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David Monks RAeC Chairman

It's certainly beginning to feel very Autumnal, the warm days so far in October have given us respite and hopefully some good flying days.

I was recently a guest at the World Drone Racing Championship in Namwon, South Korea. It was a spectacular week-long event. Team GB finished a very impressive ninth place out of 28 nations, congratulations to them for their outstanding achievement during the event. It was very encouraging to see so many young athletes at the event which was very well attended and promoted. One thing that struck me during the event was the sportsmanship between the young competitors who readily shook hands prior to each flight and wished each other well, something that as adults some of us may have forgotten.

The RAeC is privileged to be hosting the Annual Convention of Europe Airports in 2024 running over the weekend of the 22nd to 24th March in the Lake District. There will be regular updates on the RAeC Facebook page, the organisation of the event has fallen to Mark Asquith and the BHPA and all details will follow in due course.

After a delay in organising due to the pandemic, the Queens Cup which was awarded to the BBAC in 2021, was held in Taunton on October 7th. Our congratulations go to Dominic Bareford on his winning performance. The presentation of the Queens Cup will be at Highgrove House.

As I write this on the way back to the UK from the FAI 117th General Conference, the FAI UK Vice President, Rob Hughes, who acted on behalf of the Club, will report with a post conference summary in the Spring Newsletter.

It will soon be time to commence nominations for the Royal Aero Club Awards for 2023. The nomination forms are due to go live at the end of the month with a deadline in mid-December. Each year we receive many varied nominations and it is always interesting to hear of the many feats and efforts that are rewarded each year. Please look out for the forms.

In yachting terms this would be a time we are laying up, in aviation we don't do that - we use the opportunity to plan our adventures for next year. I look forward to reading of your adventures through your Associations in the Spring.

David Monks

Chairman
The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom



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The Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom (RAeC) is the national co-ordinating body for Air Sport in the United Kingdom.

Today its principal role is co-ordinating, promoting and protecting all forms of recreational and competitive air sport in the UK, represent UK air sport internationally and has a major role in setting technical standards, negotiating with international official bodies and, in consultation with our member organisations, appoint UK delegates to the various Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) Commissions.

RAeC NEWS

NEW REGISTERED OFFICE AND POSTAL ADDRESS FOR THE RAeC

The registered office and postal address for the RAeC has been changed to Buckminster Lodge, Sewstern, Grantham, Nottinghamshire, NG33 5RW Tel: 0116 2440182 Fax: 0116 2440645

Some may be aware that this is also the address for the BMFA National Centre.

CAN YOU DESIGN AN AERIAL FIREFIGHTING AIRCRAFT?

Our sister organisation, the RAeS, have launched their International Light Aircraft Design Competition 2023-24 and registration is now open. For this year's competition the design is for an aerial firefighting aircraft that is capable of being used as a water bomber and, following a change of role equipment, be used for aerial delivery (air drop) or fire-fighting personnel and supplies.

You are invited to undertake the conceptual design of a turboprop powered aircraft to the standards of CS-23 amendment 5, through the provision of a detailed design report together with a 3-view drawing and rendered image(s) of your design. Additionally, should you choose to, you may demonstrate your design and its capabilities using X-Plane flight simulation tools. The two competitions are linked but separate, with awards for the best design and a separate award for the best use of flight simulation.

The competition timescale fits into a University academic year, to enable it to be incorporated into the syllabus if appropriate, for example as a final year design project. Entries are invited for this competition from both undergraduate and post-graduate engineering students, and also from aerospace professionals and amateur aircraft designers. You may enter as an individual or a team, and we particularly encourage entries from teams of engineering students.

The **deadline for submission** of entries is **31st August 2024**.

To register your interest in competing:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=0JqrdFknn0u8zWLnZzuB_PFYaBMc8sIMke5IQXW-mGBUMTRERks2NjRXR0VHVURIWVZKRkRRRWTIVNi4u

VACANCY: SECRETARY & TREASURER ROYAL AERO CLUB TRUST

Do you want to give something back to your air sport? Interested in aviation and its origins?

