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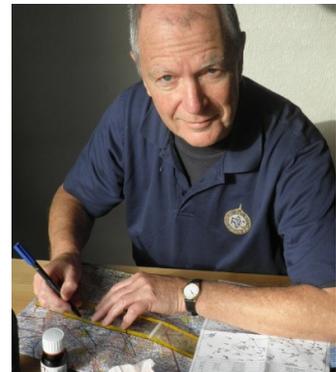
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From the Chairman

The season is getting into full swing despite the weather throwing in a week of wet and a week of high for the last week of May and the first week of June. Even so, we can see some impressive flights on the club ladder – currently led by Jim White with George Hunter and Denis Campbell hot on his heels. And congratulations to George on his first 500km flight.



On 2nd July we start nine days of HDT racing at Booker for the 2017 Booker Red Kite Regionals. This year we have more visitors than last year and a field of 21 competitors.

The preparations for the Regionals include Clean Up Day on 25th June – there's an article about it in this issue. Please come and lend a hand to make sure we make the best possible impression at the comp. And even if you are not competing, please come along to the club during the competition, helping hands are always welcome and club flying will continue before and after the grid launch.

Some thirty members have recently returned from a fortnight's flying at Klippeneck. It was the first time I had been there and I can see what all the excitement is about! There is

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beautiful soaring terrain, a fabulous gliding site, exceptionally comfortable, convenient and affordable accommodation – what more can one ask? Well interesting things to do on un-flyable days such as visiting the Dornier Museum in Friedrichshafen and go-karting, although attempt at the latter was described as ' the unseemly spectacle of an old man doing his best, being barged out of the way by five German teenagers and the CFI of Booker Gliding Club'. I can't imagine who they were talking about.

The development of interesting expeditions is proving a popular and winning strategy for the club. To that end plans are already afoot to set out the expedition programme for next year. This is likely to include a trip to Llanbedr (pronounced 'Clan-bedder' I'm told). There's an excellent article on this site on the Welsh coast in the latest issue of S & G.

Closer to home, demand for courses is at an all-time high and Richard tells me the diary is more or less full for course flying for the rest of this season. All credit to Richard, Alex and Andy, Sam and Sean for all their enthusiasm and hard work on the courses.

Don't forget, if you have any comments or views about club activities you can send them to me at chairman@bookergliding.co.uk

See you up there
William

From the CFI

For me, the 2016 gliding season is just getting better and better. As William has reported we have all now returned safely from our third annual club expedition to Klippeneck.

I have to say, this year's expedition was simply fantastic. We had good quality soaring on 10 of our 14 day trip with cloud bases occasionally reaching 10,000 feet. Personally I had one of the best flights I ever had one afternoon with new member Paul Field. Paul and I launched into a good-looking sky to fly a short 150km task. After our first climb to 9,800 feet we quickly realised that the day was much better than originally forecast!



We flew most of our declared task before heading into the Black Forest to chase even better-looking conditions. It was at this point our flight really started..... conditions in the Forest were so strong we flew 100km, never slowing down to anything less than 80 knots and without turning once. The highlight of the flight was a reasonably long glide at 120 knots still going up at 6-8 knots! We landed having spent 3 hours in the air and flying 300km with huge smiles on our faces – we both had to admit it was one of the best days ever.

The list for our 2017 expedition will be going up shortly and like all our expeditions, open to all. If you haven't already been, you really need to!

For the remainder of the season we have several events to look forward to. Next up is the Booker Regionals which (weather permitting) promises to be fantastic fun. As William has said, even if you're not flying, come along and enjoy the fun!

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Our final expedition of the year is in October. We have already visited Aboyne once this year but we return again for our annual autumn fortnight's trip. Much like Klippeneck, if you haven't been to Aboyne you really must. The scenery is some of the best you will ever see, and the flying just mind-blowing. If you wish to register your interest please contact either myself or the office.

