



Scoop

FRONT PAGE page one –

What else? My baby of course!

PAGE two

Editor's Envelope - Elaine on the burner....

Chairman's Chat – Terry's thoughts on 2010.

PAGE three

Something light hearted to get your editor off to an easy start!

Children's column – 'Pilot Lights'

PAGE four

Safety snippets

Training

PAGE five and six

Meet your committee, all the gory details (with unedited photographs!)

PAGE seven

A load of Brass Monkeys.

PAGE eight and nine

Forthcoming events and meet entry forms.

Landing cards draw winners 2009

PAGE ten

(Un) classifieds

PAGE eleven

Membership application form

PAGE twelve

Left intentionally blank (rear of above)

PAGE thirteen and fifteen

Meet application forms for Bedale and Thirsk

PAGE fourteen and sixteen

Left intentionally blank

PAGE seventeen

And finally.

Plus a bit more, a thank you!

Next issue due out End April, deadline for inclusion 23rd April 2010 please.



Claire Westwood (P1) admiring the view over Sowerby, Thirsk with Alex Smith (PuT) at the PRBA meet in July 2009. Lovely weather, great weekend, and Claire went home over the moon after winning the White Horse trophy.

Have you paid your membership fees for 2010?

If you haven't, then please see page eleven.

This will be the last Scoop you will receive until you do!



Editor's Envelope – Elaine Smith

Hello and welcome to my first edition of Scoop, it may well be my last too if any complaints come in!

Firstly may I offer my sincere best wishes to Jan Maw, I hope that 2010 is looking good for you and that we will see you back on the launch field soon, along with Phil of course, things simply aren't the same without that flat cap about!

Secondly, thank you to Richard Bowater for taking the reins of Scoop for so long; well done Richard. I don't feel worthy to follow in the footsteps of all the formers editors and their excellent work, so please don't move far from your telephone Richard!

Thirdly, I'm not in the top 10% of Mensa, or the best at grammar, nor the best at word processing and have never edited such a widely distributed newsletter before, so please, bear with me and let me know if you spot an error – I'll flog myself appropriately!

In this issue you will find one or two new bits and lots of space for you to come forward with goodies to fill the pages (please). So if you want to get yourself in print, have any bits of news from the rest of the world (outside the boundaries of our region of Yorkshire, Lincolnshire and Cleveland is there anywhere else?!), or have something you want to get off your chest.... or sell... or buy.... discuss.... warn.... inform.... delight.... or show off your new balloon, etc. Please send to me at scoop@prba.co.uk

Happy reading and even happier landings,



Guess who is back?!

For those members who have been reading 'Scoop' for many years, you may remember Scoopy Doo, the Editor's dog, who bravely owned up to all opinions in Scoop being his and not the Editors. Well say hello to our intrepid newshound -

Scoopy Doo No.2, and he'll tell you that all the views expressed herein are his and not those of this Ed either!



Chairman's Chat – Terry Chamberlin

I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and brought in the New Year in style. I wonder if any of you had the chance to fly whilst the land was frozen.

From the club I would like to send our best regards to Phil and Jan and hope things go better for them this year.