The Royal Aero Club Trust invites applications to join the Trust Management Committee as Trust Secretary and Treasurer.

Peter Crispin the Royal Aero Club Trust's Secretary reluctantly retires in 2024 after 20 years exemplary service.

The Trust has 2 main aims:

1. The preservation of Royal Aero Club memorabilia, a Collection of National importance, which includes artefacts, documents, art and trophies mainly held in the RAF Museum.
2. The promotion of air sports amongst young air sports people through its annual Flying for Youth Bursary Scheme which has helped over 500 youngsters to advance qualifications and, in some instances, become World Champions.

Visit the Trust's website for further information: www.royalaeroclubtrust.org

Applications from persons interested in the management of the Trust as Secretary and Treasurer would be welcome.

No formal qualifications are necessary but experience of committee management and the management of small budgets are highly desirable. The Management Committee meets 3 times a year; either at a central location in London or on Zoom. Normal expenses are paid (e.g. travel).

Contact Peter Crispin (secretary@royalaeroclubtrust.org) for a Job Description and to submit an application.

Applications by letter and brief CV

Closing date for applications: Monday 15th January 2024

RAeC ON FACEBOOK

If you aren't already following, and liked, our RAeC FaceBook page checkout <https://www.facebook.com/1129595953719600/posts/2985832231429287?sfns=mo>

FAI AWARDS

Our congratulations to the following aviators who have been recognised for their service to aviation with an FAI award:

FAI Bronze Medal: Ian Strachan

Paul Tissandier Diploma: Jocky Sanderson

FAI Group Diploma to the Open Glider Network (OGN) and Lilienthal Gliding Medal: Liz Sparrow

Phoenix Diploma: Steve Slater

YES

YES, the LAA's Youth Education and Support, are now looking for a donor to give or sell them cheap a Primary Glider which they could renovate and put on a tripod to teach youngsters how to fly.

Contact Stewart Luck if you can assist. captainluck@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATES: Thursday 16th May 2024 for the 2023 RAeC Awards ceremony at the RAF Club, London.

The RAeC will be hosting the **Annual Convention of Europe Airports 22nd – 24th March 2024**. The base hotel for the event will be the Lakeside Hotel and Spa, Newby Bridge, Cumbria. The Convention will start with an informal drinks reception at the base hotel on the evening of Friday 22nd March 2024 followed by an informal dinner at the Rusland Pool Hotel. The Convention will commence on Saturday morning and will run for most of the day, a light lunch will be provided.

Following the convention the delegates will move to the Windermere Suite for the evening's events. Kathryn Tickell and Amy Thatcher will give a performance of 'local' Northumbrian music followed by dinner and rounded off with a lecture on Whisky drinking by Angus Pinkerton, together with lots of samples!

The event is being administered by the office of the British Hang Gliding and Paragliding Association. At the appropriate time applications for tickets and accommodation can be made to their office via office@bhpa.co.uk

Details of open tickets, for non-delegates, will follow closer to the time and it is likely that there will be some tickets for the Dinner and entertainment open to all pilots of any discipline. Enquiries should be made to office@bhpa.co.uk

The UK will be hosting two FAI 2024 World Championships

FAI World Microlight World Championships 27th July to 3rd August at Deenethorpe

FAI World Paramotor Endurance Championships 3rd-10th August at Manston

Our sister organisation, the RAeS, has a Book Reviewer Opportunity

The Royal Aeronautical Society is a not-for-profit membership organisation supporting aerospace, aviation and space professionals around the world. They are passionate about providing authoritative knowledge & information to advance the sector, promoting the exciting career opportunities in our sectors, encouraging the take up of STEM subjects through our outreach programmes, and supporting the continuous professional development of professionals throughout their careers.

Do you have the knowledge and a passion for your area of aerospace and are interested in learning more about the latest views in your area?

They are looking for people who are experts in their field of aeronautics to review the latest publications that would be of interest to the Aerospace Community - from piloting to fluid dynamics, UAVs to aviation medicine, or de Havilland's between the wars to avionics.

