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# The Booker Newsletter

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## From the chairman

Last winter, the club put together a plan for the refurbishment and redevelopment of the blister hangar. We submitted it to Sport England and we recently heard that we have been awarded just under £48,000 by the Lottery



funded Sport England to implement the plan. This is the best news we have had for a long time and a real cause for celebration. On the 13<sup>th</sup> August we marked the occasion with a short presentation at the Blister Hangar attended by the Chairman of Wycombe District Council, Councillor Ian McEnnis. On behalf of all the members of the club I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the team that made this award possible – Jane Moore, Denis Campbell, Richard Crockett, Chris Collett, Graham Morfey and William Parker. There will be an all-members celebration and barbecue at the end of the forthcoming task week on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August. You'll see the details in the clubhouse. Please invite all of your family and friends to this special day for our club.

In the meantime good soaring weather continues and members are flying some great cross country tasks. And in two months time the club will be up at Aboyne for our annual wave flying expedition. See you at the launch point  
Geoff

## From the CFI

What fantastic news! Huge congratulations go to Jane, Denis and the rest of the team for securing £48,000 to improve our facilities here at Booker.

The idea for this project first came to us back in deepest darkest winter when the ground was covered in 6 inches of snow. I'm not sure if on that particular day there was more snow in the blister hanger or outside due to the broken windows and holes in the roof. It was then that we realised that maybe we could raise some money to refurbish then hangar and create something that would be more useful to the club.



Along with the hangar project we shall also be getting a brand new, purpose built trailer to house our simulator. This will enable the sales and marketing team (Again headed up by Jane!) to take it to the numerous events they go to each year to recruit new members.

When not travelling the countryside, the simulator will be available for anyone to use and will be a most valuable club asset which can be used for all levels of training.

Things are changing here at Booker, the club is on the up and up and we owe huge thanks, not just to Jane, but to all of you who put in hours and hours of your own time to make the club what it is today. This major success just goes to show what we as Booker Gliding Club members can do to make a vision become a reality.

Keep up the great work and see you at the launch point,

Richard

## Dates for your Diary

**Get Your Solo Courses:** 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> August

**Task Weeks / Silver Courses:** 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> August

**Aboyne Expedition:** 5<sup>th</sup> October – 19<sup>th</sup> October

## Members' Achievements

**Richard Eaton**, on a 5 day PPL conversion course, solo'd on day 2 and converted to K18 on day 3. He has now converted to the Junior and completed a first bronze hour

**Stuart Whitehouse** Silver Distance completed

**Peter Kirkwood** (cadet) Converted to K18 and completed 2 x 2hr bronze legs

Congratulations to these members and their instructors!

## Cross country reminder

A gentle reminder to those who fly cross country that if you land out would you please make contact with the club, either in the office or on the land out mobile telephone to let us know you are safe.

There have been a couple of incidents lately where the Duty Instructor has not heard from a pilot until after 7pm and has started to get concerned for their welfare. Thankfully on both occasions the pilots were safely in fields but had not made contact to inform us of this.

The Duty Instructor must stay on site until every glider has been accounted for and with the great summer that we've been having there have been some long soaring days. We do not mind in the slightest waiting for you but appreciate knowing that you're safe.

I fully understand that it is not always possible but I would ask that should you find yourself on a late final glide then try and give the club a call on 129.975 just so we know to expect you.

I would also encourage you, that when flying cross country, make a radio call on your task frequency each time you turn a turn point. This serves two purposes, firstly it lets people know where you are and secondly it encourages those behind to you pull their socks up!

Richard

## Booker wins Sport England support

As part of its Olympics and Paralympics legacy programme, Sport England initiated its Inspired Facilities fund of National Lottery funding to enable sports clubs to increase participation in sport, with grants of up to £50,000 for capital projects involving buildings. In round 1 there were 663 applications, with 350 successful, subsequent rounds attracted more and more applications with around 300 successful each time. The programme was geared towards football pitches and changing rooms, but nothing daunted we put our heads together to think of a scheme and finally Richard Crockett came up with a wizard wheeze, the Booker Training and Resource Centre, which he explained as we stood in the blister hangar with snow falling on our heads.