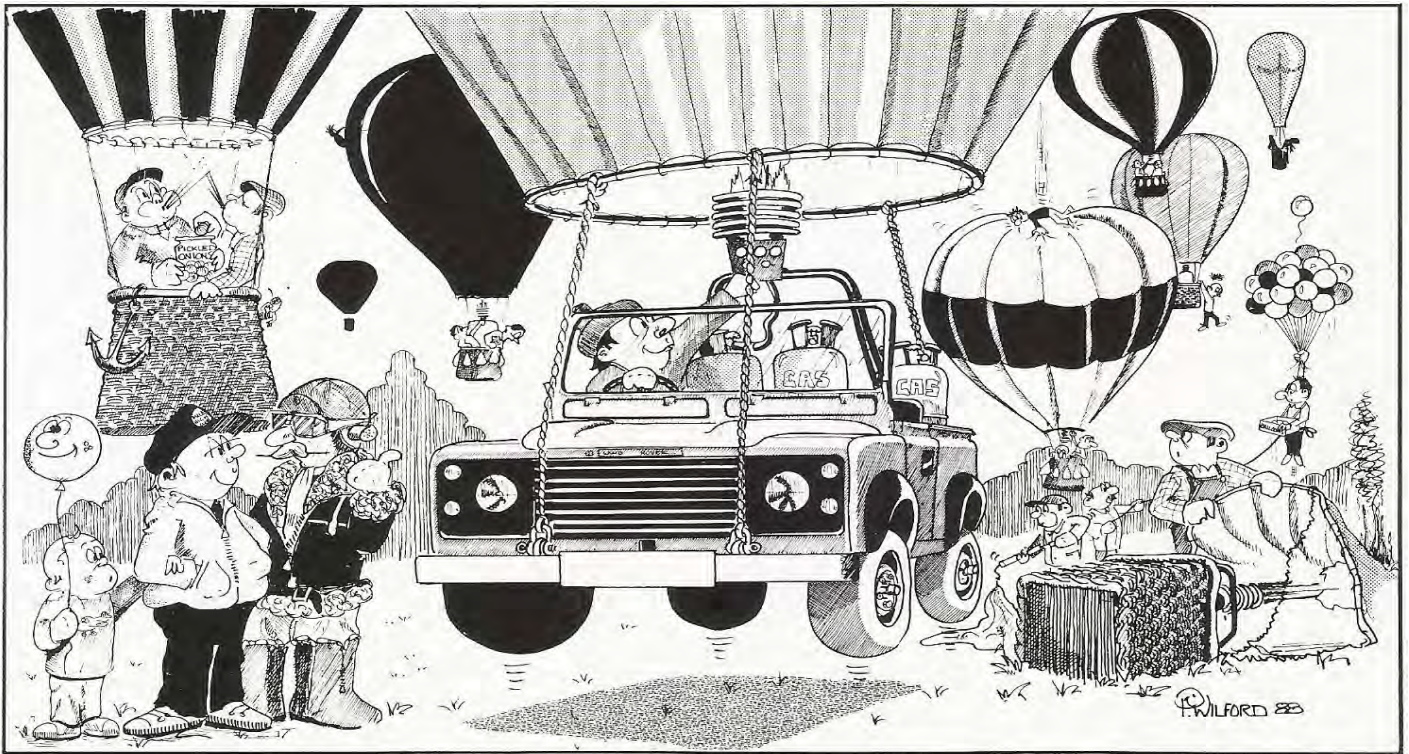
We start the year with a change in committee and I would like to thank the outgoing committee for all the hard work that they have put into the club over the past years especially Jan Mitchinson who came back onto the committee to help out when Phil had to retire.

We have new blood on the committee; Elaine Smith will be taking over the production of the SCOOP, so please help her by sending your articles for publication. Duncan Lambert is going to be our regional rep so look out for any information he sends. I would also like to thank Wendy Hill who has stepped up to help us out in the role of Secretary for this year.

Further into SCOOP you will see the list of the meets that we are hoping to arrange and if you aim to be there, please book as early as possible - some of them will have a maximum number of balloon entries and also a cut off date for registration. This is also to help the Meet Organisers as they have enough problems organising the gas and sometimes the food for us.

Let's hope we get plenty of flying in 2010, *Terry*

(Editors comment – I didn't realise there was a blood payment to be made Terry, for joining this committee!)



Reckons it saves him a fortune not having to pay for a recovery team everytime he comes down!

Pilot LightsOur miniature burners.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN! CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

WE KNOW YOU ARE OUT THERE AS WE SEE YOU PLAYING AT MEETS!

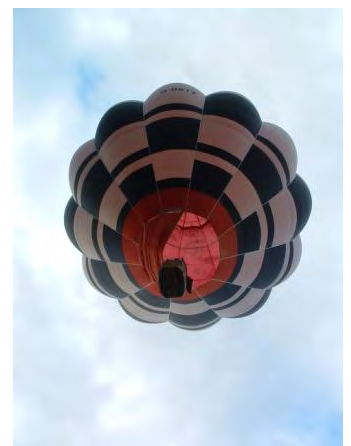
THIS PAGE IS FOR YOU SO PLEASE SEND IN YOUR LETTERS, THOUGHTS, DRAWINGS AND PHOTOS – WHATEVER YOU LIKE, AND IF IT IS REALLY GOOD A PRIZE WILL TAKE OFF AND FLY ITS WAY BACK TO YOU. (DON'T FORGET YOUR NAME, ADDRESS AND AGE!)