In response to a request from the RAeS's Book Review Team, the reviewer will be asked read a publication and prepare a book review of around 500 words for publication in the Society's magazine, AEROSPACE. As a recognition of the reviewer's contribution, they will be able to claim a copy of the book they review or an honorarium of £25.

For more information contact: book.reviews@aerosociety.com or complete the application form

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=0JqrdFknn0u8zWLnZzuB_O1VzdmrUuFGvQOxMgwQ6ipUMVZYUUG5V1RXSE5aUjVLSEY2UUU4VVdWQI4u

FAI WORLD DRONE RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023

Namwon, South Korea

6 - 9 Oct 2023



CONGRATULATIONS to Team GBR F9U. Not only did our pilots impress individually at the FAI World Drone Racing Championships, but as a team, they finished 9th out of the 28 countries competing! WOW!



From all of us well done... we're incredibly proud of you.

OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION

NATIONAL TRANSPORT TRUST AWARDS 2023

Steve Slater, recent LAA CEO, wins the National Transport Trusts Restoration Award for 'Airymouse', a 1930 Currie Wot single-seat sports biplane.



Airymouse was built to the original 1930s drawings for Hampshire Aeroplane Club by its designer Joe Currie, a former WW1 pilot and engineer. It is a classic wood and fabric design and the oldest example of the type. Airymouse has a particular history in that in late 1950s, it was acquired by Westland's chief test pilot Harald Penrose, whose own flying career began in the 1920s. He wrote a series of books, one of which, Airymouse, chronicled his flying the biplane over the English countryside. Even then, the aircraft was an anachronism; a 1930s aircraft with a tail skid and no brakes, and, to quote its original owner, "A diminutive

biplane of insignificant horsepower".

NTT Chief Executive Stuart Wilkinson comments: “Airymouse was acquired by Steve Slater in 2016 and returned to flight after several years in storage. In early 2022, he decided deeper restoration was required, so the fabric was stripped from the airframe and its woodwork repaired.

The aircraft was then re-covered and repainted by Steve and friends. Final re-assembly is currently underway. Airymouse is a rare example of a low-cost, aircraft which pioneered the early post-war sport flying movement.

As such, we were keen that Steve’s excellent project should be recognised with a National Transport Trust Restoration Award.”



The Award was received by Anne Hughes on behalf of Steve by the NTT’s Royal Patron, Anne, HRH The Princess Royal at a ceremony held in the Railway Museum at Fawley Hill on 18th September 2023.

The National Transport Trust was founded in 1965, (as the Transport Trust), the National Transport Trust is the UK’s only national charity established to promote and encourage the preservation and restoration of Britain’s unique transport heritage in all its forms – by air, land (road and rail) and water (sea and inland).

The Trust is managed within a very streamlined structure, with the Board of Trustees representing the wider interests of the nation, for whose benefit the Trust exists. www.nationaltransporttrust.org.uk

The National Transport Trust Awards are a key event in the Trust’s calendar. Designed to recognise and reward the efforts of the UK transport preservation movement, a number of awards are made to individuals and organisations every year. Categories include Preservationist of the Year, Young Preservationist of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Restoration Awards.

THE GAAC

The General Aviation Awareness Council (**GAAC**) is recognised by Government, the CAA and others to be the organisation that speaks for General Aviation on planning and environmental issues. The UK General Aviation associations, supported by commercial and professional bodies, established the Council to promote and protect the interests of general aviation in the UK — whether in business flying, pilot training, sport, recreation or other forms.

The critical factors for the future growth of UK General Aviation includes the need for more aerodromes, strategically sited to serve areas of economic development and enough free airspace in which to operate safely and efficiently.

For further information please contact Ian Sheppard, GAAC Communications Adviser, gaac.alerts@gmail.com or via Twitter (@gaac_alerts) or alternatively John Gilder, GAAC Vice Chairman & Head of Planning, e-mail planning@gaac.org.uk

BRITISH AIRFIELD NEWS

Both Wellesbourne and Compton Abbas are under new ownership and continuing as GA airfields.

