I do this. I wonder if sunny ol' England's reputation for bad weather is unjust?

"I started off in 15th position, won a Distance Round, moved up to fifth, then up again to third with two rounds to go. That was very exciting since my two main dudes were first and second and I was looking at my new wingsuit being in the top three positions, but these old bones couldn't hold it and the Danish national champion came through to take third from me in the very last minutes of the comp. All very powerful stuff."

Ulf Munkedal (DEN) – Bronze, Advanced Performance (Open)

"The Danish team had a blast at the UK Nationals. We have two new competitors on the team this year: Dennis and Tanya. Both of them impressed Team Leader Frits Jensen. Frits and Ulf Munkedal were in the top 10 at first round and, in the end, Ulf Munkedal took bronze. Also very important to us, Ulla Maersk participated on the Judges course, so we got the first Danish National Judge ready for some Wingsuit judging now. We are looking forward to upcoming events, but Netheravon was a brilliant experience for us all this year."

Chris Berte (GBR) – Gold, Intermediate Performance

"What an eye-opening experience to compete in the biggest wingsuit competition that has ever been. Surrounded by awesome wingsuit pilots, I suddenly realised I was a little fish in a vast sea. The climb was real and the learning curves have had me totally out of my comfort zone. The passion was so high with the wingsuit blood that runs through

everyone's veins. I'm honoured to have competed at Skydive Netheravon's Wingsuit Nationals 2016. Thank you to everyone who made this event possible, it's letting me live my dream."

Liz Moor (GBR) – Gold, Intermediate Acrobatics (Flight Junkies)

"Three years to the day since my accident and I'm now a UK National gold medallist in Intermediate Wingsuit Acrobatics. A special weekend!

Massive thanks to everyone at Skydive Netheravon and my awesome Flight Junkies teammates."

Hadron Supercolliders (GBR) – Silver, Intermediate Acrobatics

"Our first WS Nationals competition was an awesome experience. Despite some rather adventurous landings and some busted jumps, we all learned a lot and came away far better wingsuiters with such valuable feedback from the judges and a benchmark to work from on our future training jumps. The Netheravon staff were all amazing and we look forward to competing again next year!"

Kraig Evans (GBR) – 11th placed Brit in Advanced Performance and qualifier for Team GB 2017

"Turning up to Netheravon was like going into the unknown for me and compadre Chris Berte, Neither of us had ever done any performance wingsuiting, jumped at Netheravon or met any of the staff. From the minute we walked into the hangar, we were welcomed by the wonderful Jackie and Spike Harper who took care of us throughout the whole competition. The idea for both Chris and me was to set a place marker so that we have a starting point in performance wingsuiting. Never did we think we could have achieved what we did - Chris gaining a gold medal in the Intermediate category and me getting a place in Team GB for 2017! The DZ, the staff, the competition, the competitors - even our fabulous tent - was epic. Thank you all for making it so epic!"

Richard Holder (GBR) – 27th in British Rookie Performance

"This was my second Nationals and it was bigger and better. I was super stoked with my performance – on average, I did about 30% better in all three disciplines on the same suit! The Nationals is definitely the place to hone your WS skills. I had an amazing time and it's all thanks to the Netheravon team who ran a very slick team, including calling me on my mobile within minutes to make sure I was fine when I landed off! Already looking forward to causing some damage next year. Game on..."

Udit Thapar (IND) – Performance

"I flew down from New Delhi to London and then took two trains and a cab to get to Netheravon dropzone for the **UK National Wingsuit Performance** Competition. As expected, it was a grand event with the world's finest wingsuit pilots. I got back after the three-day event with a lot of lessons, determination to train more and good memories. I made friends with some wonderful people whom I will see at other places in the world and Lalso reconnected with old friends. Kudos to the organisers Jackie, Spike and Mark for making the competition run super smooth. I also appreciate the work put in by the judges. Looking forward to the World Championship and next year's **UK Nationals.**"

Sergey Panteleyev (RUS) – Performance (Advanced) and Judges Training Course

"It was a pleasure to visit Netheravon again and meet all of our friends from all around the world. In spite of the number of competitors and weather conditions, we finished the competition in two days. It was possible because of the good organisation of all of the dropzone staff. I took the Judges course during the competition and it was very helpful for me to communicate with Kate and Klaus. They shared their experience and it will really help us to judge the competitions in Russia. I hope that we will go back to Netheravon again next year."



Chris Berte, Performance (Intermediate UK)



Will Major, Performance (Rookie)



Tutti Frutti, Acrobatic (Advanced)



Flight Junkies, Acrobatic (Intermediate)









skills will make this a doddle, though.

While it is an undeniable asset in terms of your ability, the tube is only of limited use when it comes to actually putting together a workable routine.

needs to learn is that the cameraflyer is an absolute part of the routine. This is a simple concept to understand but a more difficult one to practise - especially so at the beginning. The camera will be chasing camera - including proper reference points and keys.

A way that works for Freefly is to think that each person has a different role to perform despite having two performers →

COMPETITION CAMERA

who do more-or-less the same thing. One performer leads the moves while the other follows. The leader references the cameraflyer for position and timing while the follower takes their cue from the leader, so allowing them to pay attention to levels and proximity.

Although closely related, there are some clear differences between Freefly and Freestyle. Freestyle has just one person to centre on so you can directly reference each other. Keeping the subject on screen is essentially easier. The telling factor is in the background; the performer may well be in the centre of the screen the whole time but, if the background is moving every which way and all over the place, it is clear there is a lot of chasing going on.

Gear

The current weapon of choice for serious business is the Sony Something. A new model that gets the nerds all giggly is released every couple of years and, this time around, it included some nifty image stabilisation. GoPros are lovely and all that, but they are too wide – even on the narrowest settings. A wide angle means you capture a lot of space but, as soon as you get a short distance away, your subject becomes very small very fast and this is bad when you are trying to fill up the screen with more awesomeness and less sky.

Many teams use a GoPro or a Whatever as a back-up in case of camera failure or a framing catastrophe, which is indeed a pretty good idea. It has been known for teams to take several GoPros with different capture settings and simply submit whichever looks best. Whether or not this is cheating is for someone else to give a sh*t about; you should be aiming higher. As previously mentioned, your camera and its particular qualities (such as the wideness of the image and focal length) is an integral part of everything you are doing and it should be treated as such in your planning and training. The camera is not a passive element; it and its movement are at the very centre of the whole business. You should be tailoring your routine to correspond with the particular characteristics of that single piece of technology. Relying on a choice of three different options is a bit of a Goldilocks problem; Baby Bear's footage might be just right but, come sundown, you are going to get eaten by a family of bears. If you fluff it and get miles apart or your primary camera dies, then a GoPro back-up will do the job and save you but it doesn't really walk the walk. Too wide.

There are many lenses out there for your needs, but remember: you are trading off how good the image looks when you are super close with a margin of error when you have a wider view. As the judging for this stuff is subjective, there is always an element of personal preference with each person that is doing the watching. However, as a general rule, the tighter the camera is with the narrowest field of view, the prettier things look on a telly.



COMPETITION CAMERA



Pre-jump

Your ring sight is sacred. Guard it and worship it. Keeping the action confined within it is the bacon and the birthday cake and you will fly your body in ways you did not think possible to keep your target in its boundaries. Get up early enough in the morning to check its alignment. Wiggle your head around so your helmet sits naturally, then check it again. Use your actual teammates as a visual reference when setting it up so you get used from the very beginning to how close he/she/they need to be. You want your subjects to be in the middle of the screen, so aim for the crotch - it is natural to visually fix on head level but, if you do, you might cut off the feet. A small amount of inaccuracy between your lens and your ring sight will grow quickly with more distance; this is called the Parallax Effect. You don't need to remember what it is called, but you do need to remember what it does. Be precise. Aim small, miss small.

Plane things

Work out a way to keep your helmet out of the way of whichever category of lummox will try to sit on you without looking when climbing in. Every. Single. Time. It is really easy to bump a ring sight out of alignment, so you need to get so used to how it feels when lined up correctly that you know automatically if it is wrong. But, if it does happen, there is nothing you can do about it. Back-up load too? No time to fix it now. Grrrr.

An indicator light is a worthwhile investment and it will give you the confidence to hit record right as you are climbing out. If there are 45 seconds of aircraft roof before you get going with every training jump, it becomes very easy to get frustrated at the end of the day and dismiss the debrief session after a few watches instead of seeing it through to the end and learning everything you can from the videos. Also, do you think that same 45 seconds doesn't affect your score when the judges are watching because the jump officially starts from when you exit? You are wrong. Everything that happens between you and the panel that makes them either like or dislike you counts. If there is too much nothing at the start of every round, it will have an effect so make it slick. Practise every time as if you are doing it for real.

Understanding movement

A very important consideration is how things actually show on camera. The most difficult move you are able to pull off simply might not look that flash when you review the footage. This has a lot to do with the way movement works in wide open spaces. The faster the collective total of your moving elements, the smaller the margins are for error and the bigger the mess becomes once those margins are compromised. Why move a lot if the same effect can be achieved with much less effort and risk?

Let's go back to comparing things with the tunnel for a second. Indoors, the reference points are very close and very →



clear to everyone flying and everyone watching. For example, overtaking one another looks great because the line through space is very apparent. In the sky, having the performers move past one another can often look like they are simply turning in place and, vice versa, turning on the spot while the camera moves seems like zooming through the sky. Similar things apply to other movement sequences. For an Eagle move (going over and under each other) when both parties (performer/s and camera) move at the same time, the risk of easily overcooking it and ending up miles apart becomes much greater that the sum of its parts. When one party moves and the other remains in place, it can create the same effect through the lens but makes things much more manageable and frees up one half of the affair to work on keeping close or pulling off pretty flips and such.

Deployment

More things to do. Always more things. Turn your camera(s) off straight away. You can do this without interfering with any of your normal safety/ orientation/getting-back-and-not-landing-off procedures while your canopy is still deploying, while you are looking around your airspace and

while you are harness-turning back to the DZ. If you forget and leave it on until you land or are back in the hangar, you will have lots of useless footage which is – as previously mentioned – a pain in the ass.

End of the day

Recharge your batteries. Plug things in before you go out for dinner or whatever you like to do. Never assume it will have enough juice left for tomorrow – it won't, because the universe is f*cking with you. It is very stressful to have to continually plug in during every break to keep you limping through the next cycle of jumps and worrying that the battery might go halfway through each descent. It will inevitably run out right when you have some sort of breakthrough and desperately want to see it again. For that matter, get a spare battery. If you have one, you will never need it. If you don't, you will.

Same kind of thing with memory cards. Be organised. Transfer everything at the end of the day, every day. Date the folders and number the jumps so you can find them at short notice. If you crash into each other and the camera gets broken or flies off into the big empty and you have got no footage, it can be a major setback. Also, try not to track into each other and crash

Don't be too proud to let it be known how much extra faff you are doing all the time. While the others are kicking back and thinking about how cool they look, you are the one still trawling through the footage to find screen grabs to send home to their mums. You deserve a little consideration for making them look good and they should be looking after you by presenting you with drinks or carrying your stuff to the car or something like that.

Conclusion

There are few circumstances that allow you to train to the very edges of your physical skill, so getting the most out of the jumps you have available is vital. Unless you have the luxury of rare and unusual sponsorship or are independently wealthy or some such, your training must be designed specifically around what is achievable with the resources you can bring. Each little thing that you can do to maximise the efficiency of every single jump counts towards the success of the whole team. For the performers, it means knowing the inside and out of exactly what it is they need to do. Flying camera, you need to know all that plus a long checklist including much of the above to really kill it.

Go get 'em. ●

- 1 Varial Freestyle's Joel Strickland and Adam Dare, by Ming Chu
- 2 Johann Aby by Will Penny, the current Freestyle World Champions
- 3 Adam Dare (camera) and Joel Strickland (performer) working together on exit to capture the best view. By Ming Chu

'The camera will be chasing the action early on until you learn to fly together as a unit, so think of the flying as an even split in terms of responsibility and difficulty from the very start'



HEAD Okay, so you can fly head up. Here's the next step and how to master it WORDS: ALLY MILNE PHOTO: MING CHU C

ead up carving is an advanced sitfly skill that is both useful and fun to do. It can be used by cameraflyers to change the camera angle as part of a Freefly/Freestyle routine or to rotate some blocks in VFS. By learning carving skills, we can develop the muscle memory for a good chest arch. This can help us in many areas of head up flying, such as grip taking.

Carving can be described as a rotational move on an orbit around a central point – think of planets rotating around the sun. You can use a solo stationary flyer to mark the middle, have two people carving the same direction at opposite sides of the centre point or even have multiple carving flyers following a leader. What we are going to look at in this article is how to make a simple in-facing carve around a fixed central point.

