

## Weather

Flying is governed by the weather. This occasionally affects our ability to get you into the air as planned. We recommend that you keep an eye on the weather the day before your flight and give us a call to confirm whether or not we can fly. Always be ready to select another date.



## Costs

Trial lesson prices are available on our web site.  
[www.uskge.co.uk](http://www.uskge.co.uk)

## Our Club

We are a well established members' gliding club enjoying some of the best conditions and scenery in the country.

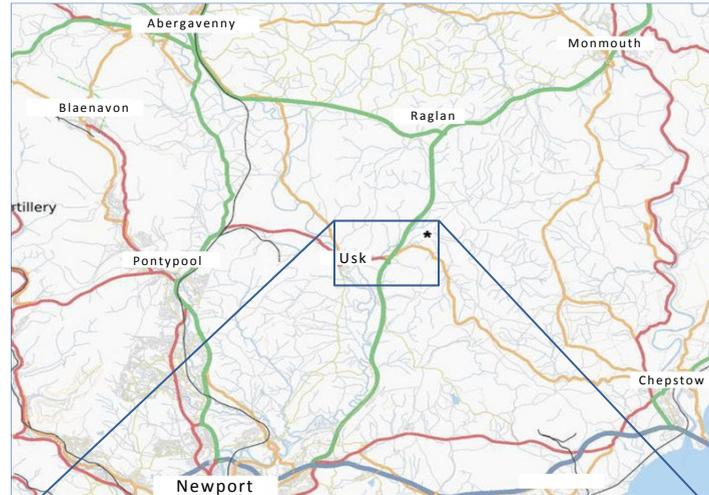
We operate club flying on Bank Holidays and weekends throughout the year.

Also during the summer we may be flying midweek as well, so on a good day you will probably find a launch is available. Specific time slots can be booked on weekdays during the summer if we are flying, but please phone first to arrange.

As a members' club there are no paid staff to get you in the air. All members are gradually taught various crew duties such as keeping the flying log or driving retrieve vehicles. Log keeping is an easy way of learning peoples' names.

This means we are all prepared to help each other to fly which keeps the costs down and instills a friendly atmosphere at the club.

## How To Find Us



## Contact Us

Trial Lessons can be purchased on our web site along with more information.

[www.uskge.co.uk](http://www.uskge.co.uk)

## Club House

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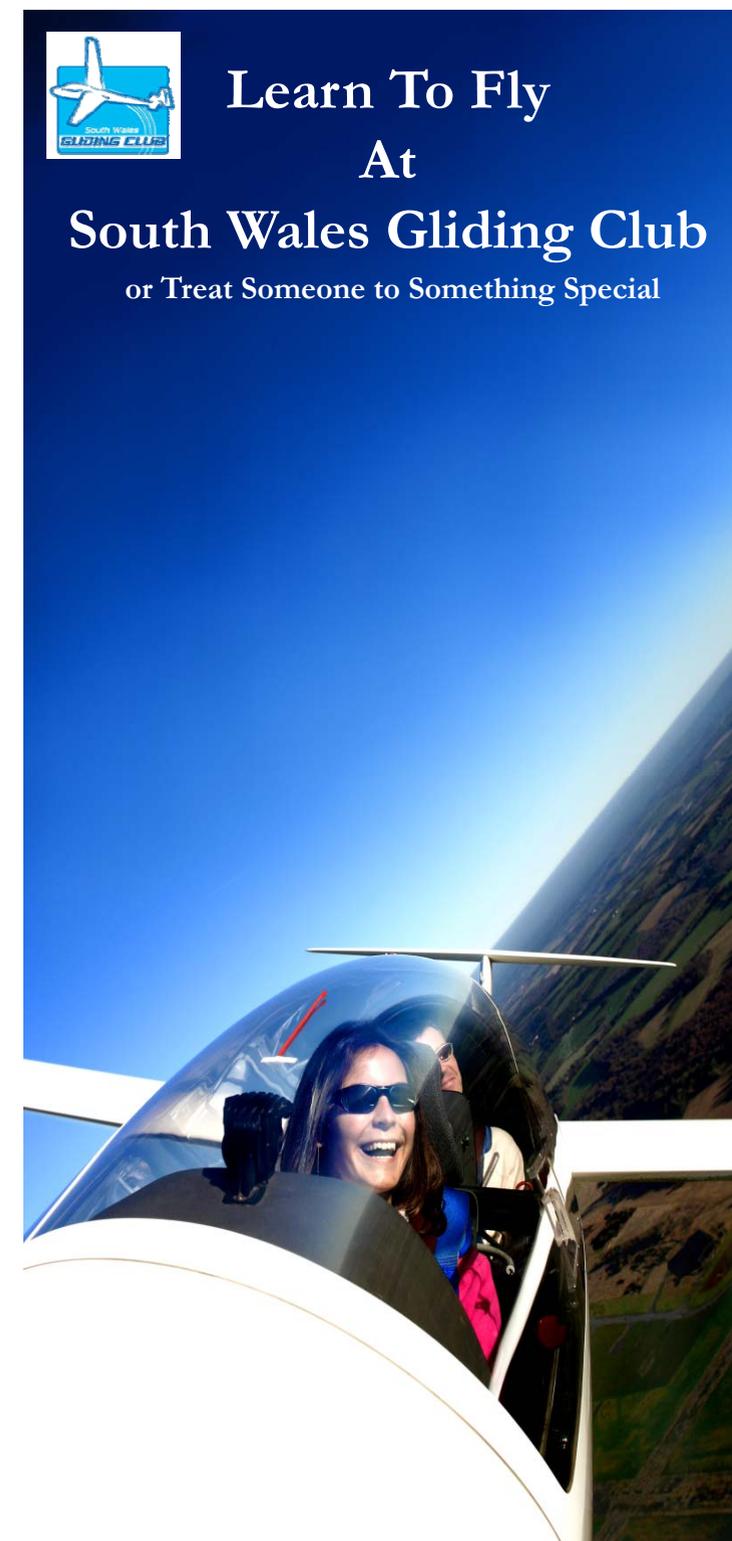
## Course Secretary