Is Your Airfield Under Threat? See the latest updates **in this Newsletter**

NOT QUITE SURE WHERE YOU ARE?

Ever not quite sure where you are when flying? Lost the signal to your SkyDemon or other moving map system? Wherever you are D&D (121.5 MHz) are only too happy to assist if they are not dealing with a local emergency.

Tap in **0030**. What's 0030? It's the "lost on space" transponder code which will alert D&D to expect a call from a pilot who isn't declaring an emergency just experience positional uncertainty. [I remember being taught to request a Training Fix from 121.5MHz if you didn't want to admit you're not quite sure where you are Ed]

"Lost in Space"? 1. Admit you're lost 2. Select 0030 & ALT on your transponder 3. Call D&D on 121.5 MHz

ALL PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON GENERAL AVIATION (APPG-GA)

Has changed its name to the **APPG Aviation Group**. Its objective - as set out by the British Government – is still of making the UK the best country in the world for General Aviation through inspiring both current and future generations to take up science, technology, engineering and mathematics, thereby creating high-tech jobs and growth in our economy.

There are 10 Current APPG Officers:

Robert Courts, Chair & Registered Contact (robert.courts.mp@parliament.uk) and MP for Witney. His APPG memberships are: **Aerospace**, Air Ambulances, Armed Forces, Local Resilience and Civil Contingencies, Maritime and Ports.

Roger Gale, President and MP for North Thanet. His APPG memberships are: **Electric Aviation**, Banning Trophy Hunting, Cyprus, Dog Advisory Welfare, Frozen British Pensions, Hospitality and Tourism, Hydrogen, Media, Media Freedom, Ukraine, Visual Arts

Lord Kirkhope of Harrogate, Vice President and Life peer. His APPG memberships are: **Electric Aviation**, Better Roads, China, Foreign Affairs, Germany, Liechtenstein, Personal Banking and Fairer Financial Services, San Marino, Switzerland, Yorkshire and Northern Lincolnshire

Ian Paisley, Vice Chair and MP for North Antrim. His APPG memberships are: Adult Social Care, Belgium, Bermuda, British Overseas Territories, Bus and Coach Industry, Canada, Caribbean, Central America, Chagos (British Indian Ocean Territory), Financial Markets and Services, Flags and Heraldry, Future of UK-Australia Trade, Golf, Historic Counties, Holocaust Memorial, Hong Kong, Isle of Man (Manx), Jazz, Local Resilience and Civil Contingencies, Luxembourg, Morocco, Motorcycling, Motorsport, Music, Norfolk Island, Northern Ireland, Pacific Islands, Retail Crime, Safe and Sustainable High Streets, San Marino, Sovereign Defence Manufacturing Capability, Space, Switzerland, Taiwan, Union

Lord Balfre, Vice Chair and Life peer. His APPG memberships are: Arctic and Nordic Councils, Australia and New Zealand, Belarus, Belgium, British Overseas Territories, Canada, Children in Police Custody, Children who need Palliative Care, Communities of Inquiry across the Generations, Cuba, Finland, Future Generations, Germany, Greenland, Holy See, Indo-British, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montserrat, Norway, Pacific Islands, Parental Participation in Education, Pensions, Pitcairn Islands, Polar Regions, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Writers

Lord Stevens of Kirkwhelpington, Vice Chair and Life peer. His APPG membership is War Crimes

Mark Garnier, Vice Chair and MP for Wyre Forest. His APPG memberships are: Abraham Accords, Civic Societies, Clean Quarrying, Corporate Responsibility, Cycling and Walking, Heritage Rail, Japan, Mongolia, Motor, Polar Regions, Polo, Space, Thailand, Vietnam, Waterways

Lord Berkeley, Vice Chair and Life peer. His APPG memberships are: Catalonia, Cycling and Walking, Future of UK Freight and Logistics, Infrastructure, Maritime and Ports, Rail, Self-Driving Vehicles, SME (Small and Medium-sized Enterprises) House Builders, South West, Whistleblowing

