

## Safety

**Temporary Restricted Airspace.** Whilst not wishing to suggest that some airspace restrictions are more important than others, we want to highlight a couple of areas of temporary restricted airspace that have been announced to protect high profile events over the next fortnight. These will be in force for the British Grand Prix at Silverstone from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> July and for the Royal International Air Tattoo at Fairford between 12<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July. Full details are in Aeronautical Information Circulars Mauve 054/2017 and 057/2017 respectively. These can be downloaded along with all other current AICs from the NATS website at <http://www.nats-uk.ead-it.com>

## Airspace

**Doncaster Airspace Review.** CAA CAP725 requires that a Post-Implementation Review takes place as the final stage of an airspace change. The Doncaster Robin Hood Airport review has now taken place, many years after the 12 months advised in CAP725. The CAA has stated that the airspace has achieved its stated aims in the original ACP submission and decision and that concludes the process. The BGA has challenged that view. The CAA conclusions are at [http://www.caa.co.uk/uploadedFiles/CAA/Content/Standard\\_Content/Commercial\\_industry/Airspace/Files/Robin\\_Hood\\_PIR/20170512%20Doncaster%20PIR.pdf](http://www.caa.co.uk/uploadedFiles/CAA/Content/Standard_Content/Commercial_industry/Airspace/Files/Robin_Hood_PIR/20170512%20Doncaster%20PIR.pdf)

## Regulatory

**8.33 kHz Radio Equipage Claims.** A reminder that the second claim round for 20% funding of the costs of equipping gliders and other aircraft with 8.33 kHz radios is open and runs until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017. We understand that there is still a significant amount of the fund available but we do urge that you claim as soon as possible, remembering to include proof of payment with your claim. As well as the cost of the radio, certain associated ancillary costs may also qualify for funding. Details of the scheme, including an online claim form are on the CAA website at <https://www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Aircraft-ownership-and-maintenance/8-33-kHz-funding-application/>

## BGA

**Glide Britain.** Glide Britain is an exciting, BGA-backed project to create a book, documentary and series of short videos to show a non-gliding audience what our amazing sport is all about. We all know that the general public has little idea of what we do - we want to rectify that and we need your support! The more funds we raise the better the project will be and the more widely we'll be able to promote gliding in the UK. In addition to previously committed funding, the project is seeking sponsorship and support from the gliding community. Nearly £10,000 has been raised so far from pilots and other individual supporters but the more we raise the better the project will be and the more widely we'll be able to promote gliding in the UK. Please take a look at the project page on Kickstarter - <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/simongrice/glide-britain> - where there is an excellent video describing the project and consider contributing. Supporters will receive a range of exclusive Glide Britain products and benefits to show our appreciation. The Kickstarter funding round will last until 14th July.

**Club Management Conference.** The 2017 BGA Club Management Conference will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at Highgate House, Northamptonshire. Planning is well underway for this popular informational, discussion and networking event and the BGA office is now taking bookings. There will be dedicated sessions for chairmen & club managers; treasurers; CFIs; and junior gliding activity leaders & co-ordinators. Full details will be published in the autumn. The BGA Development Committee is still keen to hear suggestions - perhaps something you have seen in another sport. Sometimes the smallest things make excellent session topics. Please email [alison@gliding.co.uk](mailto:alison@gliding.co.uk)

## Competitions and Cross-Country

**International Competitions.** The 19<sup>th</sup> FAI European Championships (for the Standard, Club and 20m Classes) and the 10<sup>th</sup> FAI Junior World Gliding Championships begin at the end of this month. Our team for the Europeans comprises George Metcalfe and Howard Jones (Standard Class); Ayala Truelove and G Dale (Club Class); and the pairing of Steve Jones and Garry Coppin (20m Class). The championship runs from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> August at Moravska Trebova in the Czech Republic. In the Junior Worlds, we will be represented by defending champion Tom Arscott along with Jake Brattle in the Club Class and by Finn Sleight and Mike Gatfield in the Standard Class. The competition runs from 29<sup>th</sup> July to 13<sup>th</sup> August. You can follow the two teams on the British Gliding Team website at <https://www.britishglidingteam.co.uk>. The official competition site for the Europeans is at <http://www.egc2017.cz/> and for the Junior Worlds at <http://jwgc2017.lt/> (facebook <https://www.facebook.com/JWGC2017/>)

**Club/18m Nationals.** Congratulations to the first UK national championship winners of the year. The Club Class and 18m Nationals were held last month at Husbands Bosworth with Tim Fletcher (Club Class) and Steve Jones (18m Class) coming out on top. Pete Harvey and Richard Browne took second and third places in a closely contested 18m Class. In the Club Class, Ian Macarthur and Brian Spreckley finished second and third with our Junior World Club Class pairing of Jake Brattle and Tom Arscott just behind in fourth and fifth places. Full results are available by following the links at <http://comps.theglidingcentre.co.uk/>

**Team Media Manager.** The British Gliding Team is looking to recruit a Media Manager to join the Team at the European Gliding Championships at Lasham in August. The role is a new one and is aimed at promoting the Team and all that happens around them at the championships to the British gliding community and the general public, with the aim of raising the profile of the sport and helping to gain future sponsorship for the British Team. Full details are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/?p=28935>

**Notable Flights.** The second half of June didn't quite keep up the momentum of the previous couple of months, although Ed Downham achieved two flights of over 600km. However, things got back into top gear last Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, with a 814.8km flight by Andy Aveling out of Lasham; flights of over 700km from Andy Smith (Aston Down), Roy Pentecost and Patrick Naegeli (both Lasham), and Tim Jenkinson (Dunstable); ten other 600km+ flights and no fewer than 26 flights between 500 and 600km, including 521.9km by Adrian Emck in his Ka6e. Full information at <http://www.bgaladder.co.uk>

## Juniors

**Winter Series.** The first round of the 2017/18 Winter Series will be at Llewenni Parc from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> October. More information is at <https://www.facebook.com/events/146699689219712/>

**Ann Welch Lecture.** Brian Birlison and Steve Pozerskis delivered the 2017 Ann Welch Lecture at the Royal Aeronautical Society on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Their subject was UK Junior Gliding and focused on how the British Gliding Association has turned a small group of enthusiastic Junior pilots into a thriving brand that has flying associations from around the world seeking to copy the model. A podcast of the lecture is now available at <https://www.aerosociety.com/news/audio-ann-welch-lecture-2017/>

## General

**CAA Subscription Service.** The CAA has announced changes to their current subscription and notification service, to take effect from 24<sup>th</sup> August. From this date, the CAA subscriptions service will only be used for safety critical updates (Safety Notices, Safety Directives, Emergency Airworthiness Directives, UK Airworthiness Directives and Mandatory Permit Directives) and the Official Records Series. All other alerts and updates will be sent through the SkyWise system which you can access as an app on your phone or tablet, via a website or by subscribing to receive updates by e-mail. If you have signed up to receive CAA notifications but have not yet registered with SkyWise, you can do so at <http://skywise.caa.co.uk/subscribe/>. More details are in IN2017-025, available at <http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/InformationNotice2017025.pdf>