Our application was for funding to re-clad the blister hangar, improve the structure inside to provide a briefing area and buy a trailer for the simulator currently being built by a group of members. The simulator will be stationed in the hangar for use by visiting groups and by customers who buy a simulator lesson because they cannot afford a trial lesson or do not meet the medical requirements for flight. This will provide opportunities for members to improve their skills by acting as sim instructors. The trailer will also enable us to take it out to marketing events and to community groups.



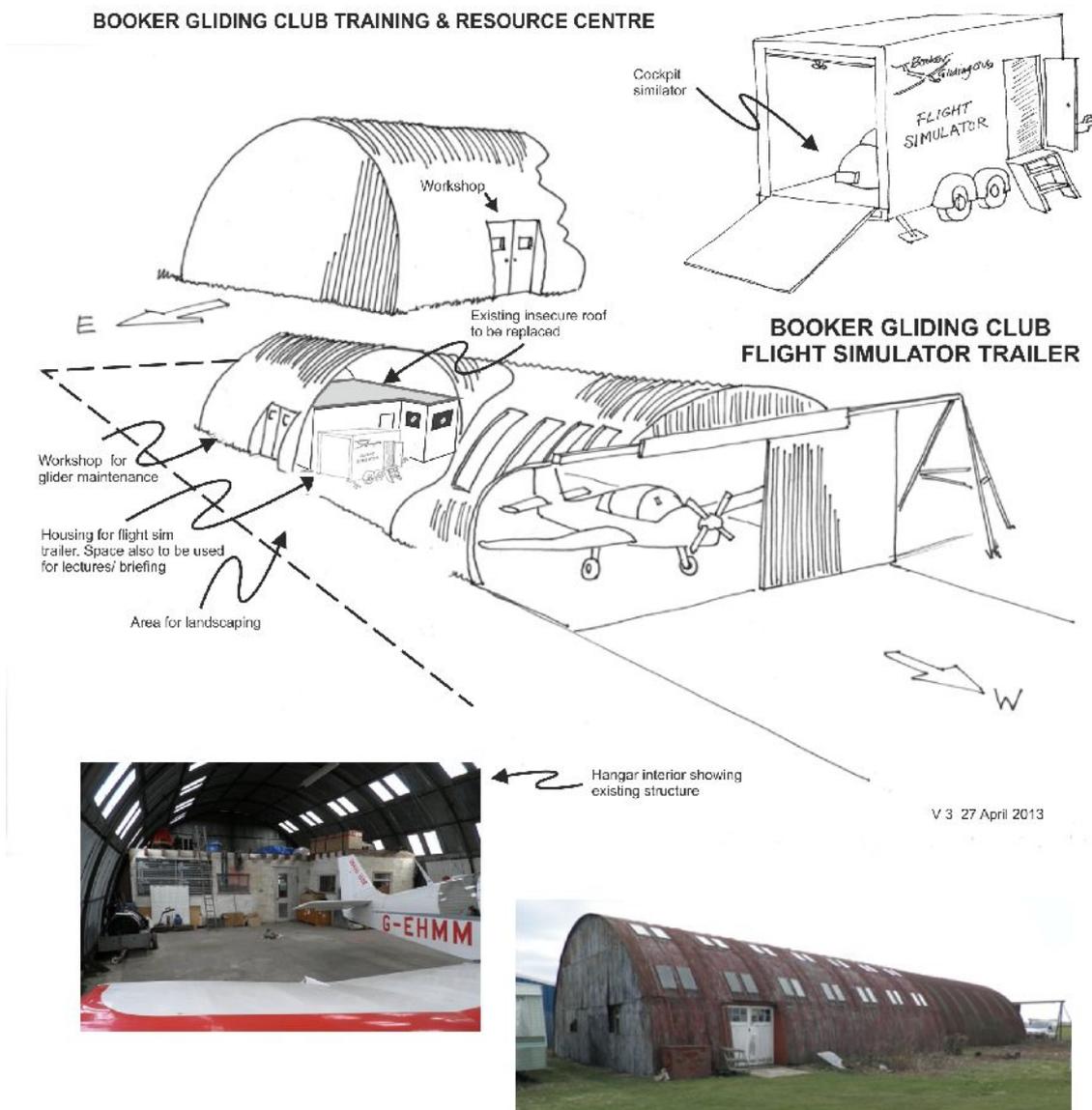
A group of members worked hard to put our bid together, sent it off and sat back to wait. Imagine the excitement when the phone call came to announce that we had won! Of over 1000 applications the success rate was 1 in 4.

