

## Safety

**GASCo Safety Evenings.** GASCo has announced the first set of dates and venues for its 2015/6 series of Safety Evenings. So far, 15 dates have been announced with another 15 currently being considered. The evenings are designed to provide an opportunity to reflect on General Aviation safety as it affects you and the people you fly with. This year, the evenings will examine the six areas of greatest concern to General Aviation in the UK - the GA Safety Six - which feature in the CAA Safety Plan for 2014 to 2017. More information about the evenings is on the GASCo web site at <http://www.gasco.org.uk/safety-evenings.aspx>

## BGA

**Club Management Conference.** Invitations to the BGA Club Management Conference, to be held at Warwick University on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November, have been sent to club officials. This year, as well as sessions for club chairmen & managers, treasurers, and CFIs, there will be a full morning session for club technical officers. If you're involved with running a gliding club but haven't received your invitation, please contact [office@gliding.co.uk](mailto:office@gliding.co.uk). Bookings should be made by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

**Project Planning and Funding Workshop.** BGA Development Officer Alison Randle will be running a project planning and funding workshop at the BGA Office in Leicester on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October, from 10am until 5pm. After meeting for coffee from 9.30 we will be looking in detail at aspects of project planning, including hints and tips on how to tell your story and how to put a grant application together. Wherever possible, we will be using real examples and there will be time to work on projects from your own club. Places are free, but you will need to bring your own lunch (it's the easiest option on a Sunday in a business park). Please book your place by emailing [office@gliding.co.uk](mailto:office@gliding.co.uk)

## Regulatory

**Second ANO Consultation.** The CAA has opened its second and final consultation on potential changes to the Air Navigation Order. Responses to the previous consultation, which are detailed in the consultation documents, were "extremely supportive" of the principles of the review. As a result, the new consultation makes detailed proposals on changes to the rules and regulations for pilot licensing, operations and airworthiness with a view to deregulating or delegating where possible in order to simplify compliance for GA pilots and organisations. The BGA will be responding to the consultation, which runs until 4<sup>th</sup> November. The consultation documents can be accessed at <http://www.caa.co.uk/consultations>.

## Competitions and Cross-Country

**Inter-Club League.** The final of the Inter-Club League was held at the Gliding Centre, Husbands Bosworth on the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September. The hosts and defending champions came out top with Bristol & Glos GC second and Essex & Suffolk GC third. A fuller report will appear in S&G.

**New Junior Champion.** Stefan Astley (London GC) is the new British Junior Champion. Tom Arscott (Lasham GS) and Sam Roddie (Wolds GC) were second and third respectively in the event held last month at Aston Down.

**2016 Nationals.** Dates and venues have been announced for the 2016 Nationals and the 2016 Junior Championship. These are:

- Club Class: Wolds GC (Pocklington), 28<sup>th</sup> May - 5<sup>th</sup> June;
- Standard and 20m Multi-Seat Classes: Cotswold GC (Aston Down), 18-26<sup>th</sup> June;
- 15m and Open Classes: Lasham GS, 30<sup>th</sup> July - 7<sup>th</sup> August
- 18m Class: Venue TBA, 20-28<sup>th</sup> August;
- Juniors: The Gliding Centre (Husbands Bosworth), 20-28<sup>th</sup> August.

**Women Pilot Opportunity.** The British Women Pilots' Association (BWPA), in partnership with Women Glide UK, is offering a £500 bursary for improving your cross-country flying next year, for example by completing your Cross-Country endorsement or Part-FCL pilot licence, doing some advanced XC training or entering a rated competition. More details and an application form are at <http://www.womenglide.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/BWPA-Gliding-Scholarship-2015.doc>. The closing date for applications is 24<sup>th</sup> October.

