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BGA AGM. The BGA AGM will be held at the Belfry Hotel, Nottingham on Saturday 17th February. Club secretaries will receive a pack of AGM related documents during December.

BGA Sporting Conference. The BGA Sporting Conference, AGM and annual awards dinner will be held at The Belfry Hotel, Nottingham on Saturday 17th February 2018. The conference is free to attend, with confirmed exhibitor bookings from Southern Sailplanes (Ventus), HPH Sailplanes UK (Shark FES), Jonker Sailplanes, McClean Aviation (DG1001) and Alisport (Silent 2). The Conference Programme is being developed and will be available soon. Evening award ceremony dinner tickets are available to book now via the BGA Website.

<https://legacy.gliding.co.uk/bgashop/applications/conference/conference.php>

Overnight accommodation should be booked direct with the hotel. Please Quote 'British Gliding' when making your booking.

BGA Strategy. The BGA needs to identify the organization and infrastructure changes required to support the evolution of UK gliding for the next 10 to 20 years. This can only be done on the basis of an accepted view of what that evolution is likely to be. Following lengthy discussions with member clubs and others, that view has been clarified. The BGA Strategy document describes the evolution as it is foreseen today and it will be used as a reference to guide the policies and plans of the BGA. There will be an annual review and revision cycle.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/governance-documents/bga-strategy/>

RAeC Awards - Recognising Effort and Achievement. The RAeC awards are a fantastic opportunity to recognise volunteer efforts in our sport as well as great personal and team achievements. Clubs and members of clubs are invited to propose nominations via email to the BGA office by 1st December 2017. The awards are detailed at

<http://royalaeroclub.co.uk/medals-and-awards.php>

Club Management Conference. The BGA Club Management Conference will take place on Saturday 11th of November at Highgate House near Northampton. There is a full programme balanced between plenary sessions for all delegates and dedicated sessions featuring the Treasurers' Forum, the CFI Forum, and the Juniors Conference. BGA staff and volunteers will also be on hand to discuss individual points. The subsidised delegate fee of £20 includes lunch and refreshments throughout the day. Bookings close on Thursday 2nd November or when we reach 200 delegates (whichever is reached first). Accommodation is available at the venue.

Competitions, Cross-Country & Aerobatics

Philip Wills Enterprise Trophy. Each year the Philip Wills Enterprise Trophy is awarded by the Enterprise Club for the flight judged to be the most 'Enterprising' of the previous calendar year.

What's meant by 'Enterprising'? It could be a long flight exploiting different forms of lift by a high performance glider, perhaps on a day that no-one else did very much. It could be a flight

that flew somewhere that hadn't been reached before, or perhaps a long distance flight in a low performance glider. Over the past few years, the trophy has been won by gliders from EB28 through an ASW20 to an Olympia 2b. All the winning flights have the WOW factor. If you know of a flight made in the UK in 2017 that you feel has the WOW factor, please nominate it to Andrew.G.Reid@BTInternet.com including a short description of why you feel the flight should be awarded the trophy plus IGC logger file. Self-nominations are acceptable. Closing date is 7th January 2018.

Competition Enterprise 2018. Competition Enterprise 2018 will be hosted by the Cotswold Gliding Club at Aston Down from 30 June-7 July. Entries for the 2018 competition will be accepted from 1 January. Find out more at <http://www.compenterprise.uk/>

2018 Nationals Dates. Dates and venues for next year's national championships are:

- 18m and 20m Multi-Seat Classes - Husbands Bosworth, 7-15th July 2018
- Club Class - Dunstable, 4-12th August
- Open, Standard and 15m Classes - Aston Down, 18-26th August
- Junior Nationals - Lasham, 18-26th August

World Gliding Championships 2018. The British Team selection for the WGC 2018 is;

- Club Class – Tim Fletcher, G Dale
- Standard Class – Howard Jones, Dave Bromley
- 20m Multi-Seat Class – Steve Jones/Gary Coppin
- 15m Class – Tim Scott, Derren Francis
- 18m Class – Mike Young, Russell Cheetham
- Open Class – Andy Davis, Peter Harvey

Instructing and Training

Guidance for BGA Instructors with FI(S) Certificate. Gliding instruction at BGA clubs is carried out under BGA requirements and all instructors at BGA clubs are required to hold a valid BGA instructor rating. Gliding instructors are reminded that the BGA's instructor requirements recognise that a valid EASA Flight Instructor (Sailplanes) certificate – known as an FI(S) certificate – is equivalent to a BGA instructor rating, and therefore an instructor who holds a valid EASA FI(S) certificate can use a valid FI(S) certificate to maintain the validity of their BGA instructor rating through his or her CFI using the normal CFI e-services revalidation process.

Those instructors who choose to hold an EASA FI (S) certificate are reminded of the BGA guidance on revalidating an FI(S) certificate that is available on the BGA member website at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/pilot-resources-flying-training/instructors/revalidating-fis-certificate-guidance/>

BGA Instructor Manual Online. The BGA instructor manual is now available online as a single document or in chapters. You can view it here. The online version incorporates all previous and the most recent (July 2017) updates as detailed in the addenda and revisions document.