My First Flight(s) – by Barnaby Smith (press ganged by his Mum, Elaine)

The first time I went in a balloon was when I a few weeks old so I don't remember it, but I am told it was at Harewood House night glow in 1998. My dad held me in his arms as Chris Dunkley glowed the Aerial Washmitt, but my first take off was with Uncle Ian (Comley) in Midnight Rainbow (G-BVMR) at Bedale. It was really great to be flying although it was only across the field.

My first proper flight was also at Bedale the next year with Rob Clements in Solitaire (G-BRTV)(right). It was awesome, fantastic, great - but the landing was bumpy and I had to chase the map down the field as it fell out!

The world looked like a giant Hornby train set that got smaller as we went higher. The burner was very hot and very annoying as we couldn't talk when Rob was burning. Our friend Tim Dodd flew too for the first time that night, he loved it too.



I'm going to be a pilot as soon as dad will let me fly our balloon. **Barnie Smith, age 11**

Editor's note - to avoid me having to get another article out of Barnie, by hook or by crook, please send in something!

By the way kids, if your mum doesn't like spiders check this out.... <http://www.onemotion.com/flash/spider/>
He's your own virtual pet tarantula and will follow you around the screenbut don't tell Mum I've told you about him!



Terry Chamberlin

The PRBA has an excellent record from last year of very few accidents, and would like to better this with none this year, if possible.

At a recent GA safety talk, attention was drawn to the fact that more and more pilots are relying on electronic equipment and as a result are succumbing to screen fixation. *Please remember to keep looking around.* It is not unknown for pilots to hit the ground after suffering goal fixation, so let's not add to these types of accidents - be careful.

Another point to remember please - once you have signed on at one of our balloon meets then flying is under the direction of the meet director. You must attend the briefing or be prepared to forego flying. If the director/organiser declares a briefing cancelled then this means there is to be no flying whatsoever.

Training

Building for the future

John Till is considering ways to help PuT's and potential PuT's have a central point from where they could learn and increase skills and abilities. There may even be the possibility of John setting up a training syndicate to purchase a balloon if there were enough interested parties. A lot of talking needs to be done on this subject as yet, but this could be made all the more encompassing with views from anyone interested in the project. John would be grateful to hear from members who would like to be considered amongst the trainees or have any views on this idea. Please get in touch with him on 01653 618294 or johnftill@hotmail.com.

In the meantime, it has been rumoured that Paul Wade, the PRBA Training Officer and instructor, has successfully employed revolutionary training methods for pilots under training which includes invaluable help from his son, Daniel. Rather than going in to lengthy detail of this new method, a picture paints a thousand words.

Paul is always willing to train PuT's, in more traditional methods and would be pleased to hear from anyone who feels they have a void in their training, whether PuT's, pilots or complete beginners. It may be possible to organise training sessions at certain Club meets but Paul would like to know what subjects need to be covered.

Paul's email is treasurer@prba.org.uk



Another aspect of ballooning that is often overlooked is the issue of towing; the PRBA are hoping to address this on the 28th March at the Primrose Fly out (one day meet) at Ripon Racecourse. Planning is underway to hold a trailer towing and manoeuvring course, where participants will be able to take part in learning how to position and reverse their own car and trailer under the expert eyes of experienced drivers/tow'ers.

On the subjects of Safety and Training, if you have internet access, have a look at this link - <http://www.britishpathe.com/record.php?id=2374>

It is a fantastic clip of the dearly departed Gerry Turnbull attempting an ambitious 'launch' of Bristol Belle.

This British Pathé film is from way back in 1868 (give or take!).

Just be grateful for inflation fans, flexi's and our (fore) fathers for the huge learning curve they endured to teach us how to get our windbags into the air a tad more safely!

Meet the Committee

Caution – may contain nuts.



Chair - Terry Chamberlin chair@prba.org.uk

I got dragged into ballooning by my wife many years ago but did not think much of standing about in a field doing a flap inflation just to wrap it all up again without seeing the balloon fly.

In 1985 I joined the competitions club and became an Observer, this opened up a whole new experience. It gave me the chance to meet lots of other balloonist, Pilots and Crews from all over the world and I would certainly encourage anyone who can to become an Observer.