Henry Smith, Vice Chair and MP for Crawley: His APPG memberships are: Access to Medicines and Medical Devices , Ahmadiyya Muslim Community , Air Ambulances , Animal Welfare , Antigua and Barbuda , Banning Trophy Hunting , Blood Cancer , British Hindus , Business Travel , Cancer , Caribbean , Cats , Chagos (British Indian Ocean Territory) , Commercial Radio , Commonwealth , County , Devolution , Dyslexia and Other Specific Learning Difficulties , Explosive Threats , Falkland Islands , Family Separation , Flags and Heraldry , Future of Aviation , Gibraltar , Heart Valve Disease , Historic Counties , Indo-British , Issues Affecting Men and Boys , Kurdistan Region in Iraq , Learning Disability , Liechtenstein , Loan Charge and Taxpayer Fairness , Mortgage Prisoners , Nepal , Northern Ireland Economy , Ovarian Cancer , Radiotherapy , Respiratory Health , San Marino , South East , St George's Day , St Kitts and Nevis , Stem Cell Transplantation and Advanced Cellular Therapies , Switzerland , Turks and Caicos Islands , Vegetarianism and Veganism , Wilton Park

Kelly Tolhurst, Vice Chair and MP for Rochester and Strood. Her APPG memberships are Air Ambulances , Beer , District Councils , Local Resilience and Civil Contingencies , Sovereign Wealth Funds , St Helena , Women and Enterprise

Public Enquiry Point: Matthew Bolshaw

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Watch this space for further details!

All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) are informal, cross-party groups formed by MPs and Members of the House of Lords who share a common interest in a particular policy area, region or country. APPGs have no official status within Parliament.

CAP2590 CAA ANNUAL SAFETY REVIEW 2023

The UK GA sector covers around 17,000 aircraft (mainly with a maximum take-off mass below 5,700kg), including specialist activities such as pilot training, balloon operations, gliding, ex-military aircraft operations, parachuting and air displays.

The CAA s GA Unit exists to help people from potential harm when they encounter GA, and our team is committed to delivering protection now and in future as effectively and efficiently as possible. The unit is responsible for safety promotion activities aimed at the GA industry including podcasts, safety animations, a variety of safety publication, including the SkyWay Code and series of Safety Sense Leaflet as well as and attending GA community events.

Owners and/or operators of close to 11,000 UK GA aircraft (of which ~60% were aeroplanes according to data from the UK aircraft register) reported approximately 700,000 hours in 2022. This activity remains below pre-pandemic levels, with flying hours in 2022 being 14% below 2019 levels.

In 2022 the CAA received over 2,000 GA related occurrence reports, of which around 10% were classified as reportable accidents or serious incidents (high severity occurrences). Many of the reportable accidents and serious incidents are reported to and investigated by the Air Accident Investigation Branch (AAIB) and some are still under investigation.

Reportable accidents and serious incidents in 2022 largely involved aeroplanes and were mostly attributed to an obstacle (tree, hedge, fence, etc) as a result of hard/heavy landings or long/fast landings. In 2022, statistically more microlight aircraft were involved in serious injury reportable accidents compared to other aircraft classes.

The report can be found at:

[https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/Annual%20Safety%20Review%202022%20\(CAP2590\).pdf](https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/Annual%20Safety%20Review%202022%20(CAP2590).pdf)

EDUCATE YOUR MP

Download the education pack for MPs <https://generalaviationappg.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/GA-Campaign-Pack-final.pdf>

The UK CAA's General Aviation Unit (GAU)

The UK CAA's General Aviation Unit (GAU) has continued to follow its remit of regulating only when necessary and deliver on top-level principles for better GA regulation. Further information and resources for the GA community are available on the CAA website <https://www.caa.co.uk/general-aviation/>

Michael Macdonald, Co-Head of the CAA's General Aviation & RPAS Unit says in their **Update from the General Aviation Unit on Q3 2023 activities** that "*they have recently released new guidance on paramotoring in the form of*

