

Safety

Safe Winch Launching Quiz. As many pilots will be aware, there are a number of safe winch launching education resources at <https://www.gliding.co.uk/safewinchlaunching>. These include the safe winch launching quiz that allows pilots **of all experience** to test their own knowledge on this important topic. Some clubs now include the quiz as a required element of winch launch training, as listed on the BGA pilot training progress card at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/pilot-training/bga-training-card/>. Why not test your knowledge today?

Airspace

Leeds Bradford ACP. Leeds Bradford Airport is consulting on an airspace change proposal. [Details are available at http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk/about-the-airport/airspace-change-proposal-consultation](http://www.leedsbradfordairport.co.uk/about-the-airport/airspace-change-proposal-consultation). The consultation closes on Friday 6th October 2017. A regional gliding club/BGA response is being developed and we expect to be able to offer guidance on the key issues by the end of August. Once that guidance is available, we will be encouraging individual club responses and individual pilot responses. If you believe that you will be impacted by the proposed changes, please be prepared to respond.

RA(T) Airspace File. George Knight and Alan Sparrow have modified the ASSelect program so that it now includes RA(T)s. RA(T)s are currently designated in ASSelect as LoAs but this will be changed in due course. Please remember that this information does not replace daily checking of NOTAM information. ALWAYS check NOTAMs before flight. ASSelect file can be downloaded from <http://soaringweb.org/Airspace/UK/ASSelect.html>.

Opportunity – Airspace Support Consultant. The GA Alliance is seeking an Airspace Support Consultant to provide contracted remunerated airspace project support services to GA Alliance member organisations through the GAA airspace team. In particular, the role includes continuing proactive awareness of airspace matters, research and analysis of strategic and local airspace issues as well as the development with others of potential solutions resulting in guidance to the GA Alliance member organisations. Full details are available at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/bga/ga-alliance-airspace-consultant/>.

Airspace Infringement Awareness Courses. The CAA has announced new Airspace Infringement Awareness courses, modelled on the speed awareness courses used for drivers. Pilots who infringe controlled or notified airspace may now be asked to attend one of these as part of any licensing action taken by the CAA. GASCo, which developed the course in conjunction with the CAA, will be responsible for delivery at various locations around the UK. CAP1404 (at <http://www.caa.co.uk/cap1404>) which describes the review and actions process following an infringement, has been updated to reflect the new course.

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 30th

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 has been running for almost two weeks now and over 100,000 people have engaged through Facebook. The campaign has also featured on several local radio stations and a live broadcast from BBC Look North TV. Glide Britain aims to raise awareness about the accessibility of gliding to as many people as possible and hopefully inspire a new generation of participants. More at <https://www.facebook.com/glidebritain>

eServices. We have launched a set of online services on the BGA website to help members transact with the BGA. eServices allows you to maintain your contact details, renew subscriptions (FAI licence, competition number, etc), review airworthiness status of your aircraft, subscribe to receive Emails on various subjects (including your own copy of the newsletter), check competition number availability and subscribe for a new competition number or FAI licence. If you haven't already received login details, you can access the system by going to <https://members.gliding.co.uk/e-services/forgot-password/> and entering the Email address that you think the office currently knows you by. If there is a match, you will be sent an Email giving you a temporary password. You can then use your Email address and temporary password to access the system. If the system does not recognise your Email address, please contact the office (office@gliding.co.uk / 0116 289 2956) to check what Email address we hold for you (they can also update your details).

Club Management Conference. Bookings are now open for the 2017 BGA Club Management Conference which will be held on Saturday 11th November at Highgate House, Northamptonshire. In addition to general sessions, there will be more focussed sessions for chairmen & club managers, treasurers, CFIs, and those who support and run junior-specific flying activities in clubs. BGA volunteers, staff and members of the BGA Executive will be attending, giving you an opportunity to talk to them in person about club management matters at your club, or simply to say hello to the faces behind the emails. More details are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/mgmt-conference>.

2018 BGA Sporting Conference. It may seem like a long time away, but now would be a good time to put the dates for the 2018 BGA Sporting Conference, Exhibition and Awards Dinner in your diary. The event will be on the 17th February and we will be once again at the Nottingham Belfry. More details as well as online booking for lunch and the Awards Dinner along with hotel information are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/conference>

