



Newsletter

British Gliding Association

THE NEXT CLOUD.....

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Welcome to the second edition of the regular news from the BGA office in Leicester, on what the BGA is doing for you, the members! We need your input, too, and feedback, as we are aiming to provide a link between clubs and ourselves, in addition to the news we publish on the website and in S and G.

Congratulations to the team!

For those of you who haven't woken up from Christmas and New Year yet, congratulations are due to the team who competed in the World Championships in Mafikeng, South Africa, in difficult and challenging weather conditions and returned with a Silver Medal for Mike Young in the Standard Class, and a Bronze Medal for the team overall. Full details of the team's performance are to be found on www.glidingteam.co.uk, together with all the stories of how they did it

AGM, Conference and Dinner.

Tickets are selling fast, so please contact Claire Emson on 01280 705741 if you still have not booked a place. The BGA Annual Report, Accounts, Budget and an agenda for the AGM have been mailed to all Club Secretaries.

Website News

The newly designed website will be up and running within days! Make sure you view it for the latest information, as it is updated regularly. For those of you not yet online, we will keep you informed as ever with 'hard copy'

Communications Issues.

1. A plea from volunteers - if you need help from a Committee member, examiner, inspector, or one of the many people who assist the BGA in a voluntary capacity, please ensure that we retain their services (and the goodwill of their wives and families) by choosing a civilised time to call if you are ringing them at home, or by leaving a message to get them to call you at a mutually convenient time.



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2. We would like to build up a list of those who are appointed Press Officer/PR or Publicity person in member clubs. This will help in improving our ability to set up a marketing plan and share ideas/experiences. A letter is on its way to all clubs together with a form to return. Please send the name of your appointed person to Claire Emson or to the BGA Office.

West Sussex

See the item on our website (or read in the GAAC Newsletter) regarding the proposed county structure plan for West Sussex which needs active opposition from all sport aviation pilots.

Radio Licences

The Radio Communications Agency has handed over the distribution of aeronautical radio licences to the CAA with immediate effect. Contact CAA Directorate of Airspace Policy, Radio Licensing, K6 Gate 6 CAA House, 45-49 Kingsway, London, WC2B 6TE. Tel: 020 7453 6555.

Tax Exemptions and Rate Relief

The Government is consulting sports bodies over the need for special treatment for voluntary sports clubs over tax exemptions and mandatory rate relief. The closing date for responses is 31 January and we are sending clubs a model letter, prepared by the CCPR, which we are asking you to adapt and then send in to the Treasury before the end of this month.