



Go Gliding. First Flight

Probably the best flight in your life and a superb gift.

The first flight is instruction. Lesson one in your training to fly a glider solo free as a bird. Well almost.

Our aim is to get you familiar with gliding flight, how gliders work, the local area, and personal safety. A big call in one or 2 trips. We do it well, building confidence in the air and sheer pleasure. That's our offer to you.

MAKING ARRANGEMENTS

We go out of our way to meet your requirements and it's fairly easy to get flying to suit you.

- Booking is simple via www.wrekinglidingclub.co.uk or email: bookings@wrekinglidingclub.co.uk. Send us your details; we **will** call you back.
- Alternatively, contact **Dave Catherwood**, anytime on **07717 523487**, or any club member, both will be able to answer your questions as well.
- For that special gift flight, we have pre-paid vouchers for the lucky recipient. Just ask via email or phone.

On the day, together, we do admin and a safety briefing. As a student, you have "The Best Seat in the House", and just like Penny; it's time to strap in.....

STRAP IN TIME



Security and comfort are key here. We show the controls, the instruments, what you can play with and the bits to avoid this time. When you're ready the instructor begins

telling you the pre-launch story and explaining his vital checks. You're ready to go aero tow.

AEROTOW LAUNCH



Our Chipmunk tug lines up ahead and the tow rope is connected. Signals are given and with gentle acceleration the take-off and a leisurely

formation climb to 2,000 feet begins. Aero tow is gentler better for longer flights. On take off, skimming across the airfield at 70 mph a few feet above the ground is breathtaking. We also use another launch method...

WINCH LAUNCH



Experience a wild winch launch, rapid acceleration to 70 mph in 5 seconds and height gain of 1000 feet in less than a minute.

Most pre-solo training at Cosford is by winch launch. Its shorter flights gives frequent circuit practice for solo. Strive for 6 flights a day in training. The climb is fairly steep so relax and enjoy the view unfolding on either side.

IN THE AIR



Your Instructor continues the story, throughout the flight, directing your attention to lookout, horizon, speeds, sounds and local

features. There's a chance to try the controls, to feel the effects, cruising at 50 mph. At 700 feet, and about 3 big fields away, the circuit to land back at the start begins. Expect the Instructor to get you to check your own straps and secure your kit for landing.

LANDING



Having "The Best Seat in the House" is great for following a planned approach into wind at about 65 mph. All pilots take pride in an accurate gentle touchdown and a safe ground run. Expect one wing to gently drop as the glider stops. Wait for someone to help you get out.

AFTER FLIGHT



Posing with your instructor is essential. Although he wants to discuss the lesson and the next trip. But that's another story to tell.

Penny recalls "a very exhilarating experience indeed. I know that I was in very safe hands".

Ask about another trip... And, thanks for coming.



Summer - Autumn 2011

Stop Press: Book now for evening or weekend flying.

Call Dave Catherwood on 07717 523487

YOU'RE IN "THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE"



WHAT ARE THE COSTS?

Aero tow launch to 2,000 feet:

- Groups of 10-20 max: £50 each flight.
- Individuals: £70 each flight

Extra launch height is paid for on a published scale. Ask for the additional fees on arrival. Pay after flight.

PREPARATION PREVENTS...

Here's a checklist to get you into the air:

- Keep in touch with your club contact.
- Wear layered outdoor clothes, sun protection, flat shoes. Bring refreshments.
- Bring a camera with a neck or wrist strap.
- Students must be within weight and height limits. If worried about either, ask at booking.
- On arrival call your contact or **Launch Control 07918 757483**. Someone will meet you.

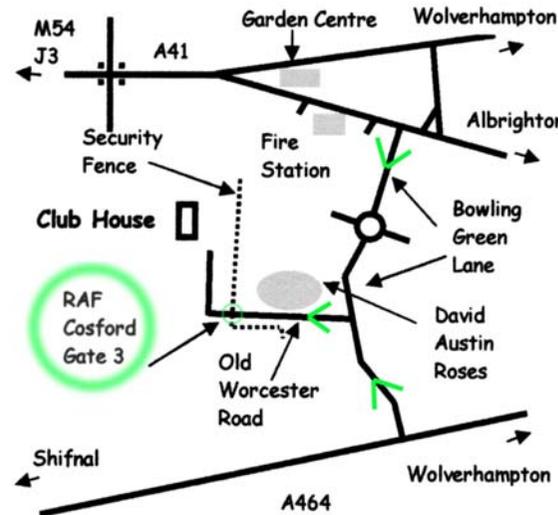
WEATHER



Gliding is governed by the weather. We never fly in unsafe winds or rain. This occasionally affects our ability to get you into the air as agreed. Keep an eye on the weather the day before, and, give your contact at Wrekin a call to confirm whether or not we can fly. Always be ready to select another date.

DIRECTIONS AND MAP

Normally plan to arrive at RAF Cosford Gate 3. For GPS postcode navigation to Bowling Green Lane and Gate 3 use **WV7 3HB**.



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Planning an exciting family or group day out?
Or, just indulging yourself for a change.*

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