Competitions and Cross-Country

International Competitions. Two international championships are currently underway - the 19th FAI European Gliding Championships (for the Standard, Club and 20m Multi-Seat Classes) is nearing its climax at Moravska Trebova in the Czech Republic and the 10th FAI Junior World Gliding Championships is in its early stages at Pociunai in Lithuania. With just one day remaining in the Europeans, the British pair of Steve Jones and Garry Coppin are in the silver medal position in the 20m class, and will be hoping to be able to make up the 128 point gap between them and World No 1 Sebastian Kawa in today's final race. In the Club Class, G Dale

and Ayala Truelove are 14th and 21st respectively while, in the Standard Class, Howard Jones and George Metcalfe occupy 17th and 25th positions. After just one competition day in Lithuania, there is still everything to play for. Defending champion Tom Arscott is 7th in the Club Class with Jake Brattle just behind in 8th place. In the Standard Class, Finn Sleigh and Mike Gatfield are currently lying in 24th and 25th places. You can follow the 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/>). Later this month, the European Championships for the 15m, 18m, and Open Classes will take place at Lasham; you can keep up to date on the team website and at <http://www.egc2017.co.uk>.

EGC Lasham - Request to All Pilots. As mentioned above, the European Championships will be held at Lasham from 13th to 26th August with official training from 10th to 12th August. Andy Davis, the competition director has asked us to make all pilots in the area aware that 65 competitors will be flying in the three classes with the resulting potential for additional glider traffic throughout the competition area which extends over the whole of southern England and Wales as far as 53 degrees 30 minutes north. Championship tasks will be loaded each morning to the BGA Ladder Show Task page at <http://www.bgaladder.co.uk/showtask.asp>. Non-competing pilots are requested not to attempt radio contact with any competing pilot other than for flight safety reasons, nor should they attempt to fly sections of the championship tasks. Quite apart from the potential collision risk, we do not want the British Team pilots to be accused of receiving help or assistance from non-competing gliders. Many thanks for your co-operation.

UK Nationals. The Standard, 15m, Open, and 20m Multi-Seat Nationals were held last month at Aston Down. All classes were decided over just two competition days, except for the Open Class which flew three days. The Open Class was won by Andy Davis, with Russell Cheetham and Pete Harvey second and third. All three will be involved at the European Championships, where Russell and Pete make up the British Open Class team while Andy is serving as the Championship Director. The 15m and Standard Classes were treated as a single task group, with the top three places going to David Bromley, Matt Cook and Owain Walters. This means that David Bromley is the new Standard Class champion, while Matt Cook wins the 15m title. Jon Meyer was victorious in the 20m Class, with Peter Hurd and Steve Pozerskis in second and third places. Full results are at <http://www.cotswoldgliding.co.uk/competitions/2017/results>.

Juniors

Get into Aeros. After the huge success of last year, it's been announced that there will be another 'Get into Aeros' event this September. This event is designed to be a complete introduction to competition aerobatics for pilots aged 26 and under - for an all-in price of just £129. The format will involve two flights in a two seat aerobatic training glider, the ASK21, with a fully qualified BGA Advanced Aerobatic Instructor. In addition to these two flights, there will be a series of briefings and presentations from experienced aerobatic pilots on how to access the sport, what's involved in competition flying and most importantly how to approach the two instructional flights. If you are 26 or under, a member of a BGA club and have the enthusiasm and the ambition to perhaps one day be considered for a place on the National Team, do please apply. Applications must be received by 17th August and successful applicants will be notified directly thereafter. Full details are at <https://www.aerobatics.org.uk/getintoaeros>.

Want to Become an Instructor? Younger pilots considering becoming an instructor are reminded that funds are still available to help with the costs of training - £500 for BIs and £1000

for Assistant Instructors. These funds are generously provided by the Honourable Company of Air Pilots. To take advantage of this superb opportunity, please contact lizzie@gliding.co.uk.

Air League Flying Day. The annual Air League Flying Day will be held on 19th of August at Bicester Gliding Centre. It will be a great day of discounted gliding, evening social and a BBQ. Camping is also available. Please contact the organisers to get a space. It will be a great day and everybody is looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible. For information and bookings call 020 7222 8463 or Email info@airleague.co.uk

General

Project Perlan. The Perlan II glider is now back at El Calafete in Argentina for its second season of flight testing. This week the pressurised glider reached a new high altitude of 32,500ft using the combination of mountain winds and the polar vortex in the region which create the world's highest "stratospheric mountain waves". The long-term objective of the Perlan project is to fly an engineless glider to the edge of space, higher than any other winged aircraft has operated in level, controlled flight, to open up a world of new discoveries related to high-altitude flight, weather and climate change. More information is at <http://www.perlanproject.org/> and, this summer you can tune in to live flights of the Perlan 2 on the Airbus Perlan Mission II Virtual Cockpit at <http://bit.ly/VirtualPerlan2>.

Video Available. Stephanie Garstin, who is a videographer, prepared a video about gliding to enter a filmmaker competition. She's kindly offered it to anybody who wants to use it to help promote gliding - please take a look at <https://www.rode.com/myrodereel/watch/entry/3625>.