## Juniors

**Young Instructor Bursaries.** A reminder that there are still a number of bursaries available, thanks to the generosity of The Honourable Company of Air Pilots, to help glider pilots under 25 become instructors. Full details are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/2015/07/31/instructor-bursaries/>

**RAeC Trust Bursaries.** The Royal Aero Club Trust has announced details of its 2016 Bursary Scheme. The 2016 bursaries include The President's Scholarships (2 bursaries each worth up to £750); the Peter Cruddas Foundation Scholarship worth up to £1,000; the Breitling Bursary worth up to £750; the MacRobert Trust Bursaries (2 bursaries each worth up to £500); and the Bramson Bursary, as well as a number of additional bursaries worth up to £500 each. These are available to anyone between 14 and 21 years of age wishing to develop their interest in either air sports or aviation. Additionally, "Follow on Bursaries" are available to assist committed applicants, aged up to 24, reach even higher levels of achievement through, for example, participation in national and international competitions. Full details and application forms are available on the Trust web site at <http://www.royalaeroclubtrust.org/bursaries>. Note that the closing date for applications to be received at the RAeC is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. These need to be countersigned by a sponsor such as your CFI and submitted via the BGA. To ensure that applications are processed by the deadline, your application should be received at the BGA office no later than 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Winter Series.** The 2016 Winter Series kicks off later this month at Sutton Bank from 16-18<sup>th</sup> October. This is followed by rounds two and three at The Mynd (5-7<sup>th</sup> February) and Nympsfield (15-17<sup>th</sup> April). More information, entry forms etc are on the Juniors' Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ukjuniorgliding>

## General

**Award for Max Bishop.** Congratulations to Max Bishop, who was appointed as an FAI Companion of Honour at the recent FAI General Conference. Max, who first soloed in 1964 and who has all 3 Diamonds, was the FAI Secretary from 1993 to 2010. He has also held several positions within the FAI Aviation and Space Education Commission including UK Delegate and President. He is the current Vice-President of the International World Games Association (IWGA) where the FAI is active with several air sports.

**Peter Lanyon Exhibition.** A major exhibition of the gliding paintings of Peter Lanyon opens at the Courtauld Gallery in London on 15<sup>th</sup> October. The exhibition features 15 works of one of the major 20<sup>th</sup> century British painters, who produced radical, near-abstract paintings of the tough coastal landscape of his native Cornwall, inspired by his experience of gliding. The exhibition opens on 15<sup>th</sup> October and runs until January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016. BGA club members can benefit from a discount offering two tickets for the price of one. Details of how to redeem this will be posted on the news item on our web site at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/?p=23819>. Full details of the exhibition are at <http://courtauld.ac.uk/gallery/what-on/exhibitions-displays/soaring-flight-peter-lanyons-gliding-paintings>

**RAeS Light Aircraft Design Conference.** The Royal Aeronautical Society is holding its annual light aircraft design conference in London on 16<sup>th</sup> November. The programme will provide a mix of practical and thought provoking papers. Topics will include detail design issues, advances in manufacturing with composites and funding for small enterprises and an appraisal of how flight simulators can help in the design process and possibly support an approach to fly-by-wire for General Aviation. More inspiration for innovators in control systems may be gained from studies into insect flight. The BGA is sponsoring the event and, as a result, members of BGA clubs are entitled to attend at the discounted rate of £55 (+VAT), a saving of nearly 40% on the standard rate. Full details and a booking form are at <http://aerosociety.com/Events/Event-List/1955/Light-Aircraft-Design>

**Young Artists Competition.** The FAI has announced the theme for its 2016 Young Artists competition - Air Sports in Harmony with Nature. This is a great theme for glider pilots (and families of glider pilots) to get their teeth into. There are three age categories for the competition: junior (6-9 years), intermediate (10-13) and senior (14-17). UK entries should be submitted to the Royal Aero Club (address available on their web site at <http://royalaeroclub.co.uk/>) by 26<sup>th</sup> February. The winners of the UK selection round (three per age category) will be entered into the international contest and the eventual winners will be awarded FAI medals and have their work exhibited at the Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Florida, USA. Full details of the contest are at <http://www.fai.org/fai-young-artists-contest/theme>