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BHPA

1: Courses

Club Coach Courses

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

March 09/10 South Devon HG & PG Club
07712 875621 Colin Blagdon
kol8in@gmail.com

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

2013

19th / 20th October 2013

09th / 10th November 2013

30th November / 1st December 2013

2014

11th / 12th January 2014

25th / 26th January 2014

8th / 9th March 2014

Instructor / Senior Coach Course

April 23/25 Lilleshall National Sports Centre
Shropshire

Emergency Parachute Systems Course

The provisional date for the next EPPS Course is 12/13 October. This date will be confirmed in due course but if you are interested in attending the course please contact Stef Blankley.

For more information contact:
Stephanie Blankley, 0116 289 4316,
stephanie-blankley@bhpa.co.uk

2: BHPA Subs Increase

A rise in BHPA membership fees of approximately the same rate as current inflation has been agreed by the BHPA Exec. Annual Flying membership increases by £3 to £95 (the £7 discount for Direct Debit payers remains unchanged). In order to help the schools, who have suffered a very difficult year with the weather, schools registration and instructor supplement fees remain unchanged. The new rates will come into force on 1 April 2013.

Any fees not on the following list, including Introductory Membership, remain unchanged.

Joining Fee	22.00
2 Year Membership	160.00
Flying Membership	95.00
FM Family Group	85.00
FM Concessionary	75.00
Non-flying Membership	57.00
Trial Membership	51.00

3: RAeC Trust Bursaries

With a closing date of the 31 March, there's still just time to apply for a 2013 RAeC Trust bursary. These are awarded annually, aimed at facilitating young fliers to advance their existing qualifications to the next level.

The bursaries include the Peter Cruddas Foundation Scholarship worth up to £1,000, and several other awards of up to £750. Last year saw a record total of over £11,000 allocated. Applicants must be UK citizens; training and flying must be conducted at UK clubs or training establishments. Applications must arrive at the Trust by March 31st 2013 and should be submitted through a sponsoring organisation (eg the BHPA).

Recent winners have included BHPA members Idris Birch and Katie Lawrence, and William Lawrence who is using his award to continue his paraglider training.

Those interested in applying for a bursary for 2013 should visit the Royal Aero Club Trust website:

<http://www.royalaeroclubtrust.org/bursaries.html>

4: Job Opportunity

A small number of jobs are available for the flying season in Kossen, Austria, at the famous "Fliegerbar" - an "Open Air Bar" on the main Kossen landing site, where they serve food and drink and inform pilots and visitors about all matters in regard to flying in Kossen. It is an "In-Treff" of the international flying scene in the European Alps. (www.fly-koessen.at)

Applicants need to have an outgoing personality and some experience in hospitality, willing to do the job, speaking English and some German, who would love to work together with hang gliders and paragliders. It is an ideal chance to experience Austria, the Alps, the trendy paragliding scene in Kossen and to improve flying skills.

The work period will be from May to August/September.

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