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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen

Club Chairman's Conference and Treasurers' Forum November 2009 Saturday 14th November – at Woodside, Glasshouse Lane, Kenilworth, CV8 2AL

Preparations for your event are now underway. We are returning the event to early winter – hence two in 2009. We are also returning to Woodside as it was a venue that worked so well for us last time. There we can all concentrate on the business of the day, in a pleasant setting. The delegate's fee remains at £20.00 with the BGA is matching it.

Woodside is set in 32 acres of gardens and grounds and is a venue that specialises in conferences for non-profit making organisations. It has excellent transport links for road, rail and air. We have managed to negotiate use of the facilities for a good price and are taking advantage of their 'Greener meeting package' (at no extra cost) which offers several things, but most importantly from your point of view, there is a credit of £5 per delegate who travels in a shared car or by public transport. The credit is redeemable in the bar. A dinner, bed and breakfast package is available for £85 per person. Details are on the booking form. Further information is available on their website <http://www.sundialgroup.com/woodside>

There are already a number of pertinent topics clamouring for attention – so you can be sure that the agenda will have relevance to your club and your work. However, we have deliberately not yet finalised the agenda.

It is important that the day reflects the current issues, so now is the time to let us know what you would like to acquire more information about and discuss this year.

It is often helpful to start by reviewing last year's conference, then to reflect on what you need from this year's. Please find a copy of the previous agendas for the January 2009 Chairmen's Conference and Treasurers' Forum attached for your information.

If you could spare a few minutes to respond, I would be very grateful, as it will help us to make the day as useful as possible for you. I have attached a response form for your convenience. Essentially, we need to find out:


- What was beneficial, useful and interesting last year that you would like to see included this year?
- What was missing or needed improving that you want to see included this year?
- What issues would you like to see on the agenda? (Please bear in mind that we won't be able to have time to cover everything, but it will be useful to have your views so that we can plan to try and cover things another way with other projects)

It is likely that the agenda will be fairly well packed leaving little time for networking. In order to help you to make the most of the time available we would like to put clubs with similar issues in touch with one another so that you can pick one another's brains on the day. We would like to know if you have a particular area of interest either because you have an issue or have solved one. We will be using Diana's Networking Boards again to help facilitate unplanned useful discussions both during and after the event.

In addition to canvassing your opinions, I am consulting with the BGA Executive Committee and the Chairmen of Sub-Committees and Working Groups so that the Conference can reflect current work with the aim of creating an agenda that is of benefit to all.

I look forward to hearing from you and incorporating your views and ideas as we plan this year's conference.

Kind regards



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 Booking form
 Agenda from January 2009 Chairmen's Conference and Treasurer's Forum

P.S. We are planning to make a presentation for the best 'Sharing Good Practice' idea.

For your club's chance to win a place on a BGA Assistant Instructor Course, please submit your club's good ideas to <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/clubmanagement/best-practice.htm> as soon as possible. The idea should be a new idea that has been adopted by another club.

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