Booker Gliding Club's Deputy Chairman, Denis Campbell, said: *'We are delighted by this opportunity to widen access to the sport of gliding. The Club already has an active cadet scheme, encouraging and enabling young people to develop their skills, and we look forward to welcoming other members of the community to discover gliding.'*

The bid team comprised:

Denis Campbell, Jane Moore, Richard Crockett, Graham Morfey, William Parker

## And here's the plan...



## The Sport England Award Ceremony

The Sport England award for Booker was celebrated at a gathering of members at the Blister Hangar on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. The principal guest was The Chairman of Wycombe District Council, Councillor Ian McEnnis, who presented Jane Moore with a cheque for (almost) £48,000 for the restoration of the hangar, the building of a training centre at the rear of the hangar and for a customised trailer to take the BGC gliding simulator out on tour. Also present was Mrs Anita Templar, founder of the Horizon Club for children with special needs and Chair of Wycombe and Marlow Sports Council. Representing Wycombe Air Park was the Airfield Manager Mr David Phillips.

Reflecting one of the driving ideas behind the Training Centre and the mobile glider simulator, that is to provide opportunities for youngsters to discover flying, Cadet Corporal Ellie Ford of 1811 (Marlow) Squadron Air Training Corps, and Peter Kirkwood, one of Booker Gliding Club's many cadets were also there to support the presentation. The Club's Deputy Chairman, Denis Campbell made a short speech of welcome emphasising the considerable achievements of young members of Booker Gliding Club who in the 60 year life of the club have gone on to distinguished careers in aviation.

Steve Baker, our local MP, sent this message, *'I know how much this new training and resource facility will contribute to the success of Booker Gliding Club. I give you my best wishes at this significant moment in the history of the club.'*

Our Chairman Geoff Tabbner, who is currently competing in an international gliding

competition in Italy, emailed *'Our observations over the years have been that young people who are taught to glide are better able to integrate into the workplace, having developed skills in team working, communication and decision making. They are able to take responsibility for themselves. Here at Booker we will be using part of this lottery funded grant from Sport England to build a trailer so that we can take our gliding simulator out into the community.'*

Councillor McEnnis replied with a speech in which

he recognised the long and strong relationship between the council and the gliding club and the value of adventure sports in the development of young people.

As ever, Chris Collett and the Marketing team created a superb background for the presentation with banners and three spotless aircraft (thanks to a cleaning team of cadets). While all present fell on the coffee and pastries, Councillor McEnnis took to the air for a flight in our Duo Discus with CFI Richard.



## Booker out and about

The weekend of 13 and 14 July was a busy one for the Sales & Marketing Team. On Saturday a team took HNK down to the Rye for a return visit to the Wycombe Community Festival, an exciting mix of sport activities, music, carnival and food. With a blue sky and temperatures in the 30s it was hot work for the team, talking to visitors to our stand and lifting small children in and out of the glider. Meanwhile over at the Woodcote Transport Rally near Wallingford another team was displaying 318 as part of the Chiltern Airport stand. This event ran over Saturday and Sunday and was an eclectic mix of steam engines, vintage cars and bikes, model jets, Wild West impersonators and parrots. Parrots? There was also a display by aircraft from the BBMF. The team was kept busy with the constant stream of visitors attracted by the glider and our eye catching set of banners. Many thanks to all the members who gave up their time to staff the two shows, and to Dennis Pearson of Chiltern Airports.