The Paramotor Code, CAP2562 https://www.caa.co.uk/media/jhip4ku4/safetysense-cap2562-paramotor_code-august.pdf *which is a guide on safety considerations and best practice.*

In July they launched a Summer Safety campaign, which covered many different topics important to GA pilots *such as* **Loss of Control**

and **Radio Telephony** https://www.caa.co.uk/media/13maqsbt/safetysense_22_radiotelephony_aw10.pdf

Work on active **carbon monoxide detectors** also continues and the report on the 12-month study has been released **CAP2560** <https://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/CODE%20Trial%20Summary%20Report.pdf>

The findings of this study has prompted **SN-2020/003: Carbon Monoxide Contamination Minimisation &**

Detection in General Aviation Aircraft to be updated

<http://publicapps.caa.co.uk/docs/33/SafetyNotice2020003V3.pdf>

You can contact the CAA's GA team at ga@caa.co.uk

VFR CHARTS

'VFR Charts' updates: Between annual issues, check VFR Charts within <https://www.nats.aero/do-it-online/ais>

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT and GA

The GA Handbook was published by DfT in May. This positions GA socially, economically and within the Government agenda with intent to ensure local authorities consider it in the "right perspective", specifically but not exclusively in respect of airfields. The handbook explains how GA operates and its value to the economy, communities and wider aviation sector. It also serves to improve understanding of GA and stimulate productive engagement between 1010 different parties including communities and Local Authorities.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/general-aviation-handbook>

NATS AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION CIRCULAR Y 039/2023

NOTAM email submissions no longer accepted

NOTAM email submissions are longer be accepted by the UK NOF as from **10 August 2023** (AIRAC 08/2023). NATS will make available its AFTN NOTAM functionality 'AFPEX' (NATS web-based AFTN Portal) for **free** to all users.

Users that do not currently have an AFPEX account, and currently use email for their NOTAM submissions should sign up for a free NOTAM account. There will be no "usage/message" limits for NOTAM AFPEX submissions.

AFPEX can be found here: www.myafpex.co.uk

Apply for an AFPEX account: <https://ts1.flightplanningonline.co.uk/applyingForAnAccount.html>

AFPEX NOTAM Help/Guide can be found here: www.myafpex.co.uk/guides/notam.php

From 10 August 2023 email submissions for NOTAM proposals will only be accepted where there is an outage to the AFPEX system

Social Media Pressure Can Be Hazardous To Your Health ...



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USEFUL LINK for NATS Yellow Circulars

<https://nats-uk.ead-it.com/cms-nats/opencms/en/Publications/Aeronautical-Information-Circulars-AICs/yellow-aics/>

AIRSPACE CHANGE

The UK CAA has published its consultation response document related to proposals to modify the guidance on the regulatory process for airspace change, **CAP1616**.

CAA SAFETY SENSE LEAFLETS

The latest publication of the new CAA Safety Sense Leaflets: Flight under **Visual Flight Rules** (VFR) forms part of the **General Aviation (GA) Safety Sense Leaflets** series which the CAA is currently updating. This is an 11 page booklet and not a single sheet pdf. https://www.caa.co.uk/media/og2pyjr2/caa8230_safetysense_05-vfr_v6.pdf

Updated UK Part-FCL Standards Documents see **Some Regulatory Matters in this Newsletter**

CAA ONLINE APPLICATION FORM SUBMISSION SERVICE

Started in September 2023 the CAA, in line with their digital vision, launched an online Application Form Submission Service on the CAA Customer Portal. This new secure solution is supposed to offer better process efficiency along with a unique reference number for each application. Certain forms will require immediate payment and documents, while others will get a payment link via email and/or SMS after processing by the CAA.

