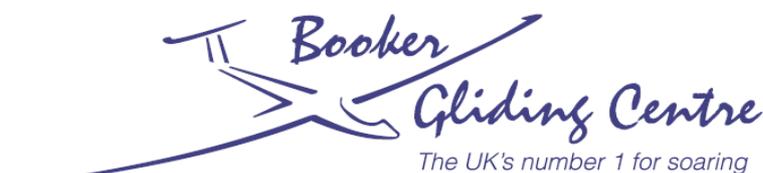
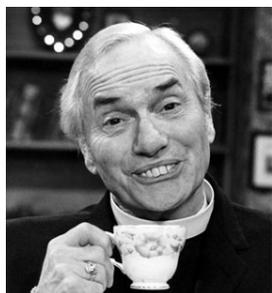


# Booker Gliding Club Newsletter



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**Introducing the Rev. Maxigat's  
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**The Chairman is away on his travels this month.**

## From the CFI

July's been a great month for Booker Members with Tim Scott coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 15 metre Nationals and lots of members completing their silver etc; a full list of achievements will be at the end of the piece.

On a sour note it has been brought to my attention that a number of gliders have been seen to infringe our local airspace and also airspace further afield. May I remind all of you that the CAA can press charges and have done so in the past. More importantly any infringements that are made in our airspace, or any airspace for that matter, will reflect badly on the gliding community as a whole. This is especially relevant given that the BGA is currently in talks with National Air Traffic to free up our local area. However, every glider that busts airspace is another reason for them not to grant this as it shows an appallingly low level of airmanship. Contrary



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to popular belief gliders do show up on radar and they can easily track a glider back to its place of origin. Please can everyone be especially careful that they are remaining outside of controlled airspace at all times!

### Key Points

- Know the local airspace!( There are plenty of maps in the clubhouse to study)
- If flying cross country think about the airspace you may encounter before you take off
- If you need to divert have a good look at your map first
- If using a PDA know how to use it and don't rely on it
- If entering controlled airspace for example Brize Norton Zone call them before entering
- Never enter a parachute drop zone before calling them and getting permission as this shows an alarmingly poor level of airmanship as well as stupidity

On a happier note the Aboyne trip is coming up (3-23 October). If you're interested please talk to myself, Dave Byass or Jane Moore for more information and register your interest with the office so we can have an idea of whose coming and what kit we will need. It's a common misconception that you have to be solo to come, this is not the case. It's a great experience for all levels.



**TIME TO GET  
YOUR NAME ON  
THE LIST FOR  
ABOYNE**

Mike

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## Achievements in July

### 1<sup>st</sup> Solo

Catherine Henderson

Peter Peers Johnson

Oli Pouldon

Russell Woakes

### Bronze Badge

Will Hilton

### Silver Distance

David Hamilton

### Bronze Exam Pass

John Hubberstey

### Basic Instructor Rating

Mike Gatfield

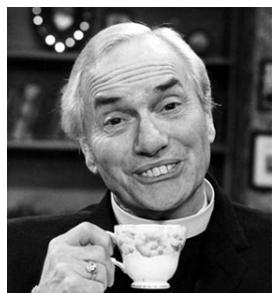
Phil Kellman

Congratulations to all these members and their instructors.

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## **Radio (130.1) 4's Thought for the day: The importance of not giving up...**

*Presented by the Very Reverend Vicar Maxigat*



I rediscovered this art a couple of seasons ago. I realised later I was letting my head get into a mindset of “this isn't going to work and I'm going to landout”. Guess what? I was landing out a lot.

The turning point for me was a day when my wife had motivated me with some quality sports psychology along the lines of “you land out one more time this week and you're in big trouble matey”. It was a windy day and I was down to a silly altimeter reading somewhere near Northampton and thanks to that sports psychology the mindset changed. I spent something like 15 minutes holding in 0.1 of a knot and covered 6 or 7 miles going the wrong way as I got blown downwind monitoring possible boltholes along the way: but I didn't give in. A move across to a couple of soaring feathered friends and another 10 minutes in just over a knot, that built to two, that built to three and time to breathe again.

My message is: gliding is a mind game. Think positive, be patient, don't give in and you'll be pleasantly surprised how your XC skills can improve.

Bless you my children, and safe landings.