Current details can be found on our Web site



# Learn To Fly At South Wales Gliding Club

or Treat Someone to Something Special



## Learn to Fly or Treat Someone to Something Special :

Enjoy an individual Trial Lesson or Mini-Course to launch yourself into the exciting sport of Gliding.

Our airfield is set in great gliding country near the town of Usk. About a mile east of the town, near the A449, we welcome both beginners and experienced pilots offering the opportunity to see the lovely Vale of Usk from a very different viewpoint.



We provide a choice of 4 types of trial lesson for individuals or groups. All are in our two seat, dual control training gliders with a qualified instructor. Your lesson starts with a pre flight briefing covering the aircraft controls, instruments and how the glider flies.

During the flight you will have the opportunity to take the controls yourself and see the countryside from a new perspective. If you live near Usk, you may even see your own house.

It is possible to bring a small camera with a strap with you for your flight, just let the instructor know beforehand if you want to take photos whilst flying.

## Your Flight: A Trial Lesson

Most trial lessons are launched using our Pawnee tug, but for weekday evening group flying we use our Skylaunch winch.



We show you the controls and instruments and explain what will happen during the launch behind the tow plane. When you're ready, you step into the glider and the instructor will make sure you're comfortable before getting in and preparing for launch.

You are now ready to go flying. Our Pawnee tug will tow the glider in a constant and steady climb.



Once the agreed height is reached the instructor will release the tow rope from glider and the tug will return to the airfield. We are now in free and silent flight.

The instructor will take you through some basic instruction then invite you to take control of the aircraft and perform some simple manoeuvres.

Once the glider has descended to around 1000ft we begin the circuit to land back at the airfield. We will land at about 60mph, roll to a stop and then the glider will lean over onto one wing.



A buggy will come to meet us and tow the glider back to the launch point.

## Your Flight : Learning to Glide

Gliding is one of the cheapest ways to fly. You can start to learn at 14 years old with no upper limit. Glider limitations mean we cannot fly anyone over 16stone or taller than 6ft 4in. Once you have joined our club the instruction is free, the instructors do not charge. The pupil pays the launch fee and for the time the aircraft is in the air . You even get the first 10 minutes free if you have a winch launch. Alternatively we offer two package deals both of which are excellent value for money.

## Training Overview

Pre Solo training starts with some basic flying skills with the instructor flying the takeoff and landing. Most of your early flights are launched using our winch. This is a cost effective way of concentrating on takeoffs and landings. Other more advanced elements of flying are introduced as you progress.

Then the great day of your first solo flight arrives.

Your Post-Solo training continues with progress marked with achievement of various badges. Once cleared for longer cross country flying, you will be free to fly for considerable distance from Usk.



Flights of 300km or 500km have been flown by our members and wave flights to over 30,000ft achieved with 15,000ft being typical.

We sometimes enter our 2 seat high performance glider into friendly competitions with an instructor to give you the taste of competition flying, with the guiding hand of an experienced pilot behind you.