

THE SCOTT VIKING 1 FLIES at LASHAM!

Yes, this 1939 old timer took to the air at Lasham on Sunday the 15th May.



(First flight, Gary Pullen the pilot, tug pilot Dave Hopgood. Photo, Glyn Bradney)



(First flight taken by Paul Haliday who was driving the winch at the time!)



(Nearly down! Photo Colin Simpson)



(And landing right opposite the GHC hangar. Photo Colin Simpson)



(Gary Pullen after the first flight. Photo Colin Simpson)

As you can see from the sky it turned out to be a very nice gliding day. The Viking soared on all three of its flights, 2 aerotows and one winch launch. On the second flight off the winch Mr Pullen was very close to having to land at RAF Odiham, which no doubt would have much bemused the Kestrel Gliding Club who were operating from there! Somewhat "quirky" was how Gary described the flying characteristics after his aerotow followed by the winch launch. This was down to a very sensitive rudder which has to be adjusted for – the glider has no fin. However, Trevor Hills who took the third flight thought it was marvellous. Not bad for a start, about 2 ¾ hours over 3 flights.

Glyn Bradney, 16th May 2016