



BMAA News 11/05/2020

Dear BMAA Member

Hello everyone. Once again on behalf of the Directors and Staff of the BMAA I hope that this newsletter finds you well and managing to cope with the difficult conditions that we all find ourselves in.

Getting back to flying

Without doubt the most likely question to be asked at the moment is when we will be allowed to go flying again. The Prime Minister's address on Sunday evening, and the publication this afternoon of the plan going forward, has not directly opened the skies but has relaxed transport restrictions and encouraged exercise. I have asked the CAA and Department for Transport for clear guidance following the previous publication which has suggested that recreational flying should stop because just travelling to the airfield itself didn't meet the stay at home message. Like many members I am not clear that the relaxation which seems directly aimed at recreation which includes physical exercise could be applied to our sport. As soon as I have a clear answer, I will pass it on.

Preparing to fly

Last week I wrote that there are several initiatives being developed by associations like ourselves, the regulator and Government to prepare pilots for their return to flying. Skills deteriorate and it's important that as pilots we recognise this and prepare. Guidance is being prepared and I will forward text and links to all members when available. In the meantime, please look at the Pilot's Briefing guidance sheet that we wrote for licence extensions. It details lots of things to think about. This is the link. <https://www.bmaa.org/information-library/pilot-licensing/pilot-licensing---instructors-and-examiners/ors4-1378>

BMAA Staff

As you probably know by now, five of the BMAA staff are on furlough. The Government has encouraged people back to work where possible. We are fully able to work remotely with just one office member and so can start working as demand requires. We have furloughed due to reduced workload at the moment and will only bring staff back on line once the demand, which will be fuelled by members flying again picks up.

Meet the BMAA

On Friday 1st May I held a Q&A session with members using the ZOOM website. Although announced in last week's newsletter I was surprised so few members joined in, although those that did seemed to welcome the opportunity to exchange views. I plan to hold another session later this week on Wednesday 13th May at 1900hrs. If you would like to join in please visit the page link below and complete the form. I will send the Zoom page link a day or so before the meeting. There are just a few places left so if you want to join in don't hesitate.

<https://www.bmaa.org/information-library/member-s-q-a>

Finally

I hope that you find these newsletters useful. We will try to keep you up to date with any news as it happens. We also share it on:

Facebook [<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BMAA1/?ref=bookmarks>]

The BMAA website [www.bmaa.org]

The BMAA Forum [<https://forums.bmaa.org>]

Twitter[<https://twitter.com/BMAAUK>]

and of course, through both *Microlight Flying* magazine and the electronic newsletter *eMF*

Stay safe.

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