

## Cayley Coach Profiles and contact details

### **Andy Berzins – Paragliding & Tandem**

Contact: 07903 334083

Location: Hornsea area

#### **Background**

Andy took up Hang gliding in 1987 with Keith Cockroft; and Paragliding in 1994 with Ian Curren of Northern Paragliding. Once qualified, he joined the Cayley club and immediately made friends with Harry Postill, Tony Dew and Trevor Lowe who put in a lot of time to get him flying. He later met Tony Johnson, who offered a lot of support and coaching. As a result, Andy progressed quickly, becoming a coach in 2000, earning his Pilot and Advanced Pilot ratings and eventually becoming a Senior Coach and Chief Coach of the Cayley club. He is passionate about giving back to the club that made it all possible for him and has held a variety of roles, including that of Chairman, Sites Officer, Safety Officer and Chief Coach. Andy believes that safety in paragliding is critical and that Coaching and continuous pilot development are important in keeping pilots safe and enjoying their flying. Andy has flown all over the world including many parts of Europe, logging over 2,000 hours in the past 30 years. His favourite sites are Millington in the UK and Rodella in the Dolomites. Andy works abroad a lot, but when he's back in the UK he is likely to be found out on a hill somewhere in the North of England on any flyable day.

### **Harry Postill – Paragliding**

Contact: 01759 368209 or 07929 543786

Location: Fangfoss (near Pocklington)

#### **Background**

Harry took up Paragliding in 1992 and fell in love with the sport from the moment his feet left the ground. As a newly qualified Club Pilot he initially found it difficult to get out flying, but this all changed when he joined the Cayley club and met up with former Club Coaches Steve Pickering and Simon Farrier. Steve also inspired him to try Hang gliding, which he took up from 1994 until 1999. Harry has flown hundreds of hours both home and abroad and is most likely to be found at the Model Ridge, Carlton Bank, the Hole of Horcum, the Lake District and in Annecy, France. Harry has been a coach since 2000 and is very keen to help any new paraglider pilot. He is semi-retired and therefore available to help any day of the week except Saturday.

## **Dominic Curran – Paragliding**

Contact: 07462 918362

Location: York

### **Background**

Dominic first tried paragliding in 1991 but due to work commitments and international assignments didn't get to paraglide again until 20 years later when he qualified with FlySpain in 2011. Even then, being based in the Vale of York he found it difficult to find flying opportunities. The first 30 hours post-CP are often the most difficult for new pilots and this is when they really need help from friendly coaches: to understand flying sites, weather conditions and to learn what is possible and safe for them. It was only when he joined the Cayley Club in 2015 that things really began to happen. Four extremely friendly and helpful pilots; Harry Postill, Richard Sewell, Geoff Moses and Ron Chipman went out of their way to make it possible for Dominic to get in the air. Thanks to their help, he has racked up hundreds of hours, flown abroad, completed SIV training, earned his Advanced Pilot rating and become a Senior Coach and Joint Chief Coach of the Cayley Club. He is most likely to be seen flying at the coast, in the Lake District or in Annecy in France. Dominic is retired and available to fly any day of the week.

## **Alex Colbeck – Paragliding**

Contact: 07717 707632 or alexcolbeck@gmail.com

Location: Harrogate

### **Background**

Alex learnt to fly paragliders in 2004 with the Air Cadets in South East Wales. He was passionate about aeroplanes and flying and was immediately hooked on Paragliding. Over the years Alex logged over a thousand hours, competed in the British Championships 6 times, completed SIV training and earned his Advanced Pilot rating. His is most likely to be found flying in the Dales, but also loves the East coast, the Lake District, the Peak District and Derbyshire. His favourite coastal flying site is Bridlington; his favourite UK cross country site is Dodd's Fell; and his favourite European sites are Organya (Spain) and Oludeniz (Turkey). Alex has been a Paragliding coach for over 10 years and is available to help most weekends. In the summer months he can often also be available during the week.

**Ian Curren** – Paragliding, Hang gliding & Tandem

Contact: 07970 062772 or [iancurren@gmail.com](mailto:iancurren@gmail.com)

Location: Pocklington

### **Background**

Ian is considered one of the pioneers of Hang gliding and Paragliding in the UK and learnt to fly back in the 1970s when there were few, if any, recognised schools. In the early days he flew with Mark Dale (Author of “The Pilot handbook”) and Michel Carnet (former Paramotor World Champion). In 1989 he created Northern Paragliding and Sunsoar and in 1991 wrote the iconic book “Touching Cloudbase”. Ian retired from Northern Paragliding in 2014 and went on to become a Technical Officer for the BHPA. Today he travels the world running Coaching training courses, organising Instructor exams and developing the new SIV syllabus. Ian continues to fly all over the world and has logged well over 3,000 hours on hang gliders, paragliders, paramotors, flex-wings and three-axis microlights. When back home in the UK, Ian is most likely to be found paragliding on the East coast, the Peak District and in the Yorkshire Dales.

**Robin Scott** – Paragliding & Hang gliding

Contact: 07712 129658

Location: Hull

### **Background**

Robin is one of the club’s most experienced pilots. He began flying hang gliders in 1978 and was Cayley Club Chairman and Treasurer in the 1990s. He flew in the British Open in 1999, achieving cross country flights of 75km+ and height gains of 6,000ft. In 2012 he switched to paragliding so that he could fly with his son Simon, who is also a paragliding pilot. Despite being an experienced pilot, Robin recognised the importance of coaches in keeping him safe when moving from hang gliding to paragliding; particularly former Cayley Coach, Steve Pickering, who had made the change several years earlier. He also recognises the importance of fellow pilot, Ron Chipman for helping him fly safely and often. His favourite sites are Primrose Valley, on the east coast; and Rushup, in Derbyshire. Robin has been a hang gliding coach for over 20 years and a paragliding coach for 5 years. He is Pilot rated at both hang gliding and paragliding and is currently considering a return to hang gliding. Robin is a farmer and can be available to fly any day of the week outside harvest time (Aug & Sep).

