

Club Bulletin 187

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BHPA

1: CAA Tow Permits

The CAA Tow Permit Administration Dept. is under new management. I have to announce several small yet impactful changes to the renewal and application for a CAA permit to tow Hang gliders and Paragliders.

At next renewal each permit will be valid for three years

A first time permit will be valid for 1 year

Upon permit renewal or initial application the club / school must provide a letter of agreement from the land owner indicating permission to tow on their land.

Bullet point three is the most impactful. It is designed to prevent clubs / schools retaining permits where there is no possibility of continued towing at a site - this reduces air map clutter by way of removing unnecessary symbols.

In practice this means the yearly Autumn request for intended tow site usage for the following season will still occur but if a permit is due to expire that December an LoA will be required before issue of a new permit.

The following permits expire on 31st December 2011. This notice is to give plenty of warning to those affected that an LoA will be required from your site owners this Autumn or a permit will not be renewed for January 2012 - 31st December 2014:

Challow Hill Farm White Horse Flying School
Charlton Clump Par Avion
Chetwynd Aerodrome Aldridge Lodge
Cravens Gorse Xclent PGC
Darley Moor Airways
Hill Farm Norfolk Hang Gliding Club
Horspath Chiltern Flyers
Kennel Farm Green Dragons
Manchester Barton Bollington Scouts
Manor Farm Chiltern Flyers
Mendip Forest Mendip Tow Group
Metfield Suffolk Coastal Floaters
Middle Wallop Army Air Corps
North Luffenham Sky Lincs
Old Hay Oast GLSW
Old Hay Oast D&F
South Cerney Birdwings
Thorney Island AACPC
Upottery Upottery Towing Club

For more information contact:
Russ Hicks, russ@mrhicks.co.uk

2: Courses

Emergency Parachute Systems Course

October/November 2011

Please apply to BHPA Office if you are interested in attending this course. This 2 day course is part of a training process towards qualification for the BHPA EPPS qualification. You do NOT qualify just by attending the Course. After the course you will be expected to increase your experience through attending Club repacks and doing further practice including supervised packs. Following this you will have to take an external exam. Please make sure you understand this. In the past, despite stating this very clearly, we have had persons attend expecting to walk away from this course with the qualification, this is NOT the case.

For more information contact:
Stephanie Blankley, 0116 289 4316,
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Instructor Course

April 22/23 Lilleshall National Sports Centre,
Shropshire.

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3: Any South Asian pilots?

Eastern Eye, Britain's biggest Asian newspaper, is researching an article on gliding and/or hang gliding. They want to spend a day with a pilot of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi or Sri Lankan origin to discover how they got into the sport, the training needed and the cost, and their memorable experiences and unfulfilled ambitions, etc. If anyone can help, contact:

Nadeem Badshah, 0207 654 7772,
nadeemnews100@yahoo.co.uk.

4: Red Ribbon

Schools are reminded that it is their responsibility to give out the red ribbon to newly qualified Club Pilots. Some schools are still failing to do this so would all schools ensure that they have red ribbon available.

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5: New Office Address

It is now over six months since the office moved to Merus Court so could members please try to remember to send mail to our new address. Mail is being redirected from The Old Schoolroom address but it does mean there is a slight delay before it reaches the office.

We are aware that some forms on the website still have the old address but they will be updated soon.

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6: Have You Got Talent? (1)

A brand new Saturday night entertainment programme for BBC1 is looking for contestants to take part in the show who have interesting and unusual talents.

The style of the show shares similarities with You Bet where they aim to display and celebrate people's unusual talents and skills. They are particularly looking for people who have the ability to demonstrate their skills under the remit of a 'challenge'.

Individuals or groups who are able to perform an incredible physical feat, who have a bonkers invention or have a really bizarre skill, for example, being able to distinguish different types of lawnmower by sound alone, or pouring a cup of tea with a JCB. In particular they are trying to reach people who might have a flying challenge.

If anyone is interested they can email uniquetalent@bbc.co.uk for an application form and more information.

7: Have You Got Talent? (2)

John Bishop's Britain is back and looking for people all over Britain to interview about their funny, true stories from their lives. So wherever you are from in Britain, whatever you do for work, whatever your thoughts/opinions are...they want to hear from you.

If you'd like to take part get in touch NOW!

They want to hear your stories/opinions on everything from food and music to fashion, friends, DIY and regional Britain. There will also be a Christmas special – so get your funny Christmas stories in too.

*Email your contact details to:
takepart@objectiveproductions.com*

Or call 020 7202 2343

(Send your name, email address, contact numbers, occupation, location and a photo of yourself please)