Slide, drive, turn

A carve consists of three different inputs: a side slide, forward movement and a turn.

It is good to start from a Freefly Stag (one leg down) flying position because this lends itself to making positive side slides and forward inputs. It is worth learning to fly the Stag static before learning how to carve – see the December 2015 Mag for my article on head up Daffy and Stag. The direction of carve is normally driven by the direction on the leg stalked down, so right leg down goes right.

To make the side slide input, the leg that is stalked down should be placed slightly to the side. A good way to think about this is to visualise the increase in airflow hitting the inside lower leg. A simple way to remember is: to carve left, left leg down and to carve right, right leg down. It is very easy to overdo the side slide input, so go slow and steady, inch the leading foot out to the side and keep the legs strong.

To ensure the carving flyer does not move away as they begin the move, a strong chest arch with the hips pressed toward the centre (similar to a forward movement) should be adopted. This will also control the speed during carving and a bigger chest input means more power around the orbit. This input is often underdone, so make sure you emphasise this part.

Because the skill we are demonstrating is in-face carving, it is important that the flyer keeps facing toward the centre point because adjustment of the shoulders angle will change the orbit. A good rule is to keep the shoulders aiming towards the middle, but the flyer can adjust their orbit by altering this angle. For a smaller orbit closer to the centre point, the flyer will need to bring the leading shoulder closer to the centre to make a tighter rotation. For a larger orbit, the flyers need to open out their shoulders for a wider rotation. Orbits are often too wide in the air, so it is worth making sure you concentrate on ensuring that the orbit stays tight or it will continually grow larger.

There are many ways of initiating a carve with the upper body. Any asymmetry of the arms will cause a different amount of drag and, therefore, a move toward one direction.

Like any skill, every coach will teach this differently and the fall rate often dictates the placement of your arms. An efficient carving position and chest arch can generate relative lift, meaning the arms are not required.

Tunnel to sky

Learning to carve is a skill that can take time and flyers should not expect too much on the early jumps. Think of it like learning a new style and remember: just like riding a bike, it will be easy to remember once you have learnt.

Carving is often practiced in the tunnel, although people who learn how to carve in the tunnel will struggle at first when trying to replicate the skill in the air. The reason for this is that the positioning of the rig reduces the input from the back, meaning the move requires more input from the limbs. Also, a poorly fitting rig can detune the torso input more. It's worth checking the lateral straps of your rig to ensure that these are not causing the container to move and a poorly fitting rig can even work against you.

Once you have got the basics of carving, further additions you can try include adding carousels (360s), changing levels, switching directions in a 'S' pattern, flying a figure-of-eight formation around two central points or performing the carve facing outward to the central points. There are lots of challenging carving dives that you can fly to build up skills and get others involved with this fun, dynamic skill.

Loose legstrap
- watch out for
any part of your
gear that could
come loose during
freefall, especially
at the higher speeds
involved in Freefly

HEAD UP MASTERCLASS









first arrived at Dunkeswell Airfield as an 18-year-old in January 1977 to see my two brothers and a new dropzone, having started my own skydiving in West Sussex. No sooner had I climbed out of my parents' car than I heard my older brother Pete's voice shout out: "He's here! Andrew, quick, get your kit on." "I have no kit, and doesn't someone need to check my docs?" I shouted back, getting an answer of: "It's been sorted and all the gear you're using is here!" So I quickly found myself climbing up to 10,000ft for the first time and seeing someone else in freefall for the first time as well. There we were, a three Guest brother link-up over Dunkeswell Airfield - the first time there had been a three-brother link-up in the UK.

Start as you mean to go on Dunkeswell Airfield was constructed o

Dunkeswell Airfield was constructed on farmland in 1942 by George Whimpey & Co Ltd, under the direction of the Ministry of Works and in cooperation with the War Department. The airfield was retained by the Air Ministry until 1956, then it was sold to Westward Turf. In 1966, the airfield



was partly owned by the MoD and Westward Turf, who subsequently changed to Westward Aviation. A very young Captain Jim Goldsworthy of the Royal Marines approached Westward Turf in March 1966 and he was granted permission to start the Royal Marines Sport Parachute Association, which later became the Royal Navy Royal Marines Sport Parachute Association (RNRMSPA). It became the highest dropzone in the UK at 839ft and still holds that status today.

Those early days saw the club use whatever aircraft they could borrow, from an Auster to a Tri-Pacer. A Skyvan eventually arrived and that saw the first 8-way star built in the UK by the Royal Green Jackets. In the early 1970s, lan Loutitt started a civilian parachute school, Dunkeswell International Skydiving Centre (DISC), and both clubs operated side-by-side, running separate parachute programs for some years. DISC operated two Cessna 206s and had their own hardcore jumpers, some of whom were well-known as the 'boys from the blue'.

The mid-70s saw the creation of the Royal Marines Free Fall Parachute Display Team, who based themselves at Dunkeswell for their training jumps, and I joined the team in 1978. The display team had already started doing CReW (CF) on displays because no other team was doing it consistently and they wanted to be seen to be different, but all of the team members loved their RW (FS) and so CReW would have to be after they opened at 2,500ft. I had just joined the team with 180 jumps under my belt when I heard "stay there" over Dunkeswell as my brother grabbed hold of my parachute while my eyes were like large dinner plates.

I fondly remember talking to Jackie Smith at Netheravon back in the late '70s when she asked me where I jumped. "Dunkeswell", I said. "Oh, you mean Drunkeswell!" Jackie replied as she smiled. It has to be said the parties were a bit wild on the airfield, and I'm not quite sure why there was a need for people to go naked all the time...

Bigger, better, best

As the team's CReW skills improved, the stacks got bigger and British Records started arriving.

In 1985, a discussion took place as to just how many people had been in the Royal Marines Free Fall Display Team over the years and it was quite clear there were enough of us to make an attempt on the World Record canopy stack. The first attempt was organised by Rod Boswell and Dunkeswell, being the home of the Marines and having seen CReW grow there, was chosen. Some of the Royal Marines who were now civilians hadn't jumped for five years, but they were told: "Hey it's just like riding a bicycle – you never forget." That year, Dunkeswell saw British and European Records broken and a new World Night Stack Record at 22. As for the Day Record, we could only equal it. We came close so many times, but the turbulence at cloud height always hit us and violently broke up the stack - albeit with some great visuals. Not everyone appreciated the visuals etched onto their faces mind...

There was nothing for it but to return in 1986 and, eventually, there was success. Twenty-four Royal Marines linked up over Dunkeswell, with Nigel Watson-Clark docking 24th and breaking the World

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- 1 Andy Guest and Maisie Williams from Game of Thrones
- 2 The existing World Record 24-stack built by the Royal Marines 30 years ago. By Simon Ward
- 3 Jack Bradford swooping the pond at Dunkeswell, by Andy Guest

4 Former Royal Marines Dave Tylcoat and **Gary Lawry**

5 British Record 34-way star, by Leo Dickinson

6 Col Jim Goldsworthy. founder of the RNRMSPA

'We decided to just do a freefall jump and invited a few civilians to join us as we went for the British Freefall Star Record. On the first jump, there it was - a 34-way star flying over Dunkeswell'

Record. When we started this journey over Dunkeswell, three of the biggest stacks ever built in the world were a 23, 22 and a 21 between three countries. By the time we had finished our CReW attempts, Dunkeswell alone had seen not only the 24 but three 23s, eighteen 22s and seventeen 21 stacks!

My connection with Dunkeswell Airfield continued when, in 1986, I was drafted by the Royal Marines to work at the RNRMSPA as an Instructor. I later became Club Chief Instructor for 21 years with various clubs operating at Dunkeswell, one of which I created.

In 1987, we thought we would try to extend our CReW World Record on Dunkeswell Airfield. However, we found that the French canopies we had bought, all 32 of them, were not up to it. We struggled to build an 8-stack with them and, frustrated, we decided to just do a freefall jump and invited a few civilians to join us as we went for the British Freefall Star Record. On the first jump, there it was - a 34-way star flying over Dunkeswell. Local boy Raymond 'Radar' Marks (he's not a boy any more) was in the star and Radar's parents' house can be seen in the photograph that was taken of the British Star Record - how cool is that? Two weeks later, Peterborough built a 32-way star and had a batch of T-shirts made up claiming a British Record. Needless to say, they were surprised to see a picture of our 34-way star over Dunkeswell in the BPA magazine, then called Sport Parachutist, and to learn it was built two weeks before theirs.

New heights

In 1991, DISC closed down and a new club, Devon and Somerset Parachute School, was created. Then, in 1997, the RNRMSPA moved to Netheravon. The skydiving scene at Dunkeswell was changing and, in August 2006, Skydive99 took over from the Devon and Somerset Parachute School and has since changed its name to Skydivebuzz. Once again, I find myself as the CI on an airfield that I have loved for 39 years. This airfield has given me excitement through doing stunts like recreating a spiralling CReW wrap as well as the fun and enjoyment of training, coaching and seeing people take up the sport.

I have had the opportunity to know so many characters from all of the clubs that have operated on the airfield over the years. I have witnessed a caravan take off across the airfield with someone under a Para Commander on a bad windy day (after jumpers who had decided to try parascending tied a rope to the caravan), I have lived with a ghost in the old control tower and I've seen many a helicopter fly in for us to jump (including Scouts,

Wessex Mk5s, Pumas, Chinooks, Sea Kings) and even a CH130 that gave me my own pass exiting with a tandem.

The transformation under Jason Farrant has been considerable, with the club growing from what I considered a busy year of completing 7,500 descents in the old days to completing 28,000 descents in a year now and more than £1m raised for charities annually. The club set a Guinness World Record in 2014 by completing 278 tandems in one day, all from 15,000ft. That record has since been beaten, but an attempt will be made in June to reclaim it. The current club has two Beech 99s (with a third on standby) that climb to 15,000ft in ten minutes, which helped Vision99 complete 25 training jumps in one day in 2015. The club has invested in the only swoop pond in the UK, as well as encouraging all disciplines by bringing in coaches. Last year, the club set its own record of 1,100 descents in a day. Skydivers at Dunkeswell Airfield have also had a lot of success at the Nationals, regularly winning gold and going on to win medals at international competitions.

Things change over the years, whether within the sport or on the airfield, but the friendliness on Dunkeswell Airfield by the club members - no matter which club - has not changed. It's hard to believe I have been jumping for 39 of the 50 years on the airfield, and it seems like only yesterday that I heard my brother's voice shout out when I arrived.











LIFEIN THE FAST LANE

Mikey Lovemore is the fastest man in the UK, the second fastest in the world and one of only six members of the '500 Club'. He stayed still long enough to talk to Editor Liz Ashley

How did you get into Speed?

We were training at Skydive Spain when I tried Speed for the first time. I was flying camera on a Freefly team, *Airtrix*, with my brother back in 2007 and I was working on my head down skills. I'd seen Speed happening at the Nationals before and thought the speeds were quite impressive, so I wanted to see how fast I could go. I did the same thing that many people do and read the max speed off the ProTrack in my helmet, so I thought I'd been over 300mph within my first few attempts. I quickly realised when I competed at the Nationals that those readings weren't accurate and I had a bit of work to do, but I'd already got a taste for it by then.

So people need to look at the average speed and not be misled by the max speed?

misled by the max speed? The max speed reading on any device can't be relied on to be very accurate because it could be affected by a sudden pressure change, such as when you move your head or arms. The air pressure around your head can change quite a lot, actually. Early on in the development of Speed, all sorts of testing was done to work out the best and fairest way to measure the Speed jumps and it was decided that using the average speed for a vertical kilometre was the most reliably accurate format. Also, it was decided that the most stable place to measure speeds from was around the centre of the body, so we mount them on the laterals of the rig

Tell us about the recent breakthroughs in British Speed Skydiving Mark Calland's record

Mark Calland's record of 487kph stood for 11 years and no one came close to it in that time, although Noel Purcell had the second fastest speed in the UK since 2002 at 457kph. Clare Fryer (Murphy) was the leading female for many years too, but there was a quiet period for Speed in the UK. There have been a few Brits getting around 450kph but struggling to push through towards the elusive 500kph. There are some now making some big steps up in speeds – James Parker, Max Hurd and Tim Porter in particular.

Hurd and Tim Porter in particular.

For me, it's been a combination of things that have come together at the right time. Firstly, I've been competing on and off for quite a few years and the competition experience has made a big difference because of the mental aspect. Also, I started to take it more seriously in the last few years – especially with the acceptance into the IPC family and being invited to compete in Dubai when it was still a demo event. That gave

1 Breaking the British Record three times in three jumps at the second Tim Mace Memorial Cup

2 Transitioning into a Speed position at the World Air Games in Dubai

3 NZ Aerosports



a bit more

During the last season, I managed technique. That's really what triggered it's like to go really fast. Currency has made a massive difference and enabled error for many at the top. I'm passing on do the same. Body awareness is a major aspect of Speed and everyone's experience

What's your proudest moment?

big ones recently. Hitting the elusive 500kph (and joining the 500 Club, of long-term goal which I managed a year ahead of my original target. World Cup and European Championship silver and World Air Games bronze were huge for good at anything before.