GASCoFLIGHT SAFETY EXTRA MAGAZINE

Flight Safety Extra complements GASCo's magazine Flight Safety and is another channel by which GASCo hopes to get flight safety information to you in a convenient way and contains many valuable sources of flight safety information. **To receive GASCo's free Flight Safety extra e-newsletter** each month contact the GASCo Office 01634 200203 or email Office Manager - **Penny Gould** penny@gasco.org.uk to be added to the mailing list

National Transport Trust Annual Restoration Awards

Entry deadline extended to 1 December 2023

UK transport restorers still have time to enter next year's National Transport Trust (NTT) Annual Restoration Awards as the deadline for submissions has been extended to 1 December 2023. In addition to national recognition, most Awards will be accompanied by a significant financial contribution to the work.

"The project should be well on the way to completion, with the lion's share of the work completed by the owner or project group rather than a commercial restoration. There should be significant effort to maintain a high degree of originality in projects destined to be widely enjoyed by the public."

How to apply Nominations can be made online by 1 December 2023

https://www.nationaltransporttrust.org.uk/award-form/awardform/22_apply-for-a-restoration-award

Proposers should also be prepared to provide three copyright-free photographs to accompany their entry. if possible, these images should cover:

- The item in service
- The item as found
- The item in its current state of restoration

Historic Aircraft Association
Annual Symposium

RAF Museum Hendon
Saturday November 25th 2023

*UK's first seaplane recreated
Waterbird Flies Again*



*Flying the last of
The Big Pistons*



*Britain's Greatest Pilot
The Legend of
Eric Brown revisited*



*From Cub - To Hurricane
Warbird Pilot's Journey*

Full Day Event. Admission by ticket only. HAA Members £30, Non members £40. Includes refreshments on arrival, and private 2 course lunch. For tickets and information -visit www.haa-uk.aero

CHIRP contact number

CHIRP's aviation programme improves safety in the air by providing a totally independent confidential reporting system for all individuals involved in aviation in UK airspace.

CHIRP's contact number is **020 4534 2881**. The preferred method of submitting a report remains the website portal but telephone contact provides a means of liaising directly with the CHIRP team if necessary.

General Aviation (GAFB) is also primarily distributed by email four times a year, with some hardcopies being sent to training organisations, flying clubs and air traffic control units.

Drone/UAS (DUASFB) is distributed electronically to those on the UK drone register.

In addition to maintaining contact with relevant agencies through the Advisory Board nominees, CHIRP maintains regular contact with the principal agencies in the Commercial and General Aviation environments through visits and presentations. CHIRP is also represented on a number of UK aviation safety bodies, including the UK Flight Safety Committee (UK FSC) and General Aviation Safety Council (GASCo), and maintains a close liaison with other UK and international aviation Human Factors and safety groups.

The ICAO eLibrary

The ICAO eLibrary is the online digital publications repository of ICAO, featuring SARPs on international civil aviation, Conventions and Related Acts. These documents were only available for an expensive fee, now you can access for free by registering and creating an account <https://elibrary.icao.int/pages/icao-about>

You will be able to read all publications and documents which are written in six languages AND you will receive regular updates.

BAN FOR LEAD IN 100LL AVGAS

Europe is facing a ban from 2025 unless the current deadline is extended further and in the US, an 'endangerment finding' was published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which will add pressure to a ban on lead.

Tetraethyllead (TEL), the additive which adds lead to avgas, being added to a list of banned substances by the EU neither will TEL be allowed to be imported into the EU which would end European production of 100LL avgas. TEL is currently on an Authorisation List. This allows it to be used until 2025 but no one yet knows whether the UK company Innospec, the world's sole supplier of AvTel, even if applying for an extension beyond 2025 the EU would agree.

EASA WEBSITE LIGHT NOW MULTILINGUAL

The light version of the website is now available in all EU languages. This is an important step for inclusivity and to be able to reach European aviators in their native language. With the following link you can open the light version of the website and select the language you want in the upper right corner of the initial page. <https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/light>

You then have access in your selected language to many subjects and issues, from flying a drone to ReFuelEU Aviation, Urban Air Mobility, EASA's Standardisation activities and many other topics. **Europe Air Sports** recommend registering and opening an account.

The Pro version remains in English as the source for the detailed legislