

# Club Bulletin 179

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**BHPA**

### 1: Courses

#### Club Coach Courses

Please note that the date for the October course has been changed from that originally advertised.

Individuals wanting to take a course should contact the host club direct to book a place.

October 10 - 11 Long Mynd Soaring Club, Judith Mole  
0161 408 3860. comms@lonymynd.org

December 5/6 Guernsey PG Club, Roger Le Poidevin  
0778 111 3272 rip@intersurgical.co.uk

The following weekends are still available for club bookings. Organisers should contact Dave Thompson to get further information once a date has been allocated.

#### 2009

November 14/15

#### 2010

January 16/17

February 6/7

March 13/14

*For more information contact:*

*Stephanie Blankley, 0116 261 1322,  
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#### EPPS Course

A BHPA EPPS training course will take place at the Derby Pride Park Travelodge on Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November 2009. The EPPS Course is the main training event to progress towards the BHPA qualification to pack and maintain emergency parachute systems. The Course is followed by a period of practice by those who attend, followed by a later, external examination for the qualification.

Cost is £250 for the two day course.

This course fills up very quickly so please register your interest as soon as possible.

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### 2: Checking Your Members' Status

We have introduced a new facility for clubs to validate their list of members with us. If you send us an Excel spreadsheet or a tab delimited text file of your members we will process it and return it to you as a new Excel spreadsheet showing each member's current membership status, membership expiry date, membership type, whether they have the extra insurance cover and their HG, PG and PA ratings.

This is obviously a great help to clubs needing to ensure that their members have current BHPA membership and are thus covered by the third party liability block policy.

Send us the file with three columns: BHPA membership number, first name and surname.

We have of course always been able to send you a list of BHPA members registered with us as being attached to your club. However, this was not very helpful as the majority of BHPA members join several clubs but register only one with us. By starting the process from the club end, we can provide you with the status of all your members whether or not they have registered your club with us.

Thanks to Geoff Minshull of Long Mynd Soaring Club for initiating this idea.

Please give it a try. If you wish to discuss it please contact Jennie, or if you just want to submit a file email it to....

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### 3: Membership

When signing up new members would schools please remember that they are responsible for sending the application form to the BHPA office, the forms should not be given to the students to send in.

Also, due to the length of time it takes to set up a Direct Debit, we are unable to accept this method of payment for a new membership. However, DDs can be completed for payment when membership is due for renewal.

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### 3: RAeC Newsletter

The RAeC Newsletter is now available at:  
[http://bhpa.co.uk/pdf/club\\_bulletins/RAeCNewSummer2009.pdf](http://bhpa.co.uk/pdf/club_bulletins/RAeCNewSummer2009.pdf)