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An open invitation to all UK gliding clubs and pilots

You will have read that the Sailplane Grand Prix takes place at Lasham this year from September 1 – 7th, when the UK's top competition pilots race for a place in the World Sailplane Grand Prix, 2009.

One purpose of the Grand Prix is to make gliding more accessible for the media and the public, in order to rebuild interest and support for our sport. We are taking this aspect of the contest very seriously, and will engage the national and regional media in the event, as well as host a public day at our airfield, with an impressive programme of displays, aerobatics, ground events, balloon launches, and of course the race itself.

The open day – Saturday, September 6th - is for the gliding community as well as for the media and the public. We do hope that glider pilots and their families everywhere will pack a picnic, and if necessary a tent too and take time out to enjoy this show and support our endeavour. We are happy for guests to pitch a tent or book a bunk bed and make a day of it. There is no club flying on the public day, but normal flying will run throughout the week and on the Sunday.

What you may not know is that Lasham Gliding Society is 50 this year, and the Sailplane Grand Prix and Airshow will be part of celebrations that culminate in a sumptuous dinner dance for everyone (not just Lasham members) in our corporate hospitality marquee. Achieving 50 years is something special, and we hope that by putting so much into the Grand Prix and Airshow, and with your support too, we are all working to ensure the future health of gliding, for the next half-century.

See you in September.

For more information and to book your free tickets, advanced discounted car parking and evening party tickets please go to www.gp2008.co.uk

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Chris Lewis".

Chris Lewis
Chairman
Lasham Gliding Society