If I had to put all those achievements

How do you approach mental prep?

and have no distractions. Things happen pretty quickly, so you have to be intuitive progress through the different phases of the jump. A moment taken up by a

or make a minor correction.

It could be said that Speed is a form time to dwell on what's happened and, if you think too far ahead, you'll lose accelerate. A perfect Speed jump is not a jump that is about going fast – that A perfect jump is a progression through different phases of acceleration and my perfect jump in the plane just before everyone starts fiddling and moving

Do you have any advice for

beginners?
Speed can get lonely if that's all you do, so try to mix it up. I still Freefly as much

Can you train for Speed in the wind tunnel?







'It's great to not know how fast we are able to go. The only way to find out now is to keep pushing on and see how fast we can get'

down in the tunnel this year as part of my training, but tunnel can't prepare you for the high speeds. Head down, angle and dynamic/flowing skills will help with the initial acceleration, and the ability to react quickly and smoothly can help to deal with instability at high speeds.

Why do you love Speed?

Speed is still new and fresh. We are setting the standards now that the discipline will build on in future. Without wanting to sound self-involved, it feels like we're pioneering the discipline at the moment. Most of the early top Speeders are still competing, so it's hard to get coaching from previous winners and it's great to not know how fast we are able to go. The only way to find out now is to keep pushing on and see how fast we can get. I've never really enjoyed competing in things before but, in a Speed competition, it's like a personal battle with yourself. As competitors we are all friends, we share techniques and we try to help each other improve. It is a hugely satisfying feeling when you get a new personal best speed and it's great to see your friends experience that too.

What's your top speed so far?

My fastest jump to date was at the second Tim Mace Memorial Cup in Germany where I averaged 531.9kph. I had a perfect exit and initial acceleration, and I could feel it was going very well. I heard my first set of beeps to say I was in the measurement zone (2,700m) and the acceleration was perfect. Then, a few seconds later, I had a wobble and was on my back spinning in an instant. As I transitioned to my belly to regain my heading, my second beeps sounded to say I was out of the measurement zone (1,700m). I knew that it had been a fast jump because this had happened to me a couple of times before, but I thought my instability had washed off too much speed for it to be a good jump. The graph shows I hit a max speed of almost 570kph. Now I'm looking to replicate that jump without going unstable.

Next goals?

Ultimately, I'd like to set a new World Record and win the World Championships. •

- 4 Slowing down for landing
- **5** Bronze at the World Air Games



BIO: Mikey Lovemore, the Speed on the BPA's Competitions Committee, in Speed Skydiving. He broke the during the Nationals and then went on to win double silver at the FAI World Cup and European Championships 2015 in Speed Skydiving the following month. He then continued to break his own record repeatedly, becoming one of only six people ever to exceed 500kph in competition, and he is now the second fastest Speed skydiver ever. He was awarded the BPA Taz Causer Skydiver of the Year Award for 2015 and, in May 2016, was presented Silver Medal by HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York. For more, see p44.

NUMBER OF JUMPS: 2,300

NUMBER OF SPEED JUMPS:

Approximately 350

KIT: Javelin Odyssey, NZ Aerosports Leia, PD Reserve and Cypres 2. I am so conscious of the added risks in Speed skydiving and I trust my Javelin fully. There is never any hint of a riser cover or a main or reserve flap opening, never any bridle working its way out. Peace of mind.

Also, talking of peace of mind, my new NZ Aerosports Leia is the perfect canopy for my Speed jumps. It opens beautifully every time. I've had some funky openings after Speed jumps in the past, but I haven't had to think about that at all ever since I started jumping the Leia. I love it!

My Cookie G3 full-face helmet is perfect for Speed. I don't have regular visor issues like many other full-face helmets – no gaffer tape holding the visor closed – and I can hear my audibles clearly.















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THE FUTURE IS ALL AROUND...

We try out an unorthodox new toy for cameraflyers: the Theta 360

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aving been a
cameraperson at
Skydive Langar for six
years, I've tried all sorts
of cameras. When I was
contacted by Ricoh to jump their
new Theta 360 camera, I was excited
here was an opportunity to test
something new that no skydiver had
tested before.

How it works

The Theta 360 has a slim design that's roughly the size of a mobile phone and, when mounted on my helmet, it looks a bit like a unicorn horn. Some might suggest otherwise, but there is no downside to looking like a unicorn.

The camera comprises two lenses which cover overlapping 190° arcs. The images are then spliced together to create a full 360° view while keeping the camera itself out of shot. The video can be viewed as normal or, when viewed on the YouTube app on a smartphone or tablet, you can move the device to

look up, down and all around the video. This is where you get the 'virtual reality' sensation of being there on the jump.

For photos to make sense, they have to be warped by programs to create 'little planet' or super fish-eye effects. There are currently no websites that support showing 'virtual reality' pictures, although Facebook are planning to soon.

Jumping with the Theta 360

The Theta 360 gave me a chance to think outside the box when taking pictures and making videos.

Cameraflying is no longer about pointing my face and is instead more about giving the viewer the feeling of complete immersion in the skydive. This was my excuse when I didn't cross-reference during the head down jump, anyway!

I've used it in big-way flat jumps, tracking jumps, FF jumps and on a tandem. One of the most viewed videos so far was of me swooping my new Leia 83. That said, the more popular video is the jump before when I stacked the landing – that one is *not* on the internet...

The range of pictures I can get is unusual and it allows me to plan dives specifically around the camera. Unsurprisingly, skydivers are excellent at geeking when they know they're always in the shot! I encourage people to watch the video back a few times to see everything that went on. It's also the only chance the cameraflyer gets to be in shot! Remember, cameraflyers are skydivers too and love geeking as much as the next jumper. It's fun trying out different facial expressions while thinking about it, and even more fun to look at your expressions when you've forgotten the camera is there!

What's next?

This camera is good, there's no denying it. I've found it to work really well in skydives to give a different view on things.

That said, I have struggled with the processing afterwards. The software that is currently available is quite limited and forces your files to come out very compressed, meaning you can't get large high quality images.

Also, YouTube and Facebook are the best-known platforms that handle 360° files, but even then they require very specific requirements. To watch a YouTube video, you have to have a newish device with a YouTube app – then it's awesome. But, if you don't have that, it doesn't really work.

Overall, it's a cool little camera but the software limitations are frustrating. I'll keep jumping it, but I'll likely save the files until software catches up and I can create something really cool.

If you'd like to see the camera, talk to me about it or you have a good idea for jumping with it, you can find me at Skydive Langar. Follow me on YouTube for all the videos (youtube.com/5omerset) or go to @chris_skydive to see them flat on Instagram. ●















Then I flew a Cessna 180 down at Goodwood for a season, which was another tail-dragger but slightly smaller, and that was an eye-opener. Having been brought up on a field where there's basically no restrictions, I went to working West Drayton, working the incoming Atlantic traffic, bargaining for height on the way up, informing West Drayton before take-off and working three frequencies for Chichester control, West Drayton Control and the DZ a couple of miles north of the airfield on only one radio - that was quite a challenge. You'd have to go up to 4,000ft and hold there, they'd probably clear you to 6,000ft, and so forth. It wasn't as easy as it is now.

This was all in the early days when some of the aircraft didn't have steps the regulations have got a lot better now. I've flown a Cessna 172 without a step where you had to put your foot on the brake to allow the jumper to climb out onto the strut. Of course, if you didn't put your foot on the brake, it was quite funny...

MW: Any favourites out of all those planes?

DP: I spent forever in G-ASVN, which was the very first one off the production line. It was one of those stalwart, really old, adorable aircraft and it would get out of everything. I do like the Airvan I'm flying now, though; it's very comfortable, there's the airline configuration with the stick, it carries a good payload and it's a nice warm aircraft with the door being at the back! It just ticks all the boxes, in my opinion.

A big Airdale, that was interesting. We used to get the odd jumper inadvertently bopping their head through the bottom of the wing. We'd mend it with gaffer tape and off we went again.

MW: Is there anything gaffer tape

DP: (laughs) It didn't seem to affect its flying characteristics much, though!

MW: Have you ever done a jump yourself?

DP: No.

MW: Ah! Would you?

DP: I've obviously thought about it but, being a still-active musician as well as being a part-time pilot, I'd be out of action and I wouldn't be able to do anything if I break a wrist or something.

MW: What do you play?

DP: I was on drums, I've learned how to play the guitar and I'm on vocals. I've got a recording studio and I've got a restaurant too. But I do as much flying as I can on weekends.

MW: What's the funniest thing that's happened while you've been flying?

DP: Somebody proposed over the RT. This guy asked his girlfriend if she'd marry him, she landed and said yes.

MW: Any other memorable moments over the years?

DP: I've flown for the Nationals, back when they were at Bridlington, I've been to a lot of demos and I've flown the Red Devils and a lot of the other military teams. I've been a Pilot Examiner too and I've enjoyed passing skills on to the new breed of pilot - that's been rewarding as well. It's been totally enjoyable whatever I've done.

MW: Would you recommend jump flying to your fellow pilots?

DP: (instantly) Definitely. Yeah, it's a challenge and a different technique.

You don't get a chance to just sit there and go through the motions; you're hands-on all the time, you've got to get a steady run-in, a nice platform for people to exit, don't go too fast, don't blow them off the outside of the aircraft with the propeller, get the right spot at the right time. You're keeping all those things in the parameters, you're looking at the weather, you're looking at all those things and they have to be exactly right to let anybody get out of your aeroplane with safety. You've got to be on it all the time. It's like balancing a penny on a needle.

There's a lot of safety involved. I think anything like this is about eliminating the risks before the calculated risks, building those out before you go. And, over the years, I've noticed the safety side get so much better. Every time there's been a slight incident or anything, it's looked at, an improvement is made, there's a directive sent and it's all a learning curve. I've always said that, every time you go in an aeroplane and do something, you're learning something. Once you stop doing that, you're getting dangerous.

MW: One last question: any plans to retire or are you just having too much fun?

DP: No, I'm having far too much fun. I've kept it going continuously and seen a lot of changes. I started off doing the old rounds, the PCs, heights at 2,500ft, then gradually seeing the progression through to squares, tandems - I've seen the whole run-up to today's jumping. While I'm still fit and still current with my medical, I'll continue to fly and enjoy it.

I'd like to say thanks to the BPA and to Alec at the Skydive Centre at Brid. I've just enjoyed everything I've done it's been an honour.



1 "The PC6 Porter over Flamborough on its first day in the air. The photograph was organised by the then-Airfield Operator and CI Nick Johnston, whose father Dave Johnston . was a huge influence throughout my jump flying learning curve and a great friend. He was also a big name in the BPA and jump pilot circles, being a Pilot Examiner, Cl and a member of STC" - Dave

2 Dave today

3 Dave and the much-loved G-ASVN





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The Basic Instructor Course – a waste of time or a vital new perspective?

WORDS: PETE ALEXANDER

nyone aspiring to be an Instructor, whether Tandem, AFF or static line, will always find themselves engaging with Instructors to pick their brains, and rightly so. They are the source of all that good information and no two Instructors will give you the same patter because, although they know and understand their subject matter, they will also have their own opinions.

As an aspiring Instructor myself, I recently attended my TBI course at RAF Weston on the Green. In my back pocket was lots of information and opinions from other Instructors and I took it all with a pinch of salt so I could formulate my own opinions; ultimately keeping an open mind, but very conscious of some people's opinions that the Basic Instructors course is a complete waste of time. I don't believe this to be the case,

but I can only say that now with authority after having done the course.

If you're looking at one particular rating, it could be argued that the course doesn't need to be a week long and that everything specific to that one rating could be covered in two days - maybe even one at a push. In essence, I agree with this view. However, the Basic Instructor course is not just about that one rating; it is more about opening an individual's eyes to the bigger picture. We all fit into one particular part of the sport through our individual disciplines and we are all aware of the prerequisites laid out in the Operations Manual before we are eligible to attend these courses. Knowledge of the Ops Manual is all we are required to have in order to broaden our understanding of the bigger picture, while the formal lectures which take place on the course reinforce that knowledge and even add to it. Are all the formal

lectures relevant to your individual Instructor rating? No, but they are relevant to removing us from the stovepipe of our individual ratings. Doing that ensures we understand the responsibility of being an Instructor and everything else that goes on in the background to ensure we are jumping – irrespective of ratings.

