

General

A Great Season So Far! After a slow start, for many this summer just kept delivering. The BGA ladder alone is already showing close to 1.4 million kms flown.

<https://www.bgaladder.co.uk/>

The New Scientist Show. The BGA had a significant presence at the New Scientist Show during September. Thousands of members of the public saw our upgraded simulator in action, a huge number had a brief flight and a few hundred provided follow up details. A massive thanks to our volunteers who gave their all over four very long days.

NPPL Theoretical Knowledge Exams. Pilots training for the NPPL/PPL(A) who are members of BGA clubs, who have completed the required ground study, and who are deemed ready to take the CAA's NPPL/PPL Theoretical Knowledge Examinations can apply to sit the exams at the BGA office. Please note that all sittings will be by appointment only. Booking is made via sheila@gliding.co.uk

Inter Club League. The Inter Club League final took place at Booker GC on 1/2 September. After two days of racing and a very close finish, the Bicester GC team came out on top with the Bristol and Gloucester GC team in second place. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all those who took part across the whole country during 2018. If you want to get involved during 2019, please talk to your Inter Club League club captain. The 2018 ICL final results are at https://www.soaringspot.com/en_gb/icl-final-2018/

Changes to the Administration of Aeronautical Radio Licences. From 2 November 2018, Aeronautical Radio Licences, currently issued by the CAA, will be issued and administered by Ofcom.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/airworthiness/caa-letter-re-changes-to-the-administration-of-radio-licences-dated-13-sep-18/>

8.33 Ground Station Licensing. Aeronautical ground station licences are issued to cover the installation and use of a radio installation which provides ground to air communication. There are several categories of radio licence to cover the main types of ground to air service including air sport frequencies. For more information please refer to;

<https://www.caa.co.uk/Commercial-Industry/Airspace/Communication-navigation-and-surveillance/Radio-licensing/Radio-licence-categories/>

Response to CAA Airspace Modernisation Strategy. The BGA has collaborated with the GA Alliance in responding to the CAA's airspace modernisation strategy consultation which closed during September.

<http://gaalliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/GAA-response-to-CAA-airspace-modernisation-strategy-consultation.pdf>

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

Important - Airspace Inquiry. The All-Party Parliamentary Group on General Aviation (APPG-GA) is parliament's largest APPG, With 174 MPs and Peers. The parliamentary group works to educate parliamentarians and ministers about the role that aviation plays in society and our economic nation's prosperity. The APPG has five expert Working Groups covering Airfields, Airspace, Tax & Regulations, Heritage Aviation and STEM Jobs & Skills.

The APPG-GA intends to investigate the way that airspace is managed in the UK through an inquiry that will study all components of governance and process that result in airspace decisions and make recommendations on how to improve the current system.

BGA clubs and individuals are encouraged to respond to the call for evidence at <http://www.generalaviationappg.uk/airspace-inquiry-terms-of-reference-and-call-for-evidence/>

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/>

Club Management Conference. The Club Management Conference is being held at Highgate House, Northants on Sunday 28th 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 open - .bookings close on 11th October or as soon as we reach capacity (currently just over 50% capacity). For full details and booking, please go to the conference webpage at <https://members.gliding.co.uk/26112-2/>

Aviation Safety Regulation in the Event of a No Deal Brexit. The UK Government has published details of how it intends to manage aviation safety in the event of a no deal Brexit. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/aviation-safety-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/aviation-safety-if-theres-no-brexit-deal>

New News. The BGA is testing a new BGA News format. Apologies in advance if you receive the same detail described here twice. Once we're happy with the new system, this version of BGA News will be retired.

Technical News. TNS 1-2018 has been published. <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/tns/tns-1-2018/>

Safety & Operations

Bailout Presentation. The BGA has added to its Safety and Training YouTube channel a bailout presentation by G Dale that is based on his own experiences. The presentation can be viewed here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDXIxHAmSX0>

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/>

Hus Bos Frequency Change. The Gliding Centre has advised that from the 29th October 2018 their airfield frequency will be 127.580.

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

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

RT Training. On Saturday 5th January, London GC (Dunstable) will be hosting a one-day training course designed to prepare people for the RT exam. The first half hour will be oriented towards glider pilots using the radio. The remainder of the day will be given over exclusively to preparing people to sit the Flight Radio Telephony Examinations. The course is free to members of BGA clubs. However, registration is essential. Please reserve a place by sending an email to chularupasinha@hotmail.com.

www.dunstableradio.co.uk

8.33 Air Sport Frequencies. It has been agreed by CAA that during 2019 the existing four 25 kHz gliding frequencies plus one frequency shared with others will be replaced with eight 8.33 kHz gliding frequencies plus one shared with others. Use will be subject to BGA internal consideration and CAA review. Full details will be published by the end of the year.

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

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