Closer to home, our week-long courses are all just about full. We've even had to find extra weeks to include more courses as demand is so high. I think it's safe to say that the instructing staff will need a rest come the end of the season!

All the very best.

Richard

Members' achievements

Krzysztof Sokalski – 1st solo

Luca Ridolfi – 1st solo

Paul Clarke – 1st solo in Falke

Nik von Merveldt – converted to Pegasus

Callum Harris – Bronze 1hr and 2hr flights

Paul Field – Silver distance and duration

Zeljko Livancic – Silver height

George Hunter – 1st 500km

Congratulations to all!

Pre-Regionals Clean-up Day - Saturday 25th June

Once again before this year's Regionals we are organising a Clean-up Day around the club. If you can spare some time, please come and help the club to make a good impression during the Regionals. We would like people to come along for an hour or so starting at 10.00 am on Saturday 25th June.

There isn't a huge amount to be done, these are some of the tasks to be tackled:

- 👉 Mowing the trailer park. Unfortunately it doesn't look as though we shall be able to use the large motor triple mower so it needs to be done with the hand mowers and that's a job for some relay teams.
- 👉 Clearing away junk in the trailer park
- 👉 Clearing the area around the gate into the Army Reserve Centre
- 👉 Tidying up outside the glider and tug workshops
- 👉 Putting up signs and banners
- 👉 Tidying up in the club house
- 👉 Fettleing the verandah in front of the club house
- 👉 Tidying up on the bus

Klippeneck report

The Klippeneck 2016 Expedition is sadly over but it is fair to say that everyone involved had a great time and enjoyed some superb flying in a wonderful location and with the local Klippeneck Gliding Club being the most accommodating hosts. They allowed us to use their facilities as if they were ours, letting us get on and do what we wanted to do with the minimum of fuss and oversight whilst providing a tug and hangar space as needed. We are very lucky to have found such a location and club.



The club gliders and private owners had plenty of opportunities to explore the local area – ‘local’ being quite large when cloudbase is 10,000ft. On several days HDT tasks were flown with much friendly competition about task speeds but all agreed that the system is a good thing. Paul Field completed his Silver duration and distance in 319 and Zeljko Livancic got his Silver height (but only by getting below airfield height at one point before recovering and climbing to 7,000ft - don't forget the airfield is 3,000ft amsl) - well done guys.

On one epic day Denis (370) flew the task then set off further into the Black Forest area and got up towards Baden Baden before heading home. Meanwhile Richard and Paul (315) decided to extend beyond the set task and flew NE out towards Ulm before heading NW (around the Stuttgart zone) towards Baden Baden then south towards Lake Konstanz and home for 260k. Along the way they encountered some extremely strong lift under developing storms and only stopped climbing when they got to 120kts.



On no-fly days we visited local museums or points of interest in the area. The Zeppelin museum at Friedrichshafen proved popular as did the more local aircraft museum at Schwenningen. One evening was spent karting.

On the last day
Graham Saw

organised a formation flight of his Petrel, the Duo Discus and the K21. This proved a challenge akin to a juggler keeping plates spinning as there was only one tug and a shower had gone through leaving dead air with no scope to soar. One pass was achieved as the gliders were down to circuit height before they all got together.



Doug Hilton

Haddenham camp



Callum soaring at 0845

While many members were away in Germany, those remaining spent a couple of pleasant days at Haddenham, to allow for a programme of helicopter trial lessons. As well as meeting our friends the Upward Bound Trust, it was interesting for students to experience flying from a different airfield. On one of the visits the excellent weather allowed for Jim, Nils and

George to complete a 500km, this being George's first – well done, George.