In 1993 I was encouraged by Colin Wolstenholme to learn to fly G-WIMP, a colt 56 and checked out in 1995. We bought G-LIMP, a Concept C80, in 2003 and this has given us the opportunity to fly some of the farmers who have been so good to us over the years.



Vice(less?) Chair – Jan Stace vice@prba.org.uk

I have been a member of the Pennine since the mid 1980's, when I joined with my husband. We crewed for several people for both pleasure and competition flights. I dropped out of circulation for a while to look after our children and resurfaced as crew again in the early 2000's.

I first joined the committee as the secretary and became the vice chairman in 2007, attending most Pennine meets where I am available as crew.



Treasurer – Paul Wade treasurer@prba.org.uk

Paul is an international man of mystery, choosing to avoid sending in his resume and photograph for reasons of national security.

It is rumoured that he is actually 'The Stig', a claim that can be backed up by the fact that he has been known to own 'out of the ordinary' vehicles such as the unique 'Strange Rover' – an elongated Range Rover with three axles and a pick up back big enough to house a huge nest for a family of Bald Eagles with twin eglets

Some say.... he has a fairground in his back garden, others say he can speak in many tongues, we simply know him as Paul, the PRBA treasurer, training officer, pilot, instructor and blinking nice bloke.

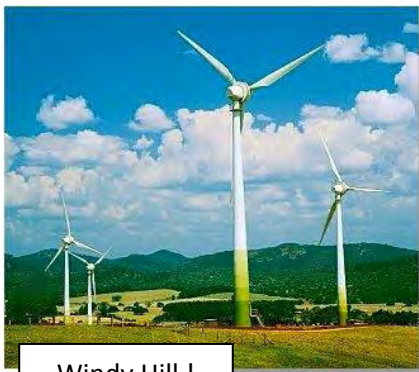


Regional Representative – Duncan Lambert regionalrep@prba.org.uk

I joined about the PRBA 8 years ago as PUT, and I qualified about 5 years ago to become a P1, I have the help of my family as crew; that's Wendy, my wife, and Thomas & Alex my two sons. We live over near Bridlington on a little farm with around 3 acres of land; it makes for a fantastic take off area as long as we are experiencing a nice easterly!

I fly the Rix balloon, G-RIXY, and I am Director of Rix, the company who sponsor my balloon. As a family we attend most of the Pennine meets, along with Strathaven, Scotland and Chatsworth. My role this year is as regional representative, to relay messages and updates from the **BBAC**.





Windv Hill !

Secretary – Wendy Hill sec@prba.org.uk (Co-opted)

I have been in ballooning for 19 years as crew to both a commercial operator and more recently just for fun as a Pennine member. I am married to Graham, who finally checked out in October 2009 after being a long-standing PUT. I have helped the PRBA as a non-committee member for several years when Graham was Meet Coordinator, and have now been co-opted as secretary because no-one else wanted the job!!

I am a qualified accounting technician and have done many voluntary roles in the past as a brownie leader, guide leader and running the local church youth group. I have also been involved in the past in running the North Yorkshire West Guiding Association as secretary to the County Commissioner.

Scoop Editor – Elaine Smith scoop@prba.org.uk

I won a flight with Flying Pictures in 1992, loved it and have been a balloonatic ever since. I met Alex at Bristol fiesta in 1994, and that ended up in marriage and one son, Barnaby, who is nearly twelve. We own a Cameron Viva 77 'Ode to Joy' (G-OATV) who is on the front cover. I will hopefully doing more training this coming year and then I aim to check out next.

Away from balloons, I work full time for Balfour Beatty and also fit in looking after our pony Holly, teaching and organising a Riding for the Disabled Association Group, and as treasurer for the British Horse Society in the Yorkshire and Cleveland region.

My ambition is to win X-Factor with my impression of Jacques Cousteau and also to tip toe across a huge dessert. There are no spelling mistakes in the previous sentence; however some of the content may not be entirely true! (and, just for the record, I don't 'do' photos!).



Meet Co-ordinator – Richard Bowater meets@prba.org.uk

My first encounter with hot air balloons was at a Finningley Air Show back in the early 1980s. They were just an interruption of the flying programme for me back then.