Ultimately, we are being given the golden ticket to instruct an individual on how to save their own life. The Basic Instructor course gives you the understanding of the responsibilities that we all, no doubt, hope to hold at some point. As long as you fulfil the requirements laid down in the Ops Manual, forget how many jumps you have, how many years in the sport you have or how many hours you have spent in freefall. Prepare for it, attend it, enjoy it and be open-minded about it. You will learn more than you bargained for. •

Pete recently completed his rating at Hibaldstow and is now enjoying the responsibilities of being a fully qualified Tandem Instructor. Photo by Josh Clark



AVIATION

The Royal Aero Club (RAeC) is the national co-ordinating body for airsports organisations in the UK, including the BPA. HRH Prince Andrew, Duke of York, presents its prestigious awards in May each year at the RAF Club in London's Piccadilly

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Mikey Lovemore - Silver Medal

Mikey Lovemore has achieved so much in the last 12 months that he has his own article on p32! His average speed over his best four jumps at the recent Tim Mace Memorial Cup was better than his previous personal best speed for a single jump. Since breaking through the 500kph barrier in December 2015, he has gone on to do so a further six times in competition. Most recently, he broke the UK Speed Record three times in one day by averaging 508kph, 521kph and then 531kph!

Mikey is generous in helping up-andcoming Speed skydivers with his time and expertise through coaching. We doubt if there is a UK competitor in Speed skydiving who hasn't been helped, encouraged and inspired by Mikey Lovemore.

Doug Peacock - Silver Medal

Doug Peacock was born in 1932 and started parachuting in 1956, which means that he has been in the sport for sixty years so far! He was one of the pioneers of the sport and was a founder member of BPA.

He was a Parachute Jumping Instructor in the Royal Air Force for more than twenty years. He qualified as a High Altitude Low Opening (HALO) Instructor and spent four years on the *RAF Falcons Display Team* before becoming Chief Instructor for the RAF Sport Parachute Association (RAFSPA). On retiring from the service, he was

Above: Team BPA



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appointed as BPA's National Coach and Safety Officer. Later, from 1982 to 1988, he became National Sport Parachuting Coach in the Sultanate of Oman. He has been a member of the British Team at eight World Championships as competitor, coach, judge and team manager. He is the holder of the Air Force Medal and the FAI Paul Tissandier Diploma.

He is currently a BPA Advanced Instructor and an FAI and National Judge. He is also the Reunion Secretary of the Parachute Jumping Instructors (PJI) Canopy Club Association, which provides opportunities for RAF PJIs past and present to remain in touch with friends and colleagues in an all-ranks network. He is still jumping.

Paul Applegate - Bronze Medal

Paul Applegate is a stalwart of sport parachuting; a walking encyclopaedia of a sport that has been his passion for more than 40 years. 'Apples', as he is affectionately known, has been a fun jumper, Instructor, discipline representative, national and international competitor and medallist. He has made more than 1,000 jumps as an Accelerated Free Fall Instructor. Today, he is a longstanding elected volunteer BPA Council member (since 1997) and has been Chair of the BPA Riggers' Subcommittee for nearly 20 years.

The time and effort that Apples has put in to BPA affairs for the good of the sport is immeasurable. Now elevated to the status of a young-at-heart veteran, he is a source of wise counsel and advice to younger generations of skydivers whose careers in the sport he is always keen to support.

Elected as a BPA Life Member in 1980 as a member of the exceptional British Canopy Formation Team of that period (which was

awarded the Prince of Wales Cup by the Royal Aero Club), Apples has since been a constant source of stability and sagacity to so many skydivers over the years.

Apples may truly be said to represent the bedrock of our sport, to which he continues to devote his life, to the benefit and appreciation of the whole skydiving community.

Jackie Harper - Bronze Medal

Jackie Harper is a top wingsuit flyer and former Series World Champion in Wingsuit Performance Flying. She is Secretary to the Army Parachute Association (APA) at Skydive Netheravon, as well as being the BPA Discipline Rep for Wingsuiting.

Jackie is also a member of the Wingsuit Working Group of the International Parachuting Commission (IPC) of the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale → (FAI). In January 2015, she was key in achieving official recognition by FAI/IPC of Wingsuit Flying as a new skydiving discipline.

At the same IPC meeting that recognised wingsuit flying as a new discipline, APA Netheravon successfully bid to host the first FAI World Cup in Wingsuit Performance Flying, which was to take place only four months later in May 2015.

This success was followed in September 2015 by the BPA British Open Nationals in Wingsuit Performance and Acrobatics. This was also hosted by the Army Parachute Association at Skydive Netheravon and was superbly organised by Jackie Harper. The meet attracted 31 Performance competitors, including seven internationals from five countries, and nine Acrobatics competitors. More records were broken, with Jackie Harper setting a new World, European and National Time record.

If sport parachuting named its years, 2015 would surely be the year of the wingsuiter – and the year of Jackie Harper, whose name is synonymous with putting the discipline, and the UK, at the centre of the world stage.

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Awarded to those who, while not eligible for a major Royal Aero Club Award, have served the cause of Aviation in general, or Sporting Aviation in particular, by their work, devotion or initiative.

Adrian Bond - Certificate of Merit

Adrian Bond's business and commercial skills have professionalised and revolutionised the management of BPA communications through his role as a volunteer Council member and Chair of the BPA Communications Committee.

He has reduced the cost to the BPA of members' magazine *Skydive the Mag* (provided inclusive to members' subscriptions) from £17 to £5 per member per annum. At the same time, he has allowed the technical and creative talents of its editor Liz Ashley (Nexus Aviation Journalist of the Year 2013) and others to flourish and the magazine to soar in reader appreciation surveys.

This sound business approach of commercial partnership with a leading content agency, Archant Dialogue, has led to online versions of *Skydive the Mag* and an app for *Skydive Starter* to encourage first-time jumpers to take up the sport.

Adrian Bond has overseen the transformation of BPA AGM Day into BPA Skydive the Expo, the UK's premier international conference, exhibition and social event for skydiving, which is a highlight of the sport's annual calendar. This he achieved through negotiation of commercial partnerships to plug in expertise in media and exhibition logistics with BPA's expertise in skydiving. His commercial acumen pioneered reasonably priced drinks offers to members and their guests at high quality entertainment venues.

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and individuals who support its member associations via sponsorship and the provision of facilities for national teams and otherwise.

John Korzeniowski – Certificate of Appreciation

Lawyer John Korzeniowki is not known to most of our members. Since the early 1990s, he has developed great expertise in general aviation in firms appointed by insurers to defend claims made against a number of RAeC Associations – including the BPA. He is a highly competent lawyer who applies his skills to the benefit of sport parachuting and, through other RAeC Member organisation for whom he also acts, the wider air sports community.

Confident of his expertise, the BPA asked our insurers to engage him to defend claims made against our insurance policy. When the BPA changed brokers and moved underwriters, we were keen to retain the expertise and advice of John Korzeniowski. On meeting him, our new brokers and underwriters readily agreed.

We therefore believe it is high time for such a professionally brilliant yet unassuming character to step, at least briefly, into the limelight to be honoured by the Royal Aero Club in recognition of his truly impressive behind-the-scenes contribution to air sports in the UK.

Martin Mansley – Certificate of Appreciation

Martin Mansley is the exemplar of a new breed of insurance broker for the 21st century. Based in Manchester, he has invested much time and energy to hone his specialist expertise in delivering innovative insurance solutions for the sports and leisure sector.

His first innovation for the BPA was to source insurance for sports parachuting not from the aviation market, from which it had traditionally come, but from the wider sports insurance market. He was able to do this with a quantified analysis of the insurance risk and a detailed understanding of the risk management systems within our sport. Not only has he brokered first class underwriters, but he has also saved BPA members some £2m in insurance premiums over the six years to date that he has been our broker. During this time, he has also been appointed as broker by the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association.

He has innovated and supported a wide range of risk reduction initiatives through establishment of the BPA Risk Management fund, which was his idea. His latest idea is the new BPA Award for Safety innovation in Sport Parachuting sponsored by Romero Sports and Leisure (brokers) and Liberty Mutual Insurance (underwriters). •



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How small is too small?

Canopy size is something that you have an increasing amount of control over as you gain more experience. If your first jump was a tandem, then you probably didn't even know what size canopy you were jumping. Even on AFF or static line, you probably knew that you'd be dangling beneath close to 300 sq ft of fabric but were unlikely to have had much choice in the matter.

Most people jump hire kit after
A Licence that's perhaps closer to
200 sq ft. As the jumps tick by and
experience builds up, it is easy to think
that downsizing should also continue at
regular intervals. After all, most people
downsize repeatedly in their first 50
jumps and lose perhaps 100 sq ft since
their first jump. Surely you just keep
going like that? When you look to buy
your first rig and see the adverts for
190s and 210s, do you listen to the people

who tell you to just buy a 170 because you'll be on it soon anyway and that it'll last longer than something bigger? And don't worry that the 170 comes with a 150 reserve! You probably won't be using it, but anyway you'd be fine as long as you weren't unconscious, not low, not in traffic, not trying to land off in someone's back garden, not doing a downwinder...

What does the BPA say?

The BPA Operations Manual caps solo student wingloading at 0.8 for the first jump and 0.85 thereafter. This means that a 70kg jumper wearing 10kg of equipment, for example, must do their first jump on nothing smaller than a 220.

After A Licence, this wing loading limit no longer applies. The BPA Canopy Handling Manual says: "As a bare minimum, you should only consider downsizing when you can comfortably complete fairly accurate stand up

SKYDIVER SPEAK:

Wing loading

Found by dividing your exit weight in pounds by the square footage of your canopy.

landings in all types of wind conditions and are at ease with the turn rate and slow flight characteristics of your current canopy. In terms of how much you should downsize by, we would advocate an absolute maximum of 15% smaller than your current canopy size."

At BPA PTOs, it is the Chief Instructor who has the final say over whether an individual is allowed to jump a particular size canopy based on their weight and experience.

What do other countries say?

The French Parachute Federation (FFP) released Technical Directive No. 46 on March 26 2016 and this contains a table of maximum permitted canopy sizes based on both weight and jump numbers. A calculator can be found on the FFP website at ffp.asso.fr/tailledevoile and it is interesting to enter various combinations of weight and jump numbers into it.







Aerodyne

Aerodyne have decided it's time to shake things up with their all-rounder, the Pilot. Still available as a 9-cell wing, the new Pilot7 is a 7-cell canopy that takes its heritage from its greater-celled brother.

Predominantly aimed at wingsuit pilots, the Pilot7 has been designed to offer consistent, on-heading openings – which are certainly appreciated by those who like to wear a posh dress in freefall.

Aerodyne say that the Pilot7 has a flat glide which is ideal for longer spots and a powerful flare. They also say that, in the right hands, it's also a really fun canopy and that its predictability of flight will encourage you to "wring it out and play".

The canopy is available in their standard ZP, their honeycomb low-pack

volume ZPX and a new hybrid of materials that they call UltraLPV. UltraLPV, if chosen, will see the top skin and stabilisers of your new canopy made from ZPX and the ribs and bottom skin from FX-11, which is the same low-bulk fabric used in their SmartLPV reserve. This, in addition to the use of ZLX lines, makes for a very low-pack volume canopy.

If you're not a wingsuit pilot, fret not. They're keen to point out that this canopy would be great for a range of skydivers, particularly those who enjoy forgiving openings, low-pack volumes and great handling characteristics.

It's available in your choice of colours and comes in a range of sizes between 117 and 247 sq ft.

Flyaerodyne.com RRP from \$2.150

Paracraft

Does your wrist look boring? Of course it does. Want to make it look way cooler and have a conversation starter with whuffos that allows you to explain that you're a badass skydiver? Sure you do.

Check out the pretty cool range from US-based Rochelle Price and her company Paracraft.

Rochelle hand-makes jewellery using different coloured Mil-Spec Type III paracord to create some pretty cool-looking pieces. Differing thread patterns allow for designs that range from small and cute right up to big and chunky.



She already has a good range on her website, but is constantly adding more. She'll even create bespoke pieces if you want something that matches your gear. Remember, matching gear saves lives.

Should you ever find yourself in a Bear Grylls-type survival situation, these wrist garments can also be unravelled to give you some seriously strong string to help with all manner of things, including building a little shelter. No word on if it'll make the bugs taste any better, though.

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By James 'Macca' Macdonald

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I know we all like to joke about the state of the British summer, but we actually do pretty alright from the big, burning ball in the sky. If you're anything like me, however, that bad boy will quickly lead to a lobsteresque appearance and a desire to bathe in after-sun. That's even before we get to talking about just how harmful UV rays are to skydiving gear. Seriously; if you're leaving your rig in the sun, stop it. Stop it right now.

