

General

What a month! Following a great end to June, July 2018 will be long-remembered for some fantastic soaring weather with strong thermals and high cloud bases. Individual pilots, clubs, and National, Regional, Interclub and Enterprise competitions made the most of it! Congratulations to all who have achieved badge flights, podium places, or a new personal best. Let's hope August continues the theme. There's plenty of summer ahead of us.

Latest from Glide Britain. We all know that there are a lot of misconceptions about gliding. The latest video from Glide Britain attempts to dispel them. Please share it with your non-gliding friends. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHR2Hxk-E8Q&t=21s>

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/>

Marketing. The BGA marketing officer rachel@gliding.co.uk is visiting numerous clubs this year and is keen to hear about club marketing needs, ideas and examples of good practice.

Media Coverage. It would be great if clubs would contact rachel@gliding.co.uk when they attract media coverage with their local BBC radio station. We can convert the interviews into podcasts for club use as an online and social media marketing tool.

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. Important dates for diaries include;

- Sunday 28th October. Club Management Conference at Highgate House, Northants
- Saturday 2nd March 2019. BGA Conference at the Nottingham Belfry

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

Competitions & Cross-Country

Follow the Action. The competition cross-country racing season is well underway. You can follow progress by using links to club competition websites and the Soaring Spot website. https://www.soaringspot.com/en_gb/

2018 18m and 20m Champions. After nine successful racing days at the 18m and 20m National Championships hosted by The Gliding Centre, Peter Harvey (JS1) is the 18m champion and Garry Coppin (Arcus) is the 20m champion. Well done to all the competitors and crews, and to the competition organisers and staff.

World Gliding Championships. After a hard-fought World Gliding Championships for the Club, Standard and 15m classes at Ostrow, Poland, the British Gliding Team best placed pilots were Dave Bromley (13th, Standard class), Derren Francis (11th, 15m class), and Tim Fletcher (13th, Club Class). Thanks very much to all the Team and their supporters including our generous sponsors. The World Gliding Championships for the 20m two-seat, 18m and Open classes is now underway at Hosin in the Czech Republic. You can follow the Team activities online at <https://team.gliding.co.uk/> <https://www.facebook.com/britishglidingteam/> @GBGlidingTeam

Safety & Operations

Thanks. As reported, there were a number of large RA(T)'s established during July. Although a very small number of related infringements occurred, we understand that gliders were not involved. As expected, great work by clubs, CFIs, comp organisers and of course pilots. Meanwhile, other temporary restrictions inevitably apply during August. All pilots must refer to NOTAMs before flight. Details of 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/>

Conduct of Field Landing Training. Instructors who teach field landings are reminded of the need to operate legally and using appropriate threat and error management. New guidance is available on the BGA members website.
<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/instructors/conduct-of-field-landing-training/>

ATZ's. All pilots are again respectfully reminded that the permission of the controlling authority is required prior to entering an ATZ. Selecting the correct frequency and contacting ATC well in advance of getting close to an ATZ and/or associated instrument procedure feathers can significantly reduce the workload for all involved and particularly the glider pilot when he or she eventually needs to enter the ATZ for some reason.
<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/pilot-briefing-airspace/atz-procedures/>

GPS Navigation Equipment. Supervisors of early cross-country flights are strongly encouraged to ensure that the pilot is equipped with GPS navigation equipment with up to date software, which has been set up correctly including any airspace warnings, and that the pilot is competent in using the equipment to support their airborne navigation.
<https://members.gliding.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2017/08/7-25-NAVIGATION-V3-2017.pdf>
<https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/pilot-info/bga-navigation-and-airspace-awareness-training-briefing/>

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>

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

Surviving a Partial Power Failure after Take-off. The Australian Transport Safety Bureau has noted that fatal and serious injury accidents resulting from partial power loss after take-off are avoidable. They have published a booklet that shows how to prevent or minimise the risk of bodily harm following a partial or complete engine power loss after take-off.
https://www.atsb.gov.au/media/4115270/ar-2010-055_no3.pdf

Airspace

TAG/Farnborough ACP. The CAA has announced that an airspace change proposal by TAG Farnborough Airport has been largely approved by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The airport's request for the introduction of Class D airspace in its surrounding area is subject to some changes including use of TMZ's. A BGA statement on the CAA decision is available on the members website.
<https://members.glidering.co.uk/library/governance-documents/statement-cao-decision-re-the-tag-farnborough-acp/>

Exeter Airport. All pilots who fly in the vicinity of Exeter airport are reminded of the need to where possible avoid Exeter's ATZ and instrument approaches and always to make contact with Exeter ATC when close to or if likely to fly close to the ATZ or instrument approaches.

Exeter airport has advised the CAA that it will be studying the impact of GA operations on its existing instrument procedures ahead of an expected airspace change proposal to be submitted to the CAA by Exeter airport on 1st November 2019.

Brize Norton. RAF Brize Norton is approaching stakeholders to discuss Letters of Agreement associated with their proposed airspace change. Any club that is approached is urged to contact the BGA Airspace Committee via the BGA office.
<https://members.glidering.co.uk/representation-and-consultations/oxford-and-raf-brize-norton-acps/>

Airspace Strategy Consultation. DfT, NATS, CAA and several airports are currently involved in a range of activities relating to airspace modernisation. The CAA has recently published its airspace strategy consultation, which closes during September 2018.
<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policy-development/draft-airspace-modernisation-strategy/>