I lived in Bristol for 2 ½ years where I studied aircraft licensing, and on most suitable evenings the sound of balloon burners would be heard near to my student house. I always scarpered home for the summer break so missed the balloon fiestas. Euro 96 and Castle Howard balloon fiesta was my next experience of balloons but I still did not know that any sort of club like the PRBA existed.

Nicola and I finally made it to the PRBA after being invited by Phil Traviss, initially only to take photographs but after a year I was invited to take my first flight. Since that flight I have flown with many different pilots in a number of balloons as a PUT and as crew. I have also branched out into model balloons after encouragement from Andrew Marshall.



Membership – Alex Smith membership@prba.org.uk (co-opted)

I have been involved with balloons since my Mum – Joy Smallwood, and her husband Brian, became hooked on this lark in the late eighties.

I did a lot of training in the 90's with Ian Comley in G-BVMR but I didn't attempt to check out as my basket wasn't quite full enough, despite Ian's excellent training!

We now own a Viva 77 and I have been training over the last year. I was given my reco for a GFT last September by Mark Stelling. Unfortunately the weather, lack of Cof A, and work commitments (I work for Ikea) have been against me since then.

I have been married to Elaine for 14 years and we have an 11 year old son, Barnaby, who is dying to learn to fly, and so are all my friends.

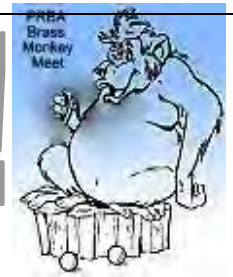
We live in Denby Dale, just inside the Southern edge of the West Yorkshire boundary. I am still regarded as a bl**dy southerner in the local pub as I originate from Bath. They play this strange Rugby League game up here, time they grew up and played the real thing!

I can, no longer, win the Willie Thorn lookalike competition as my moustache has now gone!



February is Brass Monkey weather, so what better time of year to hold the.....

BRASS MONKEY MEET!



February 6th and 7th 2010

This year the weekend loomed with very mixed weather reports but one thing was for certain, it was going to be brass monkey weather.

As it turned out it was indeed a white out, but with mist. It was such a shame that the beautiful Ridding Park hotel grounds could not be seen easily through the mist, however the briefing room proved a hospitable place with tea, coffee, juice, biscuits and fruit laid on by Nicola Bowater. Very welcome after an early start to travel to the meet for some teams.

The visibility was down to such a poor level that the Saturday morning briefing started with a welcome to the first PRBA meet of 2010 from Terry, a slight improvement in the visibility was given for the afternoon, and the next briefing called on for one o'clock, (very civilised flying times in winter!). The assembled masses were given a fun task to complete a limerick starting with the line 'A balloonist took off in thick mist' and wrote down the line to mutterings of words rhyming with mist..... Sadly the mornings briefing was concluded with a no flying instruction from Terry.

The committee decided to get on with their meeting that morning which left many others wandering off to Harrogate and the surrounding areas in search of breakfast and shopping trips.

Everyone regrouped for the one'o'clock briefing to be told the obvious....that the white stuff remained, albeit in a slightly thinner form. Terry decided that flights were at a pilots discretion so Gary Davies proceeded to inflate G-BULB in a gentlemanly attempt to try and burn off the rest of the mist!



Three wise monkeys or three brass monkeys?!

Gary Davies at the burner of G-BULB,

Steve O'Boyle on the mouth, and

Adrian on the fan.

Tom Bulloch on the camera. (Thank you Tom)

The dinner that evening was not as well attended as in previous years but a speech from BBAC chairman, Ian Hooker ensured that everyone had a enjoyable evening listening to him recount stories of his passenger flying days; one memorable story being his taking off and finding mist gathering underneath him, he decided to fly on until the mist cleared only to be given a bit of a rude awakening when he spotted a lighthouse through the cloud! Ian was thanked by Terry for providing such such an entertaining evening. Entries for the limerick competition were read out by Wendy Hill, following one two many glasses of wine, and the winner was chosen as Roger Marshall with his light hearted skit at the mental state of some balloonists!

A balloonist took off in thick mist
a lemming was tied to his wrist,
more balloonists then came
and all did the same,
saying 'Well we just couldn't resist'.

Sunday dawned to much the same, so Goodbyes were said with a hope for better weather next year.

PRBA EVENTS DIARY



Sunday 28th March - 7am - PRIMROSE MEET - RIPON RACECOURSE.

