

## General

**David Roberts.** David Roberts, a BGA vice president, has been awarded the prestigious FAI Silver Medal for 2018. You can read the citation at

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/2018/08/07/prestigious-fai-award-for-david-roberts/>

**8.33 Funding Closes Soon.** The CAA negotiated extension to the EU Funding scheme closes on 30 September 2018. The funding 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/>

**BGA Websites.** Our website family is available at

<https://www.gliding.co.uk/> - learn how you can get involved in gliding

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/> - detailed information for those involved in the sport

<https://www.sailplaneandgliding.co.uk/> - probably the best English language gliding magazine

<https://team.gliding.co.uk/> - follow the British Gliding Team

**Why Re-Invent the Wheel?** Clubs are often willing to share and help each other with ideas and mutual support. The BGA club innovation and best practice award scheme aims to support that process and to bring your ideas to the attention of other clubs that may not otherwise be aware of them – and to award a prize! You can read more here.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/club-development/club-good-practice-sharing-and-best-practice-awards/>

**Women Glide.** Gliding is a sport where men and women compete on equal terms. But because there are so few women in gliding there is a need for role-modelling and encouragement to ensure women fulfil this potential. Women Glide helps to facilitate that. More information is available at <http://www.womenglide.co.uk/>

**Aviation Strategy.** The Department for Transport (DfT) is currently developing a new Aviation Strategy. As part of the consultation process, the DfT held a round-table consultation with GA during August. A written response was submitted by the BGA.

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

**Glide Britain Resources.** Glide Britain edited video footage is available for use by clubs at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAsyazUSKdSI3yHjvzH5nag>

**Child Protection.** The BGA recognises that sport can and does have a very powerful and positive influence on young people. Not only can it provide opportunities for enjoyment and achievement; it can also develop valuable qualities such as self-esteem, leadership and teamwork. The BGA recognises that we have a duty of care towards young and vulnerable participants and can help to protect them from abuse.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/governance-documents/bga-child-protection-policy-and-procedures/>

**Save the Date.** The BGA Conference and AGM will be held at the Nottingham Belfry on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

**Club Management Conference.** The Club Management Conference is being held at Highgate House, Northants on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October. This event is for club Chairs & Managers, CFIs' Treasurers, and Juniors / Junior Gliding Activity Co-ordinators. As ever a range of topical subjects will be discussed, with the opportunity for networking and idea swapping between clubs. For many this is the true value of the event. The delegate fee is £20 per person which includes lunch and refreshments. Online booking is now open. Bookings close on 11th October or as soon as we reach capacity. For full details and booking, please go to the conference webpage at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/26112-2/>

**RAeC Change.** The newly appointed Royal Aero Club (RAeC) chairman succeeding Patrick Naegeli is David Monks from the Helicopter Club of Great Britain. Our thanks to BGA Vice-President Patrick Naegeli, who served as the RAeC Chairman for two full terms totalling six years.

**Laws and Rules.** The BGA members webpage 'Laws and Rules' provides the BGA requirements as well as signposting to source documents describing various aspects of aviation regulation and associated guidance. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/laws-rules/>

**BGA Airspace Committee.** On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, after seven years of volunteer service in this important volunteer role, John Williams is handing over the BGA Airspace Committee chair to Neil Goudie. A huge thank you to John, who will remain involved with a small number of ongoing projects.

## Competitions & Cross-Country

**World Gliding Championships Silver Medal!** The World Gliding Championships for the 20m two-seat, 18m and Open classes took place during August at Hosin in the Czech Republic. After 12 days of strong racing conditions, Steve Jones and Garry Coppin flying an Arcus took Silver in the 20m two-seat class. A great achievement. Well done to all in the British Gliding Team including crews and other support. <https://www.soaringspot.com/en/35th-world-gliding-championships-hosin-2018/results>

**National Champions.** After two weeks of very different weather conditions, all round great organisation and of course excellent flying, we have the following National champions for 2018. Congratulations to the 2018 champions, and many thanks to the competition organisers and crews.

Junior – Jake Brattle DG101  
Standard Class – Leigh Wells LS8  
Open Class – Andy Davis JS1C  
20m Class – Garry Coppin Arcus  
18m Class – Peter Harvey JS1C  
15m Class – Tim Scott ASG29e

**UK Sport Funding.** As previously reported, UK Sport is consulting on the future of UK Sport funding of elite sport, which is currently limited to medal-winning Olympic and Paralympic sports. In addition to completing the online response, the BGA has submitted a written response.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/governance-documents/uk-sport-elite-funding-consultation-response/>

# Safety & Operations

**Managing Flying Risk.** The BGA publication 'managing flying risk' details gliding operations good practice and aims to provide clubs and pilots with guidance that will help them to understand, minimise and manage risks associated with gliding operations including powered gliders and tug aircraft.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/bga-requirements-guidance/managing-flying-risk-guidance/>

**Overflight of Gliding Sites.** The BGA has written to the NATMAC membership, which covers the widest cross section of airspace user representatives and organisations, as well as the GA press to raise awareness of the need to fly clear of gliding sites. We've subsequently received positive feedback from other airspace users. Gliding clubs are advised to be extremely vigilant immediately before carrying out a winch launch.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/safety-briefings/please-fly-clear-of-gliding-sites/>

**Avoiding Mid-air Collisions.** Updated yourself on good practice recently?

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/bga-safety-management/lookout/>

**Restrictions of Flying.** All pilots are respectfully reminded that restrictions of flying continue to be scheduled during September. Please note that NOTAMs will highlight any changes or developments. <https://tinyurl.com/psjfv2>

**Gloucester Airport Frequencies.** Gloucester airport has announced frequency changes effective from 1 September 2018;

Tower – 122.905

Approach – 128.555

Radar – 120.980

ATIS – 127.480

**Safety Briefings.** BGA safety briefings are available on the members website.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/safety-briefings/>

**CAA Decision on the Farnborough Airport ACP.** The BGA has made a statement on the CAA decision to approve the Farnborough airport airspace change proposal.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/governance-documents/statement-cao-decision-re-the-tag-farnborough-acp/>

Lasham Gliding Society has published a press release on their website.

<https://www.lashamgliding.com/pages/farnborough-campaign>

The GA Alliance has made a statement

<http://gaalliance.org.uk/gaa-publishes-statement-on-cao-decision-re-tag-farnborough-acp/>

**Parliamentary Group Announces Inquiry.** The All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on General Aviation has announced it intends to investigate the way that airspace changes are processed by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in the UK.

<http://www.generalaviationappg.uk/parliamentary-group-announces-inquiry-into-civil-aviation-authority-airspace-change-process/>

# Airworthiness and Maintenance

**Inspector Courses.** Inspector Refresher and Human Factors training is required every 5 years. The latest courses are detailed below. More to follow. Please note that any inspector who has been extended will need to book onto a course. Please book via [debbie@gliding.co.uk](mailto:debbie@gliding.co.uk) or 0116 2892956. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/courses/courses/>

- Lasham GS on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018 0930 - 1700
- Bicester GC on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 0930 - 1700

**Guidance for Pilots and Owners.** As many will be aware, owners have significant responsibilities regarding the airworthiness of their aircraft. The BGA publishes guidance. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2016/09/General-Guidance-for-Aircraft-Owners.pdf>

**Pilot Owner Maintenance.** The BGA Airworthiness Exposition, which reflects EASA regulation, permits a significant amount of 'Pilot Owner Maintenance' tasks. If in doubt, please seek the advice of an experience inspector before attempting a maintenance task. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2015/04/Pilot-owner-maintenance-AMP-2-1.pdf>

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