Base camp

Fawley Hill Steam Extravaganza



Over the weekend of 20-22 May the Marketing Team set up their stall at Fawley Hill, home to Sir William and Lady McAlpine, as part of their steam extravaganza. Sir William is devoted to rescuing trains and railway installations and has a mile of track with a complete railway station, with steam trains puffing up and down. Fawley Hill is also full of a wide and diverse collection of objects – we rigged the Junior between the flagpoles from the old Wembley stadium and set

up the sim in front of a merry-go-round.

We were kept busy with visitors, but all the team took time to wander round the grounds and see the old cars, buses and more traction engines than you could imagine, plus camels, a unicorn (no, really), all sorts of weird and wonderful exhibits. It was such a lot of fun that we are hoping for an invitation to return next year.



Jane Moore

How are we doing?

It's vital for the club that we continue to attract and retain members, and an essential part of this is ensuring that our visitors (customers) enjoy their experience. A couple of recent visitors have posted complimentary reviews on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/bookerglidingclub/>.



Jana Kudláčková reviewed Booker Gliding Club – 5★

3 April · 🌐

Amazing experience. Mike, our instructor, was absolutely fantastic and very friendly! Really enjoyed my day and would definitely recommend! Thank you guys for a lovely day! Special thanks to Mike!



Nick Ludlow reviewed Booker Gliding Club – 5★

28 April · 🌐

Great club, wonderful people. Lovely experience and friendly atmosphere for all the family.

It's great news that our visitors are having a good time, let's make sure this continues by maintaining a welcoming atmosphere (something in which we can all play our part). In this inter-connected world we need to do as much as possible to ensure that our visitors tell everyone how good Booker is.

And by the way, our Facebook page is set so that anyone can post to it; to make it more lively and interesting it would be good if members could post pics and stories for all to share.

Is your glider fit for flight?

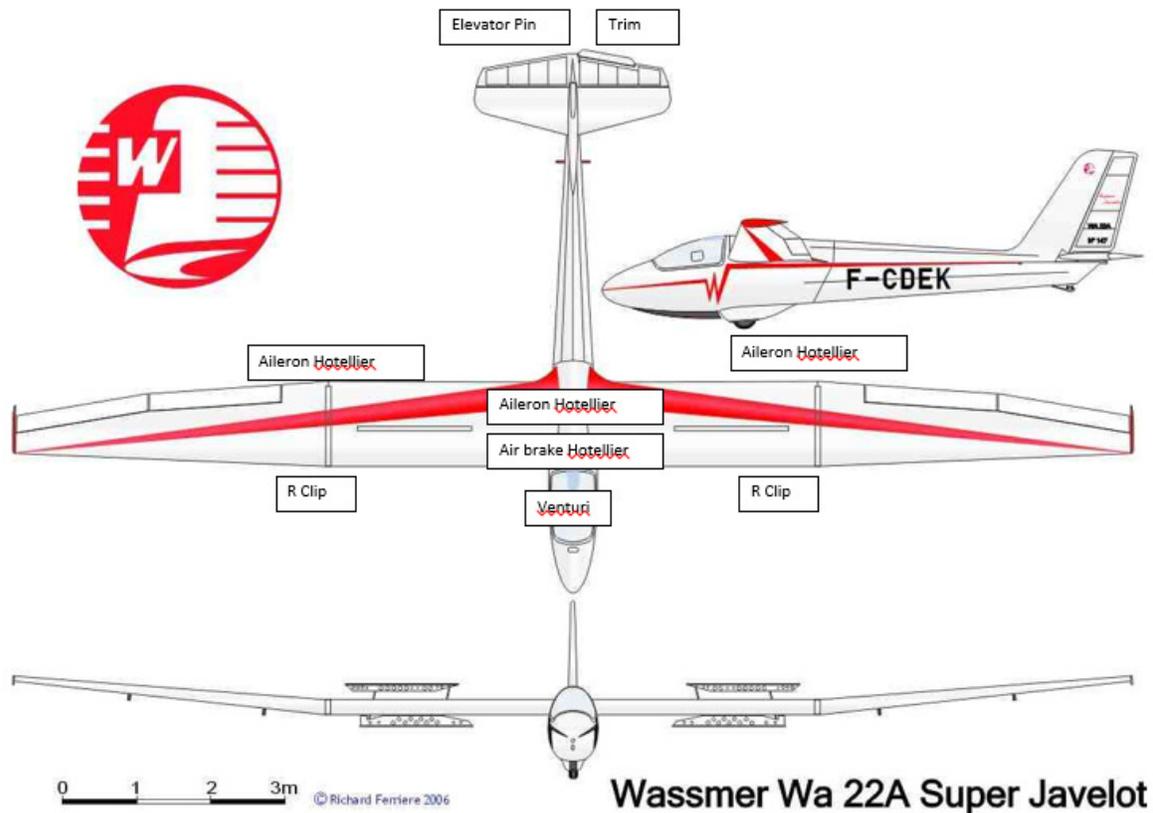
Many of you will have received an email from the BGA asking you if your glider is 'fit for flight'.