Who needs golf buggies?





Wings on the Rye

## Can you help at the Henley Show?

We will be re-visiting the Henley Show on **Saturday 14 September** with a glider and our usual set of banners. If anyone would like to lend a hand - setting up on the Friday evening, staffing the stand, or taking it all back to Booker at the end of the day, let me know. It's a fun day out, and only just down the road.

*Jane Moore*

## GLIDER FOR SALE

DG 303 Elan Acro. BGA NO 4766. G-CJTK  
Year of manufacture: 2000  
Hours: 370 Launches: 218

- LX 5000 vario/flight computer
- Winter 57mm mechanical vario.
- Winter 57mm Altimeter
- Winter 80mm ASI
- Bohli Compass
- Parachute Silhouette
- Becker AR 4201 Radio
- Jaxida All Weather Cover



Belly Hook, Tow out gear, Wing Dolly, Cobra Trailer, ARC Renewal June 2014, Based at Booker, UK.  
Price: £33,000 Contact: Arne Jorgensen. Tel 0045 39420911  
e-mail: [arne.jorgensen@btinternet.com](mailto:arne.jorgensen@btinternet.com)



## Correction

*Eagle-eyed members who know their French historic homes have pointed out that the chateau described as Amboise in the last issue is in fact the chateau at Chenonceau.*

## Rigging – A caution from the BGA

In the last 40 years, there have been 117 glider accidents and incidents in the UK involving disconnected or insecure controls, an insecure wing, or an insecure tailplane. These accidents have resulted in 10 fatalities and 8 serious injuries.

Although BGA data indicates that owners of ASW19, ASW20, Pegase, Kestrel and Libelle gliders are particularly vulnerable to inadvertently failing to correctly rig their gliders before getting airborne, it is really important that ALL of us accept that we can suffer from universal human shortcomings like distraction, forgetfulness, making unjustified assumptions and rushing to complete a task. We are only human after all.

Accidents of this type can be avoided if:

- Rigging is carried out by a person experienced on type, familiar with the flight manual, and without distraction
- A separate daily inspection is carried out after rigging by a person experienced on type, and without distraction. The daily inspection of course should include all the connections required during rigging
- Positive control checks are carried out. A positive control check is where, with care, the control surface is restrained and an attempt is made to move the control

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## Club Communications

We use Yahoo email groups, which we encourage all members to subscribe to, in order to provide a quick way to communicate with the membership. Details are below.

**Booker GC Forum** – Open to all members to participate. The Forum provides the opportunity to share ideas about the Club. Send an email to: [bookergc-forum-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bookergc-forum-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) and *include your membership number when applying.*

**Booker GC Expeditions** – Open to all members to participate. Send an email to: [bookergc-Expeditions-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bookergc-Expeditions-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) and *include your membership number when applying.*

**Booker GC X-C** – Targeted towards those pilots who fly cross-country or who aspire to develop their cross-country skills. Send an email to: [bookergc\\_xc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:bookergc_xc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) and *include your membership number when applying.*

**Booker GC Instructors** – This is for Booker instructors only to easily email each other. Mainly used for swapping duty days. Send an email to: [BookerGC\\_Instructors-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:BookerGC_Instructors-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) and *include your membership number when applying.*

The **Booker GC website** at [www.bookergliding.co.uk](http://www.bookergliding.co.uk) has a Members Page. This contains the latest Club news snippets and links to previous newsletters, meeting minutes and several useful and informative Club documents. The Members page is accessible to everybody (not just members) but certain documents, such as committee minutes need a user i/d and password. To obtain these, go to the members page and click on the 'email Administrator' link. Don't forget to *include your membership number.*

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**For the latest news about what's happening check out <http://bookergc.blogspot.com/>.**

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Contributions to the newsletter are welcome. If you'd like to submit an article for a future edition please send it to William Parker by email at ([williamparker275@gmail.com](mailto:williamparker275@gmail.com)). Please note new email address

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