This is a one slot, no gas, no meet entry, just turn up and fly and then join up for breakfast or Sunday lunch afterwards. (Please inform Richard Bowater if you are going to attend this event, if the weather is very poor we may wish to cancel.)

After flying we would like to suggest meeting at Morrison's coffee shop, Harrogate Road, Ripon, N.Yorks. HG4 2SB and/or lunch/a drink at "The Royal Oak" Burton Leonard. MAP ref 99 (327 637). If you would like lunch, please book early by telephoning the Royal Oak on: 01765 677332. Lunch orders from 12.00 until 14.00. Sunday Lunch - 2 courses - £11.95, 3 courses - £13.95. Bar meals and Black Sheep Ale should also be on sale.

In the event of no flying, or poor weather, you are invited to join our **'TRAILER TOWING SKILLS' course**.with nice and kind, friendly and patient mentors! You can ask for advice on hitching and unhitching, learn good towing practices, and a little of the law relating to towing. There will be the opportunity for one of our mentors to take you around a course in your own vehicle (and trailer) to practice various manoeuvres such as turning corners, parking and the dreaded reversing! Please bring relevant driving licences and insurance docs with you.

7th – 9th May. FLYING MAN OF POCKLINGTON

The Flying Man meet at Pocklington will be going ahead as usual, however it may not be held at the Gliding Club. The venue is yet to be confirmed but there are several campsites and B&B's in the area. Watch the website for updates.

11th – 13th June. BEDALE - Sports and Social Club. Entry form at page 13

Based in the lovely North Yorkshire market town of Bedale, and held at the Bedale Sports and Social Club, which is easily found on the right just out of the town on the A684 to Leyburn. Located on LR map 99 (ref 259888) which is also the map that covers most of the flying.

Briefings will be 1800hrs and 0600hrs, starting on Friday evening and finishing, officially, on Sunday morning.

However, as we are staying until Monday, free flying will be available on Sunday night, and possibly Monday morning.

We have the use of toilet facilities and showers in the clubhouse, and use of the bar on Friday night and Saturday.

Unfortunately, with no brewery sponsorship this year, we will have to charge £5.00 per caravan/tent etc. for camping to cover the cost of hiring the clubhouse and field.

Friday evening food will be the same as last year with baked potatoes and various fillings, quiche and desserts served in the clubhouse for £3.00 per head. (Must be pre ordered via entry form and paid for before the meet please).

Saturday evening will be the usual cook-it-yourself barbeque. Bring your own meat etc we will provide a couple of large barbeques for you to use free of charge.

Please contact Richard Bowater for any more details that you may require. Pilot's information will be forwarded after we receive your entry form. and don't panic we have arranged a television for the world cup!

19th – 20th June. Wickenby Wings – Lincolnshire

Details to follow.

9th – 11th July. WHITE HORSE MEET - Thirsk racecourse. Entry form at page 15

Another lovely market town to visit, and, of course, to fly over. The meet is held at the racecourse with camping on site, and the use of toilets and showers in the sports club.

More overleaf

Briefings will be held at 1800hrs on Friday and Saturday evenings and 0600hrs on Saturday and Sunday mornings. There will be a number of prizes and awards to be won during the course of the weekend including the White Horse Trophy for the pilot who lands closest to the White Horse at Kilburn. Friday evening will be the traditional pie & pea supper for the price of £2.00 per head. (Must be pre ordered via entry form and paid for before the meet please). Saturday evening will be a 'Bedale style cook-it-yourself barbeque'; bring your own meat and salad etc. and we will provide a couple of large barbeques for you to use. Please contact Richard Bowater with any questions. Pilot's information will be forwarded after we receive your entry form.

Meet details to follow:

13th - 15th August – DRIFFIELD STEAM FAIR

A fantastic, nostalgic event with lots to do and see during the day. Camping on site in our own exclusive 'balloonists' enclosure!

17th - 19th September – NABURN LOCK meet, York

Again another great meet to attend with on site camping and flights (sometimes!) over the historic city of York. The meet is held at Naburn Lock Caravan Site by kind permission of the owners. Numbers will be limited so please send your entry forms in as soon as these are available.

October A NEW CHALLENGE AWAITS! shush, it's still only at the ideas stage!

November/December HUMBER BRIDGE Meet, Pearson Park, Hull.

