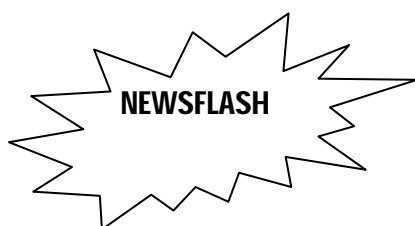




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UK NOTAM Availability. Good news. A simple to use, downloadable FIR brief is now available at www.ais.org.uk. The brief is in geographical order and is produced 'on demand' and so is always up to date. Getting hold of the briefing is a simple, one-click matter. From the main menu, choose NOTAM/ VFR

FIR Brief/ EGTT or EGPX as required. Registration is required to use the site – this is a simple matter. Many thanks to everybody who has worked so hard to achieve the return of what appears to be an acceptable service.

Medical Fitness Declarations. The CAA have introduced minor changes to the NPPL medical declaration requirements. The BGA have decided that gliding requirements should change in order to stay in line and to take advantage of the increased flexibility that these changes will offer pilots. After age 45, declarations will now be valid until the next renewal date or for 5 years, whichever period is longer. Full details, together with a revised declaration form and notes for the GP and pilot are available from the BGA office or from the BGA web site, <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/medical.htm>. An updated version of the software to help clubs administer the new requirements will be available shortly.

CCPR Club of the Year. The BGA Executive has considered the various submissions made by member clubs and is pleased to announce that it has formally nominated Borders Gliding Club to the Central Council of Physical Recreation for its Sports Club of the Year Award.

BGA Instructor Manual. The new Instructor Manual is now complete and copies have been dispatched to all clubs. Any pilot who would like their own copy can obtain one from the BGA office. Please contact Colin Childs on 0116 253 1051.

Laws and Rules. The new version of Laws and Rules is at the proof reading stages of production and should be available shortly.

Accidents to Gliders 2002. The 2002 edition of the Accidents to Gliders publication has now been distributed to all clubs. Further copies are available at a cost of £2.50 from the BGA shop.



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Senior Stars Required. Nadia Nervo is a final year student at the Royal College of Art. For her final year show, she is making a documentary about youthful attitudes after 60. Her aim is to show people leading exciting and/or unusually creative lives, in order to influence public opinion. She is looking for people in their 70s and 80s participating in adventure sports activity. If you are interested in being a subject, please contact Nadia directly on 07971 737442 or email nadia.nervo@rca.ac.uk.

Gliding Club Attacks. Channel GC were recently the target of an attack which resulted, not just in theft, but in serious damage intended to put them out of action. Both of their training gliders were damaged and a fire started. There is some evidence that this was the action of an ex-member bearing a grudge. We all think that these incidents happen to other people, but clubs are asked to review their own security procedures in the light of this experience.

World Record Ratified. The FAI has ratified Gill Spreckley's claim for a new women's world record in the 15m class for a 500k triangle. Her speed of 141.6kmph was achieved at Tswalu in South Africa on 26th November. Congratulations!

Centennial Garden Party. The Royal Aeronautical Society and the Shuttleworth Trust are celebrating the centenary of powered flight with a garden party and flying display. The event, described as a 'Glyndebourne with Wings' aims to recreate the nostalgia of the 1920's and will be part garden party, part flying display and part celebration. Tickets are available by telephoning 01767 627100 or via the RAeS web site at www.aerosociety.com.

CAA VFR Charts. The following charts have recently been, or will shortly be, published.

1:500,000	Southern England and Wales	Edition 29	20 th March 2003
1:500,000	Northern England and Northern Ireland	Edition 26	15 th May 2003
1:500,000	Scotland	Edition 22	12 th June 2003
1:250,000	Sheet 8, England South	Edition 7	20 th February 2003
1:250,000	Sheet 5, Central England & Wales	Edition 5	17 th April 2003

GASIL. The latest edition of GASIL, the CAA's Accident Prevention Leaflet has been published and is available at www.caa.co.uk/docs/33/srg_gad_gasil2003_01.pdf.