As soon as the supplier produces them, the BGA shop will stock hard copies. Instructor course applicants will be supplied with a hard copy when booked onto an instructor course through the BGA office. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/pilot-training/bga-instructor-manual-2/>

Safety

Safe Winch Launching LATEST EDITION. The 6th Edition of the Safe Winch Launching safety briefing has been published. The content is drawn from the BGA's long term safe winch launch study and ongoing campaign, and includes new important advice on the wing drop hazard. This information is important reading for ALL glider pilots regardless of experience. Student pilots will find it very interesting as a vital element of their training. The information is potentially life-saving. Please read it now.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/safety/safe-winch-launching-leaflet/>

Infringements. Infringements of restricted airspace are potentially dangerous and disruptive – and ultimately result in curtailment of the freedoms to fly that all pilots need and enjoy.

Careful pre-flight planning and use of a GPS moving map with up to date airspace software are known effective tools that help pilots remain clear of restricted airspace.

Pilots are recommended to use a GPS moving map wherever the airspace is complex or there could be other reasons why it may be difficult to establish the position of an aircraft relative to a horizontal or vertical airspace boundary. Wave soaring is a typical example of a situation where visually identifying airspace boundaries without a GPS moving map can be extremely difficult. There is more guidance at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/airspace/avoiding-infringements/>

Airspace

FLARM. Owners of aircraft equipped with FLARM are reminded that the effectiveness and range of their FLARM is dependent on a number of factors. Advice and checking tools are available on the FLARM website. <http://flarm.com/>

Leeds Bradford Airspace Change Proposal. The Leeds Bradford Airport airspace change proposal consultation closes on 5th November 2017. The proposals are damaging for gliding and increase risk to aircraft operating outside the proposed airspace. It is important that individual pilots respond to this consultation. You can read more here including guidance on the key issues. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/airspace/leeds-bradford-airport-acp/>

Doncaster Sheffield Airport (DSA). DSA is consulting on the introduction of aRNAV (RNAV) Standard Instrument Departure (SID) procedures and RNAV Instrument Approach Procedures (IAPs). DSA (otherwise known as Robin Hood Airport Doncaster Sheffield, or RHADS) believe that the adoption of the departure procedures (SIDs) requires an additional portion of controlled airspace for procedure containment to the east of the existing airspace. The consultation closes on 15th December 2017. The consultation document, associated annexes and FAQ's is at www.flydsa.co.uk/about-us/dsaconsultation

Oxford Airport and RAF Brize Norton. Oxford airport and RAF Brize Norton are about to launch a consultation on their joint plans for a large area of class D airspace that reaches from Hinton in the Hedges in the north, overhead Oxford in the east, to Wantage in the south and across to Aston Down in the west. This proposal will effectively exclude gliding from a large area of airspace, increase the risk to those forced into choke points to the east and southwest of Oxford and Brize, and significantly impact on a number of gliding clubs operations.

Airworthiness

BGA Technical News Sheet 1-2017. BGA Technical News Sheet 1-2017 has been published. This is important detail that all BGA inspectors must read. Owners, who are of course responsible for the airworthiness of their aircraft, will also find the information interesting and helpful. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2017/10/TNS-1-2017.pdf>

Regulatory

EASA Pilot Licence Conversion. The CAA has reported that the outcome of the recent EASA Committee Meeting in Brussels, at which the UK Government was represented, has resulted in constructive progress on a number of important matters affecting the GA Community. The Committee voted positively on extending the Aircrew Regulation opt-out date for sailplane and balloon pilots. The BGA pilot licence conversion guidance has been updated to reflect the revised date by which pilots of EASA sailplanes must hold an EASA FCL SPL or LAPL(S), ie 8th April 2020.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/pilot-resources-flying-training/pilot-licence-conversion/>

Pilots of EASA aeroplanes are respectfully reminded of the need to hold an EASA FCL PPL(A) or LAPL(A) by 8th April 2018.

Town and Country Planning (Brownfield Land Register) Regulations 2017. Clubs are advised that these regulations, which only apply to England, require Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) to keep a register of previously developed land and then maintain the register. There are implications within the regulations for BGA club sites and any club with concerns should contact the BGA Development Committee via the BGA office.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/403/contents/made>

UK Government Air Navigation Guidance. The Department for Transport has recently published guidance on air navigation matters applicable to the CAA, which may be of interest to those involved in airspace policy matters.

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/653978/air-navigation-guidance-2017.pdf

General

Junior Gliding. The 2017/2018 Winter Series is underway! You can stay up to date with all Junior gliding activity through the UK Junior Gliding Facebook page and periodic newsletters, the latest of which is available at

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/junior/junior-gliding-newsletter-october-2017/>

The Air League Bursaries. The Air League will open applications for 2018 flying scholarships and Bursaries during November.

Free Instructor Training. The Air Pilots are generously supporting young glider pilots who want to train as a Basic or Assistant Instructor. The application form which includes details is available at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/project-planning-and-funding/hon-co-air-pilots-instructor-course-bursary-application/>

Please Stay in Touch! If you are reading this on a club noticeboard or by using a link from social media or a club email, why not sign up (free of charge) for BGA news to be sent direct to

your email account via the BGA's online account management system, E-services? As well as news subscriptions, E-services allows you to maintain your contact information, renew other subscriptions and make a number of applications.

If you haven't received login details, you can access E-services by going to <https://members.gliding.co.uk/eservices/forgot-password> and entering the email address that you believe the BGA holds for you. If there is a match, you'll receive an email with temporary password with which you can access the system. If not, please contact the BGA office.

Or if it's easier for you, simply contact the BGA office by email or telephone 0116 2892956 providing a few details and we'll do it for you.

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