

## General

**Club Management Conference.** The 2018 BGA Club Management Conference will take place on Sunday 28th October at Highgate House in Northamptonshire. Clubs have been asked to submit their suggestions for the programme organiser Alison Randle. [Alison@gliding.co.uk](mailto:Alison@gliding.co.uk)

**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. Full details can be read on the CAA's 8.33 webpage. <http://www.caa.co.uk/General-aviation/Aircraft-ownership-and-maintenance/8-33-kHz-radios/>

**Potential Funding.** The BGA Development Committee are reviewing funding opportunities to assist with re-equipage of club base radios.

## Competitions & Cross-Country

**The Longest Day.** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of June was the long and classic post cold frontal soaring day that many glider pilots dream about! Numerous long-distance flights including 750 km diplomas were achieved across the country, with awesome 1000km pre-declared tasks completed in four gliders; Russell Cheetham (The Gliding Centre, JS3), Gary Coppin and Andy Aveling (Lasham, Arcus), Tim Jenkinson (London GC, ASH31), and Richard Browne (The Gliding Centre, JS1). On the same day further north, Sant Cervantes (Scottish GC, Discus) flew 2 x 500km tasks and partially completed a third lap!

**Follow the action!** The competition cross-country racing season is well underway. You can follow progress by using links to club competition websites and in many cases the Soaring Spot website. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/competitions/>

**2019 Nationals.** Dates and venues have been confirmed for next year's national championships. These are; Club Class, Aston Down, 25th May to 2nd June 2019 18m and 20m Multi-Seat Classes, Husbands Bosworth, 13-21st July 2019 Open, Standard and 15m Classes, Lasham, 3-11th August 2019 Junior, Nympsfield, 17-25th August 2019.

## Safety & Operations

**Restricted Areas (Temporary).** There are a significant number of RA(T)'s during the summer of 2018, including those associated with the Fairford air show, a US Presidential visit, a transatlantic drone crossing, the Farnborough air show, RAF100 flypast formations, and much more. All pilots must refer to NOTAMs before flight. Details of the RA(T)'s can be found in the published AICs at <https://tinyurl.com/psjfv2> .

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

**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 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>

As previously noted, where we're advised, we'll pass on details of newly updated frequencies.

- With effect from the 1st August 2018 Enstone Radio will be changing to 129.880
- The Oxford Airport list of frequencies is as follows; Oxford Ground 121.955; Oxford Radar 125.090; Tower 133.430 on 6th July 2018; Director 119.980 on 6th July 2018

**Motor Glider Operations.** Last month, we reported on publication of the revised BGA Motor Glider Handbook which provides good practice guidance for clubs, pilots, and instructors. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/power-flying/bga-motor-glider-handbook/> . BGA instructors who teach field landing training are respectfully reminded of the need to operate legally and are encouraged to climb away from a field landing training circuit without unnecessary delay. The CAA's consolidation of SERA, ANO and differences is at <https://tinyurl.com/yb9h7ssf>

**Drones.** The BGA has published some drone conflict avoidance guidance for clubs and pilots. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/bga-safety-management/drone-mid-air-conflict-awareness/>

**Safety Briefings.** BGA safety briefings are available on the members website. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/safety-briefings/>

## Airspace

The government is developing its aviation strategy. <https://tinyurl.com/ycd2gedt> . DfT, NATS, CAA and several airports are currently involved in a range of activities relating to what is currently titled the future airspace strategy. <http://futureairspace.aero/>.

These related strategies will inevitably result in some significant changes to UK airspace and, in the longer term, changes in how we all use the airspace. The BGA is working within the GA Alliance to ensure that recreational GA is engaged, and its needs are reasonably considered during the development of both the UK's aviation strategy and the future airspace strategy. We can all expect to hear more over the coming months and years. If you would like to volunteer to help us with this important work, please contact the BGA office.

## Airworthiness

**T61f Motor Gliders.** T61f motor gliders are being transferred from EASA to non-EASA status. A process update is available at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/2018/06/22/t61-national-c-of-a/>

## 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*