



# Newsletter

British Gliding Association

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**Temporary Restricted Airspace.** The list of TRAs most likely to affect gliding operations over the next few months has been updated and can be found at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/airspace/introduction.htm#AICS>. New notices include a list of jet formation display sites, including the Red Arrows, for May to July. Pilots should remember that the BGA web site list is not definitive and that they should check the AIS web site (<http://www.ais.org.uk>) or the AIS Information Line 0500 354802 regularly to ensure that they are aware of air space changes that might affect them, in addition to checking NOTAMs before every flight.

**Winch Launch Advice.** The BGA Safety Initiative team has produced an updated version of the Safe Winch Launching leaflet. This incorporates minor, but important revisions to the advice previously published and all pilots are urged to read this latest edition. Copies have been sent to all clubs and an electronic version is available for download from the BGA web site at <http://www.gliding.co.uk/bgainfo/documents/safewinchlaunching.pdf>. If any pilot is unsure about any of the advice, they should seek further guidance from an instructor.

**GPS Jamming Trials.** GPS jamming trials will be held on behalf of the MOD between 8-18 May, based around the MOD Sennybridge Training Area in Powys. Predictions show that the affected area will be up to 76nm from the transmitter site in all directions at 30,000ft. More details are in AIC 38/2007 (Pink 116) available at <http://www.ais.org.uk/aes/pubs/aip/pdf/aic/4P116.PDF>

**Mode S Update.** The CAA has published an update which provides a summary of the key issues that arose from the Public Consultation and the CAA response to these. The document also contains information on the proposed Next Steps and is available at <http://www.caa.co.uk/docs/810/RIA%20Apr%2007%20update.pdf>. Although this update is encouraging, the BGA remains cautious and will continue to engage in discussion with DAP. We do, however, appreciate the CAA's willingness to work with us on this very important issue.

**Competition Training.** Once again, the BGA is running a competition training course for Juniors around the Junior Nationals (18-26 August). The course will be run by the BGA National Coach assisted by experienced volunteers. The training, which will involve flying from the rear of the grid at the competition, will aim to prepare participants to fly a rated competition in 2008. The closing date for applications is 9am 11th June, and selections will be made by the end of June. There will be limited spaces, so please apply ASAP to the BGA National coach, Mike Fox ([mike@gliding.co.uk](mailto:mike@gliding.co.uk)). More details are on the BGA web site (<http://www.gliding.co.uk/juniors>)

**BGA Courses.** Places are still available on the following BGA Instructors Courses: Lasham, 2-10 June (IC6); Husbands Bosworth, 2-10 June (IC7); Bicester, 23 June – 1 July (IC8); Wolds GC, 8-16 Sept (IC11). For more details, please contact Debbie at the BGA office ([Debbie@gliding.co.uk](mailto:Debbie@gliding.co.uk))

**Flying in France.** We have received confirmation from the CAA that an EASA Permit to Fly is not required for BGA gliders flying in France under exemption E1116 (ORS4-628). The exemption can be found at <http://www.caa.co.uk/application.aspx?catid=33&pagetype=65&appid=11&mode=list&type=sercat&id=17>

**European Soaring Club.** The ESC, which operates mostly in Spain for the benefit of UK pilots, is looking for someone who would like to take over the future operation of the club. The ESC has a very well established operation and hosts many UK and overseas pilots. If you are interested and want to find out more, mail Brian Spreckley at [bgspreckley@compuserve.com](mailto:bgspreckley@compuserve.com)

**Heathrow Flight Briefing.** The Heathrow Flight Briefing Unit has moved and therefore has new contact numbers. They have been promulgated by NOTAM and are as follows: 020 8750 2615 / 2616 (was 020 8745 3111 / 3163). Fax number is now 020 8750 2617 / 2618 was (020 8745 3491 / 3492). We believe the old numbers may be re-routed, but using the new numbers is the most reliable contact method.

**CCPR Survey.** The CCPR are currently undertaking a research project which aims to understand the impact of current and future Government legislation on sports clubs. This will enable CCPR to argue more effectively on behalf of sport and recreation. Please could you spare 10-15 minutes of your time to complete the survey. Upon completion you will be entered into a prize draw to win your club £500 of sports equipment. The survey is at <http://www.sportinginsights.com/ccpr/survey.htm>

**Juniors Party.** After the success of the last one, there will be another Juniors party on 9th June at Husbands Bosworth. A BBQ from 7:30pm, 2 live bands and a great atmosphere are promised. Bring your gliders up on the Friday and Saturday before the party and get some organised X-Country practice in too. Bunk rooms need to be booked soon through the Hus Bos office on 01858 880521, or bring your tent along on the day. Any queries ring Steve Poz on 07905 833564 or email [thepoz13@hotmail.com](mailto:thepoz13@hotmail.com)