## **Useful idea from the BGA**

*Given the complications of various dates for validating paperwork this cockpit sticker idea from the BGA seems like a good idea.*

**Date Information Placard.** We are pleased to announce that the BGA has produced date information placards. These self-adhesive placards are designed to be displayed in the cockpit as an aide-memoir to help owners remember when their ARC, Annual Inspection and Insurance are due. The placards are entirely optional and are for guidance only. They are available free of charge in sheets of 10 from the BGA office. To save postage, we would be grateful if clubs could place a single order or, alternatively, if owners would group together when ordering.

## Summer Quiz

Test your knowledge on a selection of subjects. [Answers on the back page.](#)

1. What is the maximum height to which you can launch a glider by winch without written permission of the CAA?
  2. In what circumstances could moving the stick to the right cause the left wing to go down?
  3. How many aerotows in total must a tug pilot and glider pilot have completed between them before their next launch is legal?
  4. On aerotow what does wagging the rudder of the tug signal to the pilot of the glider?
  5. What is purple airspace?
  6. From the ground you see a glider on final approach with the wheel up, you have a radio, what should you do?
  7. How high do you want to climb in a 3kt thermal in a glider that does 30:1 at McCready 3 when 12 nautical miles out to give a 500ft margin assuming that you fly through flat and still air?
  8. Checking your glider before flying you notice that there is grass in the rim of the main wheel, what does this suggest?
  9. What is the maximum towing speed for a glider trailer on a single carriageway B road?
  10. Assessing a field for an outlanding you see a suitable field but it has a cattle trough out in the middle of the field, what could this be telling you?
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## Bronze Course Report 5<sup>th</sup> - 11th July 2010

As someone who had soloed for the first time last year, I was keen to progress my gliding after a work induced sabbatical over the winter. In the second week of July Julian Saakwa-Mante and Glen Alison kindly offered a week of intensive coaching, briefings and flying training to improve the standard of our group's flying and, weather permitting, possibly achieve a bronze leg.

Three trainees appeared bright eyed on Monday morning at the club house complete with newly purchased Bronze and Beyonds, maps and protractors. The week's weather forecast was mixed so after a briefing we wasted no time getting back into the air to re-acquaint ourselves with some of the basics. Unfortunately the motor-glider was not available so a cross country endorsement was not on the cards. However, plenty of time was spent under instruction exploring the airspace to the west of the airfield in preparation for longer flights.

Mid week saw the weather deteriorate which meant a day in the classroom conducting a very useful interactive session covering many of the topics required for the written test. The ability to consult online resources combined with expert tuition meant that we were able to cover a lot of ground and build confidence. As if on cue the weather towards the end of the week improved dramatically as we took to the air again to secure a bronze leg before the end of the week. On Friday afternoon conditions were almost perfect for a two hour 48 minute flight that both renewed the enthusiasm to go cross country and was a timely reminder to always take something to drink, just in case you have the opportunity to stay up. Many thanks again to both Julian and Glen for their patience and instruction on what was an excellent Bronze Course.

*Stuart Lacey*

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## Sales and Marketing News

### Prize for top sales

It's been a great summer with plenty of glorious soaring weather, what better time to convert people to the joys of gliding? And the best way by far to do this is the personal approach. Every club member can help by talking to visitors and explaining the aspect of gliding which would appeal to the particular person. And in order to clinch the deal, the committee has agreed to allow club members to offer discounts on course upgrades where this will help to make the sale. A pocket-sized card will be available shortly to help you remember the deals on offer. And if you need more encouragement than the thought that you are helping your club, there will be a prize for the member who has made the most sales by the end of the season. So don't delay, sell today!

Remember also that your friends can fly at the special Member's Friend rate of £55 for a Trial Lesson at any time, and members of the public can fly at this rate on weekday evenings.

### Glider in the square

The Sales and Marketing Team is currently investigating two sites in High Wycombe for displaying a glider and promoting the club. We are also considering making our presence felt at the Chiltern Park Fly In on 28/29 August. Plus it's a while since we took a Junior to Henley. If you can spare a little time to help with any of these events, contact Jane Moore.

*Jane Moore*

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Quiz Answers:

1. 60 metres
  2. At the stall. Down left aileron, could stall the tip causing the wing to drop.
  3. 6
  4. Air brakes open
  5. Reserved for royal flights
  6. Nothing
  7. 2,900 feet
  8. An earlier ground loop
  9. 50 mph
  10. The trough may be sited across a wire fence so that cattle can drink from either side.
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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 ([william.parker5@btinternet.com](mailto:william.parker5@btinternet.com)).

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