Are you a past winner of one of the PRBA trophies? Are you still in possession of it?

We are trying to track down the last winners of our trophies as the records have become lost in the midst of time.

Whether it is on the top of the bookcase, in the smallest room, or propping the shed door closed, we'd love to know the whereabouts of them, so please get in touch with one of us. Thank you.

The Landing card draw for 2009 has taken place and these are the lucky prize winners;

1st prize: A balloon flight

Mrs Chapman, Marsh Farm, Moor Lane, Woodthorpe, York.

Pilot - Graham Cannon.

2nd prize: £50

Mr Stott

Pilot - Peter Haworth

3rd prize: £25

Mr John Hudson Stud Farm, Barlby, Selby

Pilot - John Hartley

Congratulations to the winners & to those pilots who took part.

For Sale / Wanted

Trailer: Lynton Loadlugger LL250

Twin axle with loading rollers. Internal Dimensions 2440mmL x 1452mmW x 1770mm. Ideal for 105 balloon.
Delivery can be arranged.

£1250

Contact; Mike Barlow 07711 259469 Millbank House, Westwood, Carleton, Skipton. BD23 3DW.



[Adam Faulkner](#) is selling red Chinese lanterns as an eco-alternative to helium 'met' balloons.

They contain no wire whatsoever; unlike many available on the market today. They are totally safe for livestock and animals and have been developed especially for use in rural areas.

Red is a better colour to track through the sky and as these as lifted by hot air they react much in the same way as a balloon. Carry a helium cylinder no longer!

For sale at £12.50 for 5. Contact Adam on phone number 08454 860200 or email - info@blown-away.biz

Anyone want to sell anything?

Send me a description, photo, price and contact details, I'll do the rest.

On a no sale/no fee basis!

Pennine Region Balloon Association



Application for Membership

Name: (list other family members overleaf)	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Home Tel:	
Business Tel:	
Mobile Tel:	
Email:	

Type of Pilots licence held:	Please tick	CPL		PPL	
Available to crew:		Yes		No	
Driving licence:		Yes		No	
Towing:		Yes		No	

Balloon(s) type:	
Manufacturer:	
Size/Type:	
Artwork:	
Colours:	
Registration:	
Name:	

Membership Fee £10.00 annually - due 1st January

Data Protection Act: Please note the above information will be stored on computer,
if you have any objection to this please state.

Please send completed application with a cheque for £10.00 made payable to 'PRBA' to:

Mr Alex Smith
PRBA Membership Secretary
Little Rock
12 Rockwood Rise
Denby Dale
Huddersfield
West Yorkshire
HD8 8SN

Intentionally blank



Please complete and return to: -
Richard Bowater
 12 Kensington Road,
 Oxbridge.
 Stockton-on-Tees TS18 4DQ
 Tel 01642 643329 Mobile 07508 872559
 E-mail richard.bowater@ntlworld.com

BEDALE BALLOON MEET 11th – 13th June 2010

Booking Form for Pilot*/Put*/Crew*/Visitor* * Please delete as necessary

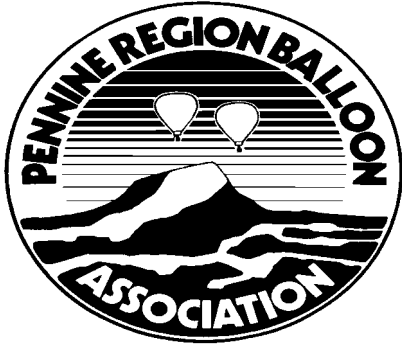
Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Phone - Home:	Mobile:
E-mail:	
Balloon Details: Manufacturer:	
Registration:	Size/Type:
Artwork/Colour:	
Insurance Company Details:	
Insured Amount:	
Gas required if flyable: Yes ___ No ___	
Entry Fee: £10 per balloon.	

PLEASE GIVE TOTAL NUMBER IN GROUP i.e. Pilot ___ PUT ___ Crew ___ Visitors ___
Camping at £5.00 for the weekend per unit please enter numbers.
Caravans ___ Camper vans ___ Tents ___ (Do not include children's tents, any problems please ask Richard).
Friday night baked potatoes, quiche and dessert for £3.00 per person. Enter number of people here: ___
Please place your order here, no food will be available on the night without ordering.
Please make one cheque payable to PRBA for balloon entry, camping and food. All cheques none refundable.
Food orders must be received by the Monday before the meet. Total £ ___

COMPLETION OF THIS FORM INDICATES ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING MEET POLICIES.