The question is not asking if your glider is airworthy (CofA), or not, but if you have carried out the necessary pre-flight checks to establish that it is.

Please follow this link to see the message that the BGA is trying to pass on to all glider pilots. <http://tinyurl.com/jzc2xks>. It must not be seen as another directive trying to add more rules to our sport but to merely provide basic sound advice, to all pilots, to ensure we understand our responsibilities to fly safely.

There are quite a few 'new' gliders in the trailer park this year and, as experienced by me, when I acquired my first glider, rigging requires more than a little thought to prevent making mistakes when rigging. Forgetting to fit an R clip to an l'Hotellier connection could result in a major problem. It has been said many times before but it is imperative that you are not distracted when rigging or carrying out pre-flight checks. If you are, start your checks, from the beginning, again.

To make sure I rig my glider correctly, I use a diagram of my glider which details all of the control connections required before flight (see below). I downloaded the diagram from t'internet and added the connection details using MSWord – simples.



I have a number of copies to hand so that each time I rig I tick the respective boxes i.e. right aileron connected, elevator connected etc. until rigging is complete and verified. The only thing next to make sure of is the pre-flight CBSIFTCB checks. Hopefully, the above will assist some pilots and remind others.

Rob Kehr

How to add privileges to your EASA licence

If you have a UK CAA-issued EASA SPL or LAPL(S) you may now apply to add additional privileges to your licence based on BGA training and experience. For details, guidance and the application form see <http://tinyurl.com/he8gsse>.

Are your waypoints up to date?

A revision of the 2016 Waypoint list has been published. This includes new extra waypoints around the Cambridge area. These points have been developed by the Competitions Committee in conjunction with Cambridge ATC to provide well-placed alternatives to some existing TPs that will help interoperability between gliders and powered aircraft in this busy and sensitive area and give competition task setters extra options. See the full news item at <http://tinyurl.com/zarsunr>.

Air League Flying Day

The Air League will host its annual Flying Day at Bicester on 9th July. The event will run in conjunction with the UK leg of the FAI Sailplane Grand Prix and is for young people looking at a career, flying and ground-based, in the UK aerospace industry as well as those who are simply interested in flying. There will be opportunities to experience gliding, powered flying and aerobatics, and numerous static vintage and training aircraft on display. Information stands will be present to give career and general advice. BBQ, band and bar from 18:00 to late with free camping available to over 18s. Free entry for Leading Edge members with temporary membership available on the day. If you intend to be there, please register your interest at <http://tinyurl.com/hokjpw>.

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 and *include your name and membership number when applying.*

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

Booker GC Instructors – This is for Booker instructors only to email each other easily. Mainly used for swapping duty days. Send an email to: bookergc_instructors-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and *include your name and membership number when applying.*

The **Booker GC website** at 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 name and membership number.*

For the latest news about what's happening check out

<http://bookergc.blogspot.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/bookerglidingclub>

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