As we're still in denial about the existence of the sun in this country, it can often be hard to find shade to

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AAD market leader CYPRES have released a service bulletin about, well, servicing. The German tech giant now states that the usual four- and eight-year services are now 'highly recommended' rather than mandatory. This brings them in line with Vigil, who also don't require mandatory servicing of their units.

Before you go spending that servicing money on jump tickets, though, it's worth noting that it only applies to units manufactured from 2016 onwards. Older units are still required to be sent back home for a little German loving. Also, although it's not mandatory, they're keen to point out that you really, really should still send your unit back to be checked over at the usual times. This is a device that could be your last chance at staying alive, so it makes sense to have a genuine, efficiency-loving professional have a fiddle.

Why have they suddenly changed their tune? CYPRES claim that after many, many years of testing and data feedback from units returned for servicing, the stringent requirement is no longer absolutely necessary. Also, they've explained that there are some countries that, despite being able to prove ownership of the unit, will charge a jumper serious import taxes on return of their freshly serviced CYPRES.

After seeing the update from our German friends, the BPA have decided that servicing will, in fact, remain mandatory in the UK. Still, at least you'll still get your unit back with that fresh CYPRES smell every four years.





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- 2 16-way, by Liam Goddard
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BCPA

HAKUNA MATATA

June is shaping up to be a pretty busy time for the BCPA!

We will be kicking off the summer months with five days at BCPA Dunkeswell, which will include two days of cheap jump tickets, helicopter jumps and Accuracy competitions using inflatables and the pond. How refreshing!

The BCPA Nationals at Hibaldstow will close the BCPA year in style and, as always, this will be a week to remember (if we're able to). The AGM will take place on the Saturday night, followed by the Disney-themed party (I have too much power). Throughout the week, we hope to get even more progression, records and stickers so members can enter the 2016 season as pros.

The Easter tour was a complete success, and a big thank you goes to Skydive Perris for hosting us again this year. BCPAers were able to enjoy lots of sunshine, balloon jumps, Skyvans, pools, booze and so much more than my 250 words will allow. Many thanks to Scotty Milne for being our responsible adult and making sure we stayed safe and reasonably sensible. He said we were "the best of the BCPA groups" he's ever seen (I have this in writing!) and Active Skydiving were impressed with the standard of skydiving from our uni students and graduates.

Well done to those who achieved so much over the two weeks, and make sure you sign up for our final Summer Tour at Flanders Boogie! In the meantime, enjoy the blue skies!

Cara Pritchard

ACHIEVEMENTS

CAT8/CH1 Anna Blundell, Angus Wilson FS1 Dave Eyre, Jane Gong, Angus Wilson

FF1 Dominic Northey, James Parry, Luke Thatcher FF2 Sam Doughty. Stuart Reid JUMP NUMBERS 200 Elliot Magginnis 400 Stuart Reid 500 Becky Stevens 700 Sam Doughty, Glenn Wainwright

BECCLES

AFFING UNBELIEVABLE

Wotcha all you Beccles sky goblins and welcome back to another action-packed Beccles club news.

The sky's hardly been the limit over the last couple of months above the Suffolk coast and we have seen an unprecedented amount of learning and jumping. Back in the Old Buck days, the record for $\ensuremath{\mathsf{AFF}}$ levels done in a day was 27. On March 25, that record was smashed with 35 levels done in the day. But that's not all; the record was pipped again on April 2 with 36 levels completed. Bear in mind that these levels are all fitted into a busy tandem and fun jumping schedule, so it's a blooming marvellous job to all the staff and cracking job to all

the students who have worked so hard to gain the essential safety skills to become a skydiver.

Talking of AFFing, we're all really proud to announce that Zuzana Tilner has joined the AFF Instructor pool after she passed her course earlier this year. I also forgot to tell everyone in the last issue that Sam "Have I mentioned I've jumped the Palm in Dubai?" Carter passed his AFFBI at the beginning of the year. Well done dude - hopefully you'll have time to crack on with teaching in between the holidays you have to take every other week..

Beccles is lucky enough to welcome Tom Davis and Gary Murray to the FS Coaching scene after they gained their Coach ratings under the tuition of the AFF staff of UK Para. God help your students – we all know you both like a good bit of yakking – but we also know you'll take care of them and pass on your experience to help them gain their FS1s.

Another great bit of news is that Javi has become an official Intrudair dealer. They specialise in all types of wingsuits and jumpsuits so, if you are a new jumper looking for your first jumpsuit or an experienced veteran looking for a wingsuit, Javi is your man.

That's about it for another club news. Remember to send me any pictures, news and achievements for the next issue and always keep an eye on the Facebook page for upcoming events.

James Page

12-way hybrid,

by Luke Curnow

James Brooke

as cameraflyer and Zus Tilner as

by Dave Tee

Tandem Instructor,

BECCLES

ACHIEVEMENTS CAT8/CH1 Bradley Allen, Andrius Cavis, Paul Garrigher, James Harding, Ollie Harris, Rian Hogg,

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BLACK KNIGHTS

ALL SHALL PASS

Well, it's all go at Black Knights! First of all, we would like to say a big welcome to Daniel May, our new pilot, who starts full-time in August. Congratulations to Matty Holford on completing his AFF Instructor course and we look forward to having many students under his tuition. Congratulations to Daz Ellis too for completing his A Licence (we got there eventually!).

The Static Line courses have been very busy, keeping Carl and Dave busy too, and some of them are already on unstable exits and 15-second delays. Well done guys – keep up the good work. A huge well done to our editor Craig Marsh for eventually getting his A Licence. Beer fine!

The FS 3-way competition was a great success. Thank you to Mark Lord for his continued hard work, and there will be many more fun weekends planned throughout the year. We would also like to say a huge well done to Mark Lord on completing his FS Coach rating.

The new line-up for Team CRWsaders are busy taking to the air here at Black Knights and they are doing some pretty impressive >>

Canopy Formation work. We wish them well in the Nationals which will be held here at Black Knights from August 5-7 2016. Don't forget that any coaching for CRW is always available here at Black Knights (kit supplied).

The freeflyers have been doing some amazing skydiving and the wingsuiters have also started to come out to play – complete with plenty of flocking around! While we're at it, coaching is also available here at Black Knights.

By the time this goes to print, Trevor's first big-way event will have taken place so a great big thank you in advance to Trevor and Mark for helping to organise this event. Thank you as well to Jack Felstead for warming the guys up. We have already seen some impressive 14/15-way skydives over Black Knights in 2016...

Blue skies

Felix

ACHIEVEMENTS

CAT8/CH1 Daz Ellis, Craig Marsh FS1 Louis Cuddy,
Dan Mercer JUMP NUMBERS 200 Daz Greenway,
Phil Murry, Andy Pritchard 400 Mandy McGuinness 500 Pete Cuthbert
800 Dave Bloomfield, Marvin Lloyd, Elliot Mitchell, Emily Plant

BRIDLINGTON

THAT MAGNIFICENT MAN IN HIS FLYING MACHINE

Skydive GB has been a busy place recently, despite the weather quite often going through four seasons in one day at the moment.

We have celebrated Dave Pinkney achieving 40 years as a jump pilot. Dave is our Chief Pilot and a well-loved character, so we had a little soirée to celebrate and presented him with an award for all his efforts and dedication to the centre. The regulars came dressed in pilot attire, from German fighter pilot to Amelia Earhart. For more, see p40.

The static line students have been coming on in leaps and bounds, with Adam, Charlotte and Peter all reaching freefall over the past month. There is some friendly competition between them and it will be an interesting race to see who qualifies first.

Louise Aveyard and David (cloud phobia) Ruston both completed their 50th jumps on the same day. They are both progressing well with their canopy control and are looking good.

We recently held a 'hop and pop' Monday, which is a tradition of the centre. This was a great success and the regulars had a good day. All jumps were from 4,000ft and they were a fantastic exercise for improving accuracy, canopy control and exits. We will be running more of these in the future.

We have a wingsuit coach coming soon to point those interested in the right direction and we hope to see 'flocks' over Bridlington before too long. Our resident swooper, Darren Glover, has also been helping those out with an interest in canopy piloting.

Overall, it has been a good few months, the regulars are returning now the weather is getting a bit warmer and there is a nice, busy vibe about the place. Here's to summer and hoping for the big yellow ball in the sky to start shining more often!

Sara Orton

ACHIEVEMENTS

FIRST FREEFALL Adam, Charlotte, Peter
JUMP NUMBERS 50 Louise Aveyard, David Ruston

CARK

WANTED: SPARE HANDLES

The clocks moving forward by an hour made all the difference and we have been taking advantage of the great sunsets over the Lakes



CARK Pac chase

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and adjacent Morecambe Bay coastline. Student retention and progression is booming, with every student load full; no doubt we will have some competition for Student of the Year. Thanks to numerous first-time freefalls and so many students progressing onto dummy pulls, we actually ran out of handles. With more first freefallers than you can shake a stick at, it's many congratulations to all our first freefallers: Wil Smith, Gregor Rawson, Malky Hunter, Brooke Rawson, Matt Rudge, Hakon Doelving, Lewis Brown, Dan Schrieber and Glen Dickson.

Packing courses (led by Geraldine and George) are always in demand and many students are now competent packers, with two gaining packing certificates already. Your hard work and enthusiasm never goes unnoticed, and huge thanks to all our packers.

Massive congratulations to Mike for passing his Pre-Advanced Instructor Rating. Many hours pondering over PowerPoints on his laptop and the Ops Manual have certainly paid off! Well done from us all.

Preparation has started for the big-way event in August, when we will have both the PAC and a 208 Caravan again. Speds and Ana have been working on a programme over the winter to bring our up-and-coming FS dudes on via their coaching in small groups and then adding to it as the next few months pass by. It's a great way to up your skill levels, and to improve your competence and experience for the larger formations. Put your name down under 'Organised Loads' at manifest and be part of the action.

A big welcome back to Vicki, who has been down in the Antarctic since September flying scientists around the polar ice cap. With her proficiency checks completed, Vicki was back in the left-hand seat and it was like she had never been away.

It seems the Lakes are the place to film for 2015-16. Skydive North West has completed filming for the BBC programme Secret Britain, which was aired in March of this year. Also, Lime Pictures – the makers of Hollyoaks – spent two days on location while we assisted in their skydiving storyline. Two days of filming, mostly in the wind and a tad of rain, allowed us to complete the tandems and get all of the in-the-air shots in the can. Get IT. Many thanks to Mike, Nicky, Peter C, Peter H, Steve and Dennis for assisting in the filming. The programme will be aired on June 17 2016. Finally, we will start filming for the Real Housewives of Cheshire some time at the end of July.

On an ad hoc basis, we will be organising a number of seminars and briefings over the year on bad weather days. These will include JM, weather flying for pilots, canopy control, student progression and experienced big-ways and, of course, precision landings. We will let you know when these will be, but we can guarantee it will be a bad weather day – otherwise we will be in the air! Anyone with ideas for the briefings or who would like to talk about a specialised subject such as wingsuits etc., please let us know.

Kieron's canopy course was very well attended, with nine participants enrolling for the weekend's training. With clear skies on the \Rightarrow

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Saturday, the course completed all the ground school work and at least three jumps. Great to see you all working hard and putting the skills you are learning into practice. Continue with your learning over the next few weeks - it will all pay off.

Cark Week this year will be the first week in August. The Caravan is scheduled to arrive on Monday and will remain until Friday, weather permitting.

Congratulations to all our achievers below.

Stu Morris

ACHIEVEMENTS FIRST FREEFALL Lewis Brown, Glen Dickson, Hakon Doevling, Malky Hunter, Brooke Rawson, Gregor Rawson, Matthew Rudge, Dan Schrieber, Wil Smith CH2/JM1 Jamie Havard FS1 Jamie Havard JUMP NUMBERS 50 Jamie Havard 200 Ash Mohanty 300 Alec Hennis 500 Brett Miller, Gary Yerrill 1,000 Ming Chu, Kev Coffey 2,500 Duncan (the tree strangler) Haynes

CHATTERIS James Moran's FF1, by Graham Ablett



CHATTERIS

We now have our very own wingsuits in varying sizes, complete with backfly inlets, which are available for regulars to use. This will hopefully make it easier for those who don't own a wingsuit to stay current or for newbies to get into wingsuiting.

Chatteris regulars were invited to take part in a Big-way Introduction Weekend, run by Graham Ablett and Chris Shaw, to enhance their big-way skills. Following this, a Big-way Camp for 16 people was $\,$ organised by the same people for May 21-22 to help various levels of skydivers gain experience of jumping safely in larger formations and to have fun!

Just a reminder about the 4-way Members Challenge Cup taking place in 2017 with £15,000 prize money for the winning team and £5,000 for the runners up. The qualification period is up to December 17 2016 and we need 25 teams to qualify and register to take part. The aim is to promote loyalty, fun and friendship between club members and improve standards. Rules, terms and conditions, dates and more information can be found at skydivechatteris.co.uk. The club will be operating a pre-booking system for the teams taking part in the 4-way competition to enable us to offer the best possible service for both visiting skydivers and regular fun jumpers.

If any sponsors would like to add to the prize fund, please contact the club on 01354 740810 or email martin@skydivechatteris.co.uk

Members of the club are still contributing ideas to the improvement of the DZ for the near future, so watch this space!

Sophie Barnwell

ACHIEVEMENTS

FF1 James Moran JUMP NUMBERS 100 Sophie Barnwell, Jack Mountfield 300 Ali Peock

CORNWALL

Stumpy and Ginge, by Monty

CORNWALL

THE ART OF **PERSUASION**

Congratulations to chief pilot Chris and Katie on the overdue arrival of Leighton's little sister Imogen Grace. We are pleased that all are doing well and we look forward to using her as a packing weight soon.

The club's reception has had a facelift and now looks very professional thanks to Julian. We are all happy with the new look, but we're even happier we weren't paying him at an hourly rate. It's amazing how much quicker he got when he knew the beer light was coming on..

Stumpy has spent some time helping the farmer on the airfield with the ploughing and has also 'hit' the local papers for not hitting the locals - his cutaway canopy was returned once the money was discussed. It's only a Mal if you get 'both' the brakes off (I don't make up the rules), so he returned with confidence a week later and nailed his FS1 on the sunset load. Well done, little fella.

Ray has been cramming in the jumps, with the magical 200 only just round the corner. Perhaps a bit less paratrooper action in the evenings will result in less time sleeping the sunny days away in his car!

The skies above Perranporth are now being filled on a daily basis with guys we have trained from day one and the buzz around the club is like never before. Alex, Twiglet and Ben will soon join the coastal crew, while Tim has taken to the skies again and is shocked at how quickly that freefall time goes - quicker than it once did, that's for sure.

With demos, beach jumps and quest aircraft lined up for the summer, we are hoping for some great Cornish sunshine and welcome visiting jumpers to come and experience what our little DZ has to offer.



CYPRUS

CAN'T KEEP A GOOD SKYDIVER DOWN

What a few months it's been for us here in sunny Cyprus! Firstly, Ruth Mott arrived at the DZ to jump on her 80th birthday - yes, 80th birthday! – and, with help from our awesome Instructors, her dream came true. Just as we all got our breath back, 27-year-old George Tirris turned up at the DZ also wanting to do a tandem. George uses a wheelchair and is paralysed from the waist down after a serious fall but, after some careful planning by George, Tony and Andy, another dream came true as George took to the skies. These are brilliant achievements by Ruth, George and our fantastic team here and they beg the question: "What's your excuse?"

Just when we though it couldn't get any better for the clubbies, Brian Vacher arrived to run the Flight-101 course. Nineteen tandems also arrived to complete jumps for charity. Those completing jumps →



included Nicky Davies, Vicky Lobb, Emilia Furness, Faye Gaulton, Nancy Martin and Ashleigh McAllister and all jumped for the amazing 'Children's Heart Unit Fund'. Vicky's little boy Jacob Lobb underwent major heart surgery last year and it was thanks to this charity that he received so much great aftercare. Great effort ladies, and we hope to see you all back soon.

Leigh 'Hobbo' Hobson

ACHIEVEMENTS

CAT8/CH1 Mehdi Chennour, Eduardo Sanchez
FS1 Marinos Nicolaou, Panayiotis Siakkas FF1

Alex Nicilas, Nicolas Pavlou, Maria Yianni JUMP NUMBERS 200 Alexander
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DUNKESWELL

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The year continues with lots of celebrations in Dunkeswell. Firstly, the DZ owner Jason Farrant did his 10,000th jump. In April, we did the UK's oldest tandem skydive when Verdun Hayes jumped with us to celebrate his 100th birthday. This was Verdun's first jump and he had wanted to do it since he was 90! The video went viral and was seen on the news all over the world. We hope he will be back next year to break the Guinness World Record for the oldest tandem

CYPRUS

George Tirris by George Karaolis (CaptureMoments)

DUNKESWELL

Fun jumpers exiting the Blue Beech99, by Joel Strickland

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skydive (male), which is currently 101 years and three days and which was set in Canada.

Nick Batsch, one of the world's best swoopers, is now in Dunkeswell for swoop coaching just before our first Canopy Piloting Grand Prix this year. He had to change his trip from April to June due to more interest in summer months. The dropzone is currently super busy because we are also preparing for the Guinness World Record for the most tandem skydives in 24 hours and we will attempt to jump 450 tandems on June 20. Hopefully this will go well and we will celebrate it at the end of summer at our 50 years of skydiving in Dunkeswell party.

Don't miss the cheap jumps party at the end of August. Numbers will be limited, so make sure you register. Have a great summer!

Miko

ACHIEVEMENTS

FIRST FREEFALL Emily Davies, Chris Iliopoulos, Elana Kaushal, Lance Reynolds, Edward Rose,

James Wright CAT8/CH1 Marie Anderson, Graham Attkinson, Joel Brown, Patrick Byrne, Elana Kaushal, Michal Kopczynski, Elliott Mees, Steven Paske, Jiri Pluhar, James Romer-Ormiston, Abdus Samad Rashid, Jenna Tiwana, Konrad Wysocki CH2/JM1 Rose Davies, Elliott Mees FS1 Savannah Forrester, Rob Kisiel, Elliott Mees WS1 Donna Jenkins JUMP NUMBERS 50 Rose Davies, Elliott Mees 100 Stuart Blick, Steve Vallis 200 Daniel Bradford-Jones, Connor Figg, Harry O'Brien 400 Phil Cane, Jeremy Garner, David Hyde 500 Jon Wilson 3,000 John Price 10,000 Jason Farrant



HEADCORN

TURN IT UP TO 11,111

It has been a very long winter and the weather is still toying with us. However, we are finally starting to see signs of summer! Everyone here is most certainly ready for the combination of sunshine, long days, beer and BBQs.

We've started the season off well with lots of student progression. There have been some very eager students, most notably Alesha Drury, who has slogged her way through the category system and has completed 25 jumps since February, and Jade Evans, who trained AFF in March and completed 21 jumps since then. Well done on your A Licences, guys! We also had Toby Flynn complete his AFF and all but three of his consols during the Easter holidays. He then had to go back to school for his exams before he can return to complete his licence. There has also been a decent amount of stickers awarded to club members in various categories.

Alex Leslie, who is currently part of the camera crew, has ventured out and is now an FS Coach. Fresh meat for you guy to get your claws into! Congratulations Alex! You can find him on the DZ most days, so hunt him down if you are interested in getting your FS qualification with the lovely Alex. We also have our 'Walk Up Wednesday' with Ken Gregory and Si Beech if you are looking at getting your FS1 or FF1.

After the recent introduction of the Tracking qualification, we have a number of Tracking coaches available including Chris Lynch and Henry Van Halewyn. We also have the usual FF coaches available if you are interested in broadening your skills this season.

There are some events planned for this season, so watch out on our Facebook page. On that subject, you may have noticed lots of new pictures being posted most weekends. This is down to Jane and our local photographer Richard Foord, who has taken some stunning →





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photos and is happy to share them with us. You have to be here to be in the photos!

The first demo of the season has taken place, although it wasn't our team but Stu Albon's Help for Heroes team. He was jumping into the new house that he has bought locally in the village of Pluckley. There was a '70s theme to his 'Pluckfest' party and Jane, Pete and Simon Soper managed to bag a slot on the jump. It was a great success and a good time was had by all.

Clem Quinn completed jump number 11,111, which was another tandem! One day he will learn to jump by himself again...

Si Beech is running the B Licence progression evenings again this year and they will be held on the last Wednesday of every month. This is a good chance to get all of your paperwork signed off in one evening with just the practical left to do. However, we also have plenty of Instructors who are happy to help on any day that you are here.

As we go to press, the weather has become decidedly wintry again with temperatures of -20°C at altitude. At least we are jumping!

We look forward to seeing you all for lots of jumping and progression this season

Georgie Rhodes

GRADUATED AFF Mallissa Edward, Jade Evans, **ACHIEVEMENTS** Toby Flynn, Dan Haddock, Josh Wilson CAT8/CH1 Alesha Drury, Jade Evans, Toby Flynn, Dan Haddock, Dean Hill, Carl James, Yantha Smyth, Jack Willoughby Reed, John White, Mike Wood CH2/JM1 Isaac Brown, Andy Evans, Emma Negus FIRST FREEFALL Alesha Drury, Jimmy Sullivan WS1 James Vassallo FS1 Jason Burgoyne, Will Howes, Emma Negus, Jamie Tolan, Sam Warburton FF1 Rob Crilly, Mike Southgate TR1 Sam Warburton JUMP NUMBERS 100 Jason Burgoyne, Stuart Turner 200 David Griffith-Jones, Kelly Peto 300 Hazel Peto 400 Kamal Akbar, Michael Morton 800 Alex Leslie 1,100 Chad Smith 1,900 Diggers 11,111 Clem Quinn

HIBALDSTOW

MADNESS!

The DZ is just insane right now. Really! Take a look at our achievements below. We've been manic with fun jumpers this year right from the word go, but this season is on a whole new level. AFF has been churning out qualified jumpers one after another so fast that our coaches are working double time. We've seen Carl Mirauer do his whole course in a weekend, we've seen an FS1 from Stefan Swanski in a few days and we just can't go any faster. That said, we like the challenge so come and try us for AFF progression!

Freefly season is here and with it our coaches and organisers have begun throwing shapes. Jakub's Freefly Flydays are powering Fridays on DZ with coaching and head up organising for all levels. It's a midweek treat for anyone with the day off, so come down for some

HEADCORN Four stack from the four musketeers, by Jane Hopkins

midweek jibes. Fridays for the Belly Brigade are still the same, there's coaching and walk up organising all day and, with the turn-outs on the up, it's time for that midweek break you're thinking about!

Paul Cooper's organised weekends kicked off with a coachfest and Paul managed 18 jumps in just two days - not bad with a terminal forecast. He's got more in store this year, including FF formation loads and some cool sequential stuff, so book now to avoid the rush.

Matty, Liz and Glenn are bringing the big guns out this season and $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1\right)$ getting everyone fired up for some hot FF. Matty's tracking groups, which are bringing even Tunnel Instructors out to play, are something to get on with while Liz's head up stuff is always easygoing and fun. Glenn Wainwright joins us this season, bringing a fresh face to the DZ and hopefully some fresh ideas and lots of laughs. There's only one way to find out for sure: come and fly with us!

The Formation Foundry is growing at an alarming rate. We're doing formation loads on non-event weekends just because we can now and it's a thing to behold. The punters love it, the pilots love it and the groups love it! Most recently, we saw some sweet 16-ways over the DZ – complex, multipoint and low experience. Some of our jumpers who are shaking stuff up are making big-ways with just 80 jumps. That's a testament to the strength of our coaching and organising team this year, who we see every weekend working hard to develop our jumpers. We've got a minimum of two planes for the rest of the season, so let's make this an every weekend thing! With first-time formation loads happening as this prints, there's never a better time to get into groups at Hib.

The calendar is packed with tasty morsels for every discipline, so check it out now and let's get together. The planes are here, the jumpers are here and we've got the best stocked bar in the country. The time is now. Come try us!

Stubert Ferglstein

FIRST FREEFALL Liz Houraine CAT8/CH1 Sarah **ACHIEVEMENTS** Blanchard, Ant Fessoras, Sophie Harper, David Hooper, Alan Joynes, Jordan Lomas, Jane Miche, Carl Mirauer, Wendy Pugh, Clare Rickerby, Mina Saweres CH2/JM1 Jenni Berry, Dawn Conrady, Will James FS1 Jenni Berry, Sam Cordell, Kat Haspel, Will James, Lydia Muller, Stefan Swanski FF1 John Andrews, Mary Carbutt, Rick Rajowski, Guy Wilshaw FF2 Adam Hildreth WS1 John Andrews IS1 Paul Hollow TR1 Guy Wilshaw TR2 Dave Bloomfield, Peter Hutchinson TR3 Ming Chu, Paul Cooper, Fuzz Fusaro, Darren Graham, Jonno Horne, Matty Mitchell, Rupert Peters, Weed Stoodley JUMP NUMBERS 50 Sonny Burnside, Dawn Conrady, Will James 100 Andy Eady, Kane Jackson, Dean Masters, Chris Scott 200 Sam Cordell, Alyssa Griffiths, Karen McGiven, Lydia Muller, Guy Wilshaw 300 James Thomson 400 Lucy Westgarth 500 Nigel Thurston 600 Jason Leighton 800 Liam Goddard 900 Ann Fleming 1,500 Andy Pointer 2,000 Darren Graham 2,000 Richard Gesce 2,200 Jakub Langowski 2,500 Stubert 12 HOURS

HIRAI DSTOW International Speed Meet

Thing, by Liam Goddard





LANGAR

SAFETY DOESN'T TAKE DAYS OFF

Safety Day was well-attended again this year and was chaired by CI Rich Wheatley. A selection of interesting presentations and practical sessions on equipment and emergency procedures gave participants a good bump-start for the new season. If you missed it this year, make a point of attending next time; it's well worth it after a long non-jumping winter. One tiny extra thing you learn could be a life-saver.

Good Friday actually was (good, that is). Jon Charles organised a bunch of larger wingsuit dives, but the rest of the Easter weekend was a wash-out. We made the best of it as usual!

The Big-way Beginners event with Brian Cumming and Billy Payn, ably assisted by Stefan 'Potter' Richards, Simon Perry, Ali Woodhouse and Raph Barbier, went really well, too, as did Joey Jones' canopy course. Great weekend.

Our early-season miniaturised five-day Langar Boogie One was well-attended and blessed with pretty good weather! With Gareth's FOXY Plane added to our line-up, Team 4mula (Joey Jones, Kate Lindsley and Dave Rodgers) along with Will Cooke and Brian Cumming did sterling work organising for the flat-fly sausage-grabbing types and freefly ninjas Anna Moxnes, Petter Stensvold (Zion Freefly) and Ally Milne sorted out some great stuff for the vertical and angle devotees. Wingsuit coaching by Jon Charles and a smattering of just about every other discipline rounded off the jumping activities, although a damn fine party on Saturday evening did slow Sunday morning down a bit...

It doesn't stop there, of course, so check out our twitfacetube stuff at facebook.com/skydivelangar for details of what we're doing next.

Tony Danbury

ACHIEVEMENTS

CAT8/CH1
Becky Jarvis, Angus Wilson
CH2/JM1
Paul Bailey FS1
David Eyre, Yijin Gong,
Michael Harrison, Aaron Jones, Matt Kettle, Ryan Kinton, Hallam Knight, Paul
Milburn, Jason Mountford, Angus Wilson FF1
Brian Cumming, Will Cooke,
Karim Shakankiri FF2
Sam Doughty, Rosie Manning, Tom Shorten TR1
Charlotte Harris TR2
Tom Shorten WS1
Ellie Marshall WS2
Ellie Marshall
JUMP NUMBERS
50
David Eyre, Tamsin Grundy, Michael Harrison, Ed Hill,
Hallam Knight, Dan Mills
100
Marc Graham
200
Ryan Garner, Ian Nolan,
Karim Shakankiri
300
Josh Bryon
500
Ben Mitchell
600
Sam Doughty,
Tom Shorten
700
Ali Woodhouse
900
Bill Booth
1,000
Kat Insall
1,700
Ryan Briddon

NETHERAVON

BURBLE UP, DOUBLE DOWN

CAFÉ CHRISTENING

The APA canteen has finally been named Dare's Diner, after Major General Dare Wilson CBE, MC, the founder of the APA. Our catering manager Emma Wellock has been working hard over the last year giving our canteen an update with new furniture, a new paint job and a marvellous new menu, so it was only fitting that it have a new name as well. After many ideas from our members, the name Dare's Diner (suggested by Al Bradie RM) was chosen, the signs were ordered and they were mounted with pride next to a tribute to the great man himself.

WHAT IS BETTER THAN A BLACKHAWK AIRCRAFT? TWO BLACKHAWK AIRCRAFT!

Yes, that's right. We love the BlackHawk in Hound so much that we decided to upgrade Badger as well. With two superfast aircraft in our fleet as well as our beloved Foxy, we are looking forward to a superfast summer.

IT'S TEAM TRAINING TIME AGAIN!

A few of our Nethers teams have started training hard for the season.



NETHERAVON Helix, by Spence Bailey

The British Wingsuit Team members are in full flow training for the first World Championships in Z-Hills and the British Nationals at the end of May had competitors from 15 different countries – for more, see p16. Nethers still holds the largest Wingsuit competitions in the world, of which we are really proud. Team *Helix* (4-way) held their first training camp during the gorgeous sunshine of early April and, with the help of our new BlackHawk, they easily managed eight jumps in a day. The APA is proud to support our teams and we look forward to another medal winning year.

BURBLING INTO THE 21ST CENTURY

By the time this goes to press, all Nethers' jumpers will be 'Burbled Up'. This new manifest system makes things so much easier for all jumpers and tickets are a thing of the past because everyone now has an account instead. You can even use your Burble account for Drop Shop purchases and rigging services. No more queues at manifest, you can manifest yourself from your phone on the way to the dropzone if you like!

NO REST FOR OUR COACHES

The first six months of 2016 have seen an amazing amount of coaching events and we'd like to say a big thank you to our great coaches: Trevor Hooking and Mike Lewis for FS Organising, Paul Capsey, Paul Pinkard and Harry Shanker for Freefly events, Wez Westley for PD Flight-1 courses and Stacey Canning for B Licence progression days. And let's not forget all our category system and AFF Instructors for bringing on the next generation of skydivers.

Elana Cain

CAT8/CH1 Lauren Barr, Nick Bolstridge, Dave Bond, **ACHIEVEMENTS** Paul Dale-Molloy, Mike Dewhirst, Matt Duncun, Richard Hayward, Harmony Heath, Adam Hunter, Jim Karthauser, Lewis Kucia, Dave Lumsden, James MacFarlane, Chris Mugdock, Rob Polkinghorn, Wendy Searle, Andy Simonton, Toby Thorne, Dale Watchorn, Olly Waters CH2/JM1 James Fidler, Aidan Glanville, Will Humphreys, Will Kinsella, Tony McNicol, Bob Murdock, Nigel Musk, Charlie Radley FS1 Jim Davidson, Aidan Glanville, Guy Hannaford, Will Kinsella, Charlie Radley, Wendy Searle, Aaron Thornton FF1 Jason MacKenzie TR1 Robin Dolton TR2 Sam Stevens JUMP NUMBERS 50 Will Humphreys, Bob Murdock, Nigel Musk, Aaron Thornton 100 Paul Dunn 200 Jon Dewhurst 400 Vince Blandford, Collin Jenkins 500 Sue Rollingstone-Nuttall 600 Spencer Bailey 1,000 Tom Bellis, Keith Clarke 2,000 Mike French ONE HOUR IN FREEFALL Craig Anderson, Lorenzo Berti, Bob Murdock TWO HOURS IN FREEFALL Becky Dickens 36 HOURS IN FREEFALL Steve Murfin →

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PETERLEE

NEED FOR SPEED

Spring is here and the start of the season has seen lots more progression. It looks like the regulars have started the season as they mean to go on

The BCPA paid us a visit in March. The weather played ball and a good time was had by all, particularly at the after jumping party on Saturday night. You are welcome back any time, guys.

We held the first 8-way Speed Star event in memory of Caitlyn Smith and, after several previous unsuccessful attempts, we are sure Caitlyn was watching this one. Well done to the participants who gained their British Star Crest Recipient awards: Stephen Smith, Stephen Burdon, Alan O'Neil, Gary Owen, Paul Robinson, Chris Jones, David Houghton and Nik Murphy.

Shell Meakins has joined the team at Peterlee as our AFF School Manager and she is now based here full-time to run the school alongside Brian. She has 3,000-plus jumps, is a BPA AFF Instructor and tunnel coach and, as most of you know, loves to do headstands – she may even coach us with them!

Welcome to the team, Shell.

Simon Minto and Lisa Stephenson

ACHIEVEMENTS

FS1 Henry Simmons WS2 Laura Jones, Tomasz Lipiec JUMP NUMBERS 100 Chloe Smith 200 David Houghton, Bryan Kilroy 300 Peter Hutchinson 1,500 Simon Minto FOUR HOURS IN FREEFALL Tomasz Lipiec

READING

BLUE SKIES

The season at LPS finally got underway with our revamped booking office and manifest rooms. The first month or so at the beginning of the season is always character building for us. Billy Connolly once famously said "There's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothes" and, with a predominantly outdoor operation at LPS, the packers, jumpers and spectators alike have had their clothing options tested with plenty of layers and hands cupped around coffee mugs - brrrr! However, the sun did shine and AFF Instructors Marie-Anne Stevens and Ian Charnock made every single lift on one busy Saturday rattling through AFF level after level with our students. Josh Allen got his first and second AFF levels smashed in style! Congratulations to Aaron Lynch, Jemma Westing and Gavin Mair for completing Level ${\bf 1}$ and Louis Pretiont for completing Level 2.

Our lovely Katrina Kaluria made a return to the skies after a lay-off of 18 months, and it's great to see her face beaming after her jump with Gary Stevens (who is also back in the sky and cleared for tandems once again). With his resounding laugh and huge character, Peter Price has also got his knees in the breeze. Cheers Peter for mucking in with tandem catching – it's great to have a clubbie helping out! Jan Wilczynski has almost got his B Licence in his hands and has notched up 36 jumps in the UK since January. He would have got this

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Memorial 8-way Speed Star, by Alan O'Neil

READING

Josh Allen, Jane Allen, Zoe Allen and Julie Pearson, by Mark Stone

signed off in the last weekend of April, but he managed to lock his gear and his keys in the car and spent the day at the DZ waiting for rescue. Bad luck Jan! Never mind, nearly there!

Our new CI Jay Webster has made some changes to the operation to improve efficiencies and Martin has ploughed his knowledge and mastery of technology into making things easier on the paperwork front with IT improvements for the office! I mustn't forget to tell you that Dylan is still a good boy and in the category of awesome #markclayton and even more awesome (sorry Mark) is Mikey Lovemore on TV talking all things Speed on The One Show.

And finally, it is with great sadness that we must share the news that the wonderful Jane Allen, after bravely fighting cancer, has suddenly and unexpectedly passed away from what we believe was a complication during her recovery. She will be greatly missed by Julie and Dennis Pearson, who own Chiltern Park Aerodrome (home of LPS). They have known Jane for more than 37 years. Josh, her 17-year-old son, took part in a charity tandem skydive and then went on to complete AFF Levels 1 and 2, and both Josh and his dad have been frequent helpers at the DZ. Jane was delighted and proud to see her son become a skydiver and pass these two levels. To make sure she is never forgotten, the JAM Cup (Jane Allen Memorial Cup) was launched on the weekend of April 23. This will now be an annual event. Jane would have been delighted, we are sure, to learn that this competition involved Accuracy and flowers! The mind boggles! The inaugural competition started with the competitors gathering to share some words of love and support for Josh, Richard and Zoe before the plane took off. Tim Lawson got his flowers closest to the cross and won the JAM Cup! God bless, Jane.

Annie I ewis

ACHIEVEMENTS

CH2/JM1 Katrina Kaluria, Victor Koch FS1 Victor Koch FF1 Victor Koch TR3 Mark Stone JUMP NUMBERS 50 Victor Koch 200 Constanton Vochitoiu 300 Chris Stone



SIBSON

ALWAYS LEARNING

The season is picking up for us still despite the weather's best efforts, so hopefully we will be fully up and running and banging out the lifts and jumps by the time you read this. Up until now, we have been undeterred. Although it's been cold and gloomy, it hasn't stopped us at all and the AFF students have been progressing nicely, with Alexandra Stewart finally, after ten months, gaining her A Licence! Not bad going for someone who lives onsite!

Our new Instructors have been busy since getting their BI ratings. The AFFBIs have been in the thick of the AFF ground schooling, while the TBIs have been bashing out the briefings and harness work. Keep it going, folks - you're all doing really well. On top of gaining new Instructors, the instruction and camera staff all attended a Flight-1 course tailored for them by Brian Vacher. All who attended said that they learned a lot from the day and even had some of their thoughts about how to fly a canopy changed. That is proof that there is always something to be learned regardless of skill and experience level. →



Now that spring has sprung and we have more daylight to play with, we are open from Wednesdays through to Sunday all through the summer up to October. If you fancy a cheeky day off during the working week, have some time to kill or even some money burning a hole in your pocket, you know where to come! We have a BPA Instructors course running all week from June 20-26. If you fancy a jump or several on the Monday or Tuesday, come along and say hello.

We have our Sibson Scrambles on June 25. These are always guaranteed to be a giggle. Those that don't have their FS1 can join in too, but you do need to have done everything up the 3-way.

In July, we have our Boogie. Officially, it starts on July 25. However, the weekend before it gives for a total of nine days jumping. Lovely jubbly! The aircraft from our sister dropzone will be coming over, plus other guest aircraft. Keep an eye on our social media pages and website to get the latest information on developments. On July 29-30, Killa is running the 'Go mad' Freefly event.