### **Tim Rood – Paragliding**

Contact: 07939 580505

Location: Hornsea

#### **Background**

Tim learnt to fly in 2007 with Steve Hudson of the Derbyshire Flying Centre and has since logged around 400 hours flying along the East coast and in Derbyshire, the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District. Based on the Coast near Hornsea, Tim is very close to his favourite sites of Mappleton, Speeton and Reighton. Tim is also a Coastguard Officer in Charge and a Rope Rescue Specialist – which means he's likely to be the one absailing down the cliff to rescue people in danger. Tim is Pilot rated in Paragliding and will shortly be doing his Paramotor conversion course with Flyspain in the summer (2018).

### **Richard Shirt – Paragliding**

Contact: 07786 707424

Location: York

#### **Background**

Richard began paragliding in 2002 and after qualifying joined the Cayley & Dales clubs. While flying at Bridlington as a novice pilot, he met Hamish Tsai and Richard Carter who took him under their wing and helped him progress rapidly in his first few years of paragliding. With Hamish, Richard and Tim Rood, Richard travelled all over Scotland, England and Wales, flying most weekends and learning how to fly cross country. He became a coach in 2003/4, learning a great deal from Ed Cleasby, Chief Coach of the DHPC. In Switzerland he further honed his thermalling and cross country skills under the guidance of CFI Mark Shaw. Richard went on to earn his Pilot rating, logging over 700 hours to date. Richard is currently on the committee of the Sir George Cayley Sailwing Club and looks after the competitions and all matters of technology. Richard is most likely to be found flying at Millington, Bridlington and the sites along the Filey bay coastline. His favourite site is Bradwell in Derbyshire. He is generally available to fly at weekends.

## **Geoff Moses – Paragliding & Hang gliding**

Contact: 07549 952634 or glider-pirate@hotmail.co.uk

Location: Hull

### **Background**

Geoff learnt to fly over 30 years ago; starting with Hang gliding in 1986, paramotoring in the late 2000s and then Paragliding in 2013. He understands first-hand the importance having someone to help you get past the difficult first 20-30 flying hours; and owes a large debt of gratitude to CFI Steve Hudson and fellow pilot Ron Chipman for helping him in the early days and throughout his flying career. Geoff is very keen to give back to the sport he loves and is always ready to help new pilots. He believes that if just one piece of advice makes a pilot (and the sky we all share) safer, then it is worth the time and effort to be a Coach. Geoff is Pilot rated and to date he has flown over 1,000 hours; many of those in just the past five years, thanks to his flying buddies, Ron Chipman, Steve Hook, Dave Macdonald, Robin Scott and Steve Pickering. Geoff is a Paragliding and Hang gliding Coach for the Cayley Club and Paragliding coach for the Derbyshire Soaring Club. He is most likely to be found flying at his favourite sites, Filey Bay on the East coast; or Mam Tor and Bradwell in the Peak District.

## **Edward Cunliffe – Paragliding & Paramotor**

Contact: 07976 151482

Location: York

### **Background**

Edward began by flying microlights in 1996 at Rufforth airfield near York. He took up paramotoring in 1999 with Mike Campbell Jones (founder of Paramania wings); and Paragliding in 2004, with Ian Curren of Northern Paragliding. Back in the UK, Edward found it difficult to find opportunities to paraglide and it was only when he joined the Cayley club and began to meet friendly club members and coaches at Bridlington and Filey that he started to really get into free-flying. Understanding how important a club environment is to new pilots, Edward created the Yorkshire Owls paramotor club and went on to become the paramotor representative on the BHPA Council. He is Pilot rated and has over 1,000 hours of experience on microlights, paramotors and paragliders. His favourite flying site is Abruzzo in Italy where he has flown with Lee Tryhorn of Free Flight Academy. In the UK he is most likely to be found at his favourite UK sites, Mappleton and Bridlington. Ed is available to fly most days of the week.

## **Richard Sewell – Paragliding**

Contact: 07974 384221

Location: Fangfoss near Pocklington

### **Background**

Richard began paragliding in 2000 with Northern Paragliding. After qualifying he joined the Cayley club and met up with Andy Berzins who made a huge effort to get him out flying, especially at coastal sites like Reighton & Bridlington. Shortly afterwards he met Harry Postil, Tony Dew & Trevor Lowe, who introduced him to inland sites like the Model Ridge and the Yorkshire Dales. With his new friends, Richard was able to fly sites all over the UK and Europe and today makes a point of getting away at least three or four times a year, most often to the Alps, Pyrenees, Dolomites, Portugal, Greece, Turkey or Spain. Richard believes that the social aspect is really important and is keen to help and encourage any new pilots who want to fly as much as he does. He recognises that paragliding has helped him develop life-long friendships and taken him to so many places that he would never have thought possible. As a result, he is keen to give back to the sport that made this all possible. Richard has flown over 1,000 hours, is Pilot rated and has completed siv training three times. His favourite places to fly are the Lake District in the UK and the Dolomites in Europe. \*