1. The region uses a landing card scheme, which we supply and encourage you to use.
2. Attend briefings before flying, apart from courtesy to the organiser, there may be operational info you might need.
3. Refuelling in area provided only, this is basic safety.

Intentionally blank.



Please complete and return to: -
Richard Bowater
 12 Kensington Road,
 Oxbridge.
 Stockton-on-Tees TS18 4DQ
 Tel 01642 643329 Mobile 07508 872559
 E-mail richard.bowater@ntlworld.com

THIRSK BALLOON MEET 9th - 11th July 2010

Booking Form for Pilot*/Put*/Crew*/Visitor* * Please delete as necessary

Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Phone - Home:	Mobile:
E-mail:	
Balloon Details: Manufacturer:	
Registration:	Size/Type:
Artwork/Colour:	
Insurance Company Details:	
Insured Amount:	
Gas required if flyable: Yes ___ No ___.	
Entry Fee: £10 per balloon.	

PLEASE GIVE TOTAL NUMBER IN GROUP i.e. Pilot ___ PUT ___ Crew ___ Visitors ___
Camping at £5.00 for the weekend per unit please enter numbers.
Caravans ___ Camper vans ___ Tents ___ (Do not include children's tents, any problems please ask Richard).
Friday night Pie & Peas - £2 per person. Please place your order here, no pies will be available on the night without pre-ordering.
Steak pie ___ Pork pie ___ Chicken & Mushroom pie ___ Cheese pasty ___
Please make one cheque payable to PRBA for balloon entry, camping and food. All cheques none refundable.
Food orders must be received by the Monday before the meet. Total £ ___

COMPLETION OF THIS FORM INDICATES ACCEPTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING MEET POLICIES.
 1. The region uses a landing card scheme, which we supply and encourage you to use.
 2. Attend briefings before flying, apart from courtesy to the organiser, there may be operational info you might need.
 3. Refuelling in area provided only, this is basic safety.

Intentionally blank.

And finally (Cyril)



*May the winds welcome you with softness.
May the sun bless you with its warm hands.
May you fly so high and so well that God
joins you in laughter and sets you gently
back into the loving arms of Mother Earth.*

Here are some actual logged maintenance complaints and problems as submitted by Qantas pilots and the solution recorded by maintenance engineers.

(P = the problem logged by the pilot.)(S = the solution and action taken by the engineers.)

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement.

S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.

S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.

S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

MORE NEXT TIME!

and better late than never.....



Paul Wade – Treasurer

I have been around balloons since 1997, eventually getting my PPL in late 1999. Since then I have helped many other pilots check out. I enjoy teaching others to fly, and achieved BBAC Instructor status in 2005.

I enjoy all aspects of ballooning, especially the social side of things, weekends away etc. I have been a committee member for several years now and this is my fourth year as treasurer.

I attend most of the PRBA meets and am seen bumbling around (no need to rush – life is too short); I call it being relaxed – others say I'm lazy!!!

In order to fund my ballooning habit I have to attend a local NHS Trust and work as a mental health nurse all week. Hence, I will never be able to afford to buy myself a new balloon. Editors note.....Paul preferred his alter ego!

That's all folks!

.....I fibbed!That wasn't all, not quite anyway.

I have a huge **thank you** to say to **Brian Trowbridge** for his help and support in sending out this newsletter for me.

I did not have any knowledge about how to disseminate this document to either the electronic version recipients or the paper version recipients, without Brian guiding me and then offering to send this out in my lacking knowledge, it would not have reached any of you.

Thank you Brian, your input has been invaluable.

Elaine Smith
Scoop Editor.

Apologies for the delay in publishing this edition; I could say Scoopy Doo Number Two had stolen the newsletter and shredded it, but he still hasn't mastered the mouse quite yet, he thinks it is to chase, although he does prefer chasing squirrels!

Please let me have any articles for the next issue by 23.04.2010
scoop@prba.org.uk
or by snail mail to Little Rock, 12 Rockwood Rise, Denby Dale, Huddersfield HD8 8SN

Thank you. Elaine