In August, we play host to the Flight-1 101 and 102 courses. These are well worth doing! If you are thinking about getting some canopy coaching and want to develop your canopy handling, then head over to the Flight-1 website and sign up. Alternatively, you can seek advice and information from the office.

Finally, we will have the BPA Speed 8 competition in September. This is the most relaxed competition and, perhaps, the most fun. If you are interested in something a little bit different, come and join in. The exits are unlinked and no show. Some very interesting sights and styles can be seen erupting out of the door.

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Kye Bromley

ACHIEVEMENTS

CAT8/CH1 Alexandra Stewart CH2/JM1 Paul
Garward FS1 Alex Bartels JUMP NUMBERS 50
Paul Garward 100 Lukasz Gawlik 300 Lukasz Baluczynski, Hannah Cooper
600 Brad Dimmock

SWANSEA

YOU HAD ME AT "BEER"

The sun has finally started to give us a guest appearance here in Wales and the beer fridge is overflowing. Just look at the Achievements roster to see why!

Coaching ticks in the boxes go to Aled Mason and Will Tenison for FF Coach and to Laura Turner and Grayson Summers for FS Coach. New packers are being trained to cope with demand and to replace

SIBSON Erik and Liz doing Acro, by Kye Bromley

Will Tenison, who is departing to work in some dark tunnel somewhere in England.

When Dave Tylcoat isn't busy polishing his new Audi, he's hard at it in preparation for the Nationals. By the time this goes to print, Les Carroll will be back in the air after a layoff since 2002 and will again be attending the competition in August.

That said, the Novice and Intermediate competition promises to be hard fought and many are indicating a desire to compete! While on the subject, the practice day this year will be August 26 and the competition days will be August 27-29. There will be a pig roast and FREE beer on Saturday night, so download entry form 274 from the BPA website and hand it in to the desk or post direct to the DZ. Everyone with a B Licence and above is welcome to enter, but be warned: both John Davies and Grayson are convinced they will be taking gold again this year!

The recent addition of Adam George's Flying Good Food van is doing well, but he'll be struggling for staff soon as they all want to jump with us (well done Josh!).

Finally, a quick heads-up for the end of year bash at the Marriott Hotel on November 26. The dress code will be Disney characters, so it should be one to remember!

We look forward to seeing you at Swansea this summer.

Carl

SWANSEA Lewis Butcher's 300th jump, by Aled Mason ACHIEVEMENTS

CAT8/CH1 Steve Adams, Rhodri Griffiths, Nick Salini,
Brian Stokes CH2/JM1 Chris Fowler, Sion Jones,

Sophie Rees **JUMP NUMBERS 50** Chris Fowler, Sion Jones, Sophie Rees **200** Dougie Evans, Alicja Paliczka **300** Lewis Butcher **400** Jean-Baptiste Le Dreff



SWINDON

THESE AREN'T THE FF1S YOU'RE LOOKING FOR...

Here at Redlands, we are finally jumping, the sun has been shining and lots of fun jumps are being manifested. Brucie even opened up on Good Friday just for fun jumping! He's changed.

Patrick stepped away from stalking Wez long enough to try out a bit of FF with Brucie. The call of the dark side is strong so I don't think it will be long before he gets his FF1, although he really wants to get his IS1 at the moment and, with his ninja skills, he could probably get both on the same jump! →









To jump at Redlands, you do need to be a little bit 'special' and Bud definitely fitted this description the other week after he decided to have a rather close encounter with a tree! The tree spat him out into a stream with a bump to the head and a broken wrist. Heal fast, Bud, and watch out for that tree!

The backstreet boys took a trip to Empuriabrava for some jumping in the sun. Shaun managed to pack his rig without getting angry or throwing a tantrum, for which he was beer fined as a definite first! Craig and Chris got their 100th jumps and they still can't get near each other in the sky!

Back to Redlands, where Chrissy tore herself away from packing and went freeflying with Hazel – definitely a case of girl power over the skies of Swindon. Our other packing queen Jenny is currently organising a Redlands FS Scrambles for the end of May, and I look forward to writing all about it in the next issue.

We do love a canopy course at Redlands and our favourite ninja Patrick just loves to organise them! We have the 101 and 102 courses booked in for May and it's a shame they are full – Patrick could do with attending another course after struggling to land on his feet so far this season. Don't worry, Patrick – I'll give you some tips.

In other news, Dylan has still not managed to skydive this season and some of the students don't even know who he is! Good luck for your half Ironman, and maybe next year you can man up and do a full Ironman! Meanwhile, Darrell (who never fails to keep us entertained) has been at it again. While being a dummy tandem student for Jonny, he managed to look at the wrong wrist for his alti! Apparently I didn't need to know about it. Luckily for me, everyone was queuing up to tell me! Just keep swimming Darrell, just keep swimming.

A new FS team has formed at Redlands: Team *Coke*. They are Ellie, Karen, Aaron and Sarah-Jayne, they are jumping their little butts off over the skies of Swindon and, of course, they celebrate with cake at the end of the day.

Cath Thorne

ACHIEVEMENTS CAT8/CH1 Alice Carter CH2/JM1 Ellie Bramer, Arthur Smith, Luke Tuffey FS1 Heath Flicos, Sarah Thorp FF1 Aron Woods, Shaun Zerebeki JUMP NUMBERS 100 Craig Lillington, Chris Wall 200 Howard White 1,000 Jon Eeles

TILSTOCK

SKY BLUE AND BLUE SKIES

It's been an improvement in the weather down our way – I hope you've all had similar! It's led to us starting to get a move on in terms of progression and just having fun.

We've had a lot of FS fun and a good number of jumpers have been

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HTCD Hazel and Chrissy Freeflying over Swindon, by Jonny Moulder making progress under the watchful eye of our regular FS Coach Mike Pritchard, with Ellie Southworth making a welcome contribution as often as she can. We are expecting quite a batch of FS1 stickers to be flying off Buzz's pad in the near future.

FS and FF progress have been helped by two tunnel trips to Airkix Manchester over recent months, with a good turnout taking advantage of the coaching available in the tunnel – and having a whale of a time into the bargain.

While we were bored during the dodgy weather, we started to give our clubhouse a bit of a revamp. As well as the obligatory coat of paint inside and out (a rather pleasant sky blue shade for the outside), the kitchen has had a major overhaul along with the manifest office. It's all looking a whole lot better and we will continue to improve the club facilities over the coming months.

On the subject of the kitchen, I'm delighted to report that the new café name is Check Canapé. Vicky is now doing excellent business, with many satisfied customers. She is producing a good range of food as well as the old favourites and her burgers are really rather good! However, when she decides to have a baking session, the results literally fly off the plates as the brownies and other goodies are well appreciated by the discerning clientele. To keep the traditional among us (me) happy, she also has pickled eggs!

To go with the new look clubhouse, we now have a new range of Tilly-branded merchandise – from hoodies and t-shirts to gloves. The staff all look rather resplendent in their new kit.

By the time this article is printed, Tilly Turbine Time over the late May Bank Holiday weekend will have been run and a full report will appear in the next issue. For now, we are all looking forward to it like excited school children – as you can imagine.

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Jim Coupe during a 2-way, by Rich Scott

Steve Pugh doing his dive to pin and Wilco, by Mike Pritchard

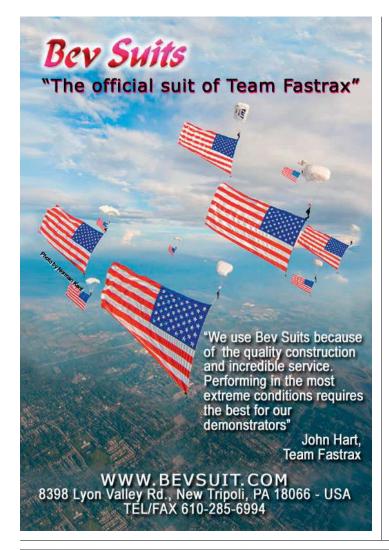
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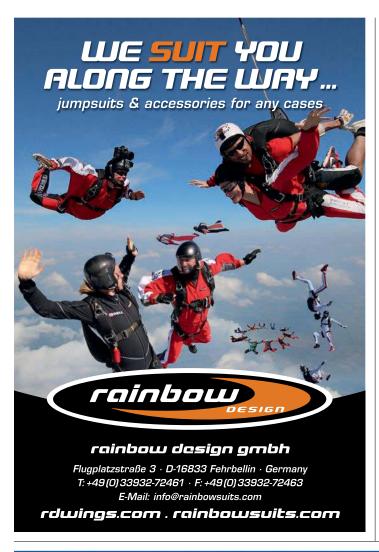
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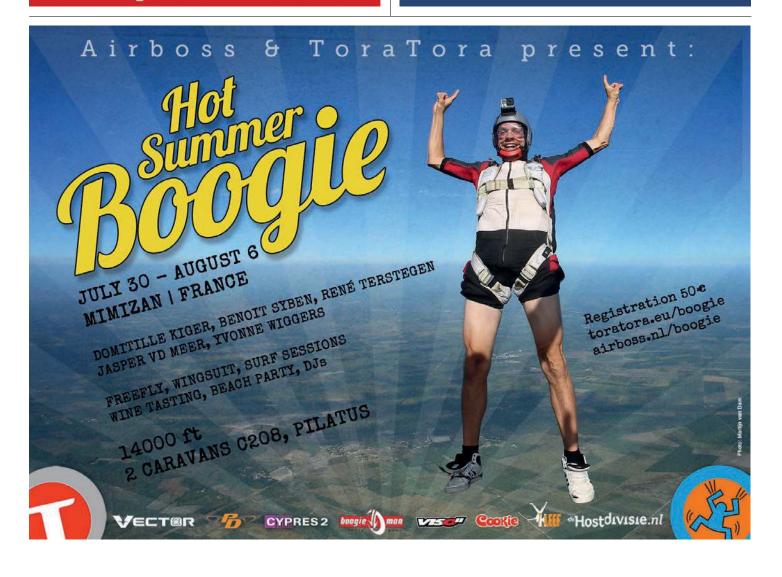
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July 16-17

BPA Artistics Coaching Roadshow with Euphoria Freestyle and OFX VFS

Location: **Peterlee** • skydiveacademy.org.uk

FS BPA 4-way UKSL

Location: Hibaldstow · skydiving.co.uk

July 22-24

BPA Canopy Piloting **Nationals**

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

July 23-24

BPA Artistics Coaching Roadshow with Paul Capsey of *Euphoria* and Adam Dare of Varial

Location: **Beccles** • ukparachuting.co.uk

July 28

BPA STC and Riggers' Meetings

Location: Blaby Civic Centre, Leicester • bpa.org.uk

July 30-31

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Location: Netheravon · netheravon.com

AUGUST

August 5-7

BPA Canopy Formation Nationals

Location: Black Knights · bkpc.co.uk

August 5-13

World POPS Meet

Location: **Eisenach, Germany** • pops-wm.com

BPA FS Coaching Roadshow with MicroClim8

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August 8-12

BPA CSBI/AFFBI/TBI/Advanced Instructor Course

Location: Skydive Headcorn · headcorn.com



August 9

BPA BPA Council Meeting

Location: Blaby Civic Centre, Leicester •

August 15-19

BPA CSI/Tandem/AFF Instructor Course

Location: **Skydive Headcorn** • headcorn.com

August 20-22

BPA 4-way FS Nationals and VFS Nationals

Location: **Hibaldstow** • skydiving.co.uk

August 20-27

Canopy Piloting World Cup

Location: Farnham, Canada

August 26-29

BPA Classic Accuracy Nationals

Location: Swansea · skydiveswansea.co.uk

August 27-29

Isa Backup BPA 4-way FS Nationals

Location: Hibaldstow · skydiving.co.uk

August 27-29

BPA 8-way FS, Artistic and Speed Nationals

Location: **Hibaldstow** • skydiving.co.uk

SEPTEMBER

September 10-21

FS CF S&A A U Mondial 2016

Location: Skydive Chicago

September 14-17

POPS Formation Record Attempt

Location: Langar · skydivelangar.co.uk

September 17-18

BPA Canopy Piloting **Grand Prix**

Location: **Dunkeswell** • skydive99.com

September 17-18

BPA Speed 8 Nationals

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September 22

BPA STC and Riggers' Meetings

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OCTOBER

October 4

BPA BPA Council Meeting

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October 6-9

ESL Finals

Location: Saarlouis, Germany · fsz-saar.de

October 11-16

World Cup in Indoor Skydiving

Location: Warsaw. Poland

October 31-November 4

BPA CSBI/AFFBI/TBI/Advanced Instructor Course

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NOVEMBER

November 2-10

ws Wingsuit Performance World Championships and Acro World Cup

Location: Z-Hills, Florida · skydivecity.com

November 7-11

BPA CSI Instructor Course

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November 17

BPA STC and Riggers' Meetings

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November 29

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