

General

Volunteering. Walk into any gliding club and practically everyone you meet will be a volunteer whether it's the person who welcomes you when you arrive, cuts the grass or teaches you to fly. Like most other sports and recreation activity, gliding would grind to a halt without volunteers. You can read more about volunteering in gliding at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/volunteering/>

Between 1-7 June, hundreds of events are taking place across the country to mark Volunteers' Week. The annual campaign recognises the contribution volunteers make to our communities every day. Resources to help clubs to attract, develop and retain volunteers are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/club-development/developing-volunteering-at-clubs/>

Royal Aero Club Award Winners. Congratulations to our Royal Aero Club award winners following presentations by HRH Prince Andrew at the RAF Club during May. Great work Kevin Atkinson, Tony Cronshaw, Mark Evans, Don Irving, Steve Longland, Andy Miller, Michael Muir, David Roberts, John Stirk, John Williams, Justin Wills, Derek Wilson, and the 2017 British Gliding Team.

Club Management Conference. The 2018 BGA Club Management Conference will take place on Sunday 28th October at Highgate House in Northamptonshire.

Glide Britain. Glide Britain is a brand and a social media channel whose aim it to promote all aspects of gliding through beautiful imagery, stories and video to as broad an audience as possible. It aims to have posts that are both visually appealing but also informative and understandable to the general-public.

<https://www.facebook.com/glidebritain/>

Data Protection. The BGA is committed to protecting personal data. You can view our Privacy Notice at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/data/bga-privacy-notice/>

More 8.33 Funding. The CAA has negotiated an extension to the EU Funding scheme and a fourth call period is now open. This will close on 30 September 2018 and supports the impending change of law on 01 January 2019 where, if your flight mandates carriage of a radio, then it must be 8.33 kHz capable.

<http://www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Aircraft-ownership-and-maintenance/8-33-kHz-radios/>

Active Gliding. The BGA would like to gather some information to support the case that a day at the gliding club generally means an active day. We intend to use an online survey to get a decent sample of information from people who monitor their activity levels using Smart watches or Smart phones. Please look out for the survey and join in!

All Party Parliamentary Group on General Aviation. The APPG GA, led by Grant Shapps MP, is working on behalf of all GA pilots and operators in four key sectors; airfields, airspace, tax/regulation, and heritage/displays.

<http://www.generalaviationappg.uk/>

Safety & Operations

8.33 Ground Stations. The UK's 8.33 ground station conversion programme has resulted in a situation where NATS AIS is not able to ensure that all requested frequency changes will be made to the AIP in good time, and so they advise that airspace users should consult the 'AIS supplement' in conjunction with the AIP and be aware that other sources of information may be out of date (eg. the ½ mil chart). The CAA has prosecuted a GA pilot for landing without permission having failed to make contact on the correct frequency. The BGA advice is that pilots should plan as far as possible by checking frequencies before flight. You can find the AIS supplement here <https://tinyurl.com/y9otnwc2>

Motor Glider Handbook. The recently updated BGA Motor Glider Handbook provides good practice guidance for clubs, pilots and owners that operate SLMG, self-launching sailplane, TMG or microlight sailplane aircraft, regardless of which regulatory system applies.
<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/power-flying/bga-motor-glider-handbook/>

Restricted Areas (Temporary). All pilots are reminded of their obligation to check NOTAMs before flight. Restricted Areas (Temporary), known as RA(T)'s, are established for a variety of reasons including to protect air displays and listed within NOTAMs. Pilots who have infringed RA(T)'s have been prosecuted, leading to fines and loss of flying privileges.
<https://members.gliding.co.uk/airspace/avoiding-infringements/>

Avoiding Mid-air Collisions. Updated yourself on good practice recently?
<https://members.gliding.co.uk/bga-safety-management/lookout/>

BGA Safety Briefings. BGA safety briefings provide helpful risk management information for pilots covering hot topics and presented in an easily absorbed format.
<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/safety-briefings/>

The recently updated '*Is your glider fit for flight?*' is just one example.
<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/safety-briefings/is-your-glider-fit-for-flight/>

Competitions, Cross-Country & Aerobatics

Inter Club League 2018. A busy work diary means that Andrew Mugleston has had to step down from being the central contact for the ICL. Chris Luton chto@bgs.ac.uk from The Gliding Centre is the ICL contact for the rest of the season. Chris is in the process of sorting out details of date and venue for the ICL Final. As usual, information will be posted on the Inter Club League Facebook page (link on the webpage below). For now, we wish you good weather and hot competition - please share the fun and results of local leagues as the season progresses.
<https://members.gliding.co.uk/competitions/the-inter-club-league/>

2018 Competition Dates. Dates are at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/competitions/>

Instructing and Training

BGA Instructor Renewal. Following offers from experienced pilots who are lapsed instructors and keen to return to instructing to help at their clubs, it's become apparent that not all CFI's are aware that the current requirements for renewing (different from revalidating) a lapsed BGA assistant or full instructor rating are less prescriptive than they may recall from the past. The

renewal process involves an appropriate level of refresher training, a minimum amount of pilot in command experience in the previous 12 months, and an assessment by an examiner.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/bga-requirements-guidance/instructor-requirements/>

Instructor Resources. The BGA Instructors Manual, demonstration videos, audio files and flight exercise reference cards that can be downloaded onto a phone, etc, are available at

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/pilot-resources-flying-training/instructors/instructor-resources/>

Airspace

UK Airport Files. Paul Ruskin from Cambridge gliding club has pulled together a set of cup files of UK Airports and landable strips and fields, together with current radio frequencies which he intends to update roughly monthly.

<https://tinyurl.com/UKairfields>

Aerobatic Competition Events. Concerned about some close encounters at aerobatic competitions and the need to improve awareness, the British Aerobatic Association have produced an AIC, NOTAMs will be issued for each event and the contest directors will continue to check these are correct and appropriate. Pilots are asked to navigate clear of these events.

<http://tiny.cc/owz3ty>

Parachute Drop Zone Frequencies. The British Parachute Association has updated its drop zone frequency information.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/pilot-briefing-airspace/parachute-dz-frequencies/>

Airworthiness

Courses and Seminars. The latest available BGA airworthiness courses and seminars are detailed on the BGA member website at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/courses/>

Staying in Touch!

BGA Social Media. As well as following your own club's social media output, you can also follow BGA via Facebook – *BritishGlidingAssociation*, Twitter - *@BritishGliding*, and Instagram – *discovergliding*