INTRODUCTION

Thank you for expressing an interest in participating in a Friday night glider flying events at the Darlton Gliding Club. This leaflet is part of the information pack that contains useful posters for advertising and brochures giving an insight into gliding.

Trial Lesson

Trial lessons are an opportunity for anyone to sample the delights of gliding and if comfortable take control under the supervision of an experienced British Gliding Association (BGA) instructor.
Before the flight, time is taken to give some basic tuition covering glider controls and flying instruments. You are shown which control you will be able to use, how to read the instruments, fasten and unfasten your safety harness.

The flight will consist of a winch launch followed by soaring time in the air. The soaring time is dependent on the weather conditions but in the event of a very short flight another will be given free of charge.

FLYING EVENING ORGANISATION

The event organiser should instruct members of their group to arrive at the airfield at the agreed time. If you have any doubts about the weather conditions please contact Barry Patterson (07779 536209) or Alan Docherty (07967 049880) or the launch point mobile 07772 704178 for confirmation of operation. Members of your group are welcome to arrive earlier than the agreed time and help with the organisation of your evening and maybe fly a little earlier.

On arriving at the club please follow the signs to the club house where you will be received by a member of the club. Please keep a good lookout for gliders about to land. They make little or no noise and often approach from unexpected directions**.**

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE YOUR CAR ONTO THE RUNWAY SECTION OF THE AIRFIELD, KEEP TO THE ROAD AND PARK IN THE CAR PARK NEXT TO THE CLUB HOUSE.

Before flying you will be required to fill-in and sign a temporary membership form, this gives you a one month membership of the Darlton Gliding Club, allowing you to fly as a club member. Also it would be helpful if you know you weight in lbs, you can always use the scales in the club house.

You will then be escorted to the launch point by a club member, if you have any questions on the night please ask any of our members. Family and friends are welcome to accompany people taking part in flying.

After flying is finished the group organiser should settle the flying fee account with the log keeper. You are more than welcome to help put the equipment away and join us in the local public house for a drink. This will give you an opportunity of discussing gliding in a more relaxed environment.

It may be possible to organise food at the public house after flying.

Procedure for Booking a Flying Evening

If you are interested in booking a Friday night flying event then please contact:

Barry Patterson, *Home* **0115 9389669**
Mobile: **07779 536209**
Email: booking@darltonglidingclub.co.uk

to confirm availability and dates. If unable to contact Barry contact Alan Docherty on 07967 049880, Email: aldocherty@sky.com

The procedure outlined below should help in the organisation of the event:

- Appoint a member of your organisation to liaise with the gliding club and organise the event.
- Contact either of the two people listed above to confirm dates and make a provisional booking.
- Display the enclosed posters advertising the event and attach the name list next to the poster or any location suitable to your organisation. Make the brochures, Gliding Experience available to anyone interested in participating in the Friday evening event.
- Ask member of your group to place their names on the list and give an indication of the number of guest that may be accompanying them on the night.
- It is suggested that you take a deposit of £10 from each member of your group that will be flying.
- About three weeks before your event date confirm the numbers and send a deposit of £10 for each group member flying. All cheques are to be made out to the Darlton Gliding Club.
- A few days before your event monitor the weather conditions and if you have any doubts please contact Alan Docherty or Barry Patterson.
- Arrive at the Darlton Gliding Club on your appointed day and enjoy your GLIDING EXPERIENCE.
- Settle the account at the end of flying.
- Most of all thoroughly enjoy you experience of flying a glider.

In the event of bad weather, the event can be rescheduled for another day. In some cases it may be possible to fly on a Wednesday.

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FRIDAY NIGHT INFORMATION PACK

"Once you have tasted flight, you will walk the earth with your eyes turned forever skyward, for there you have been, and there you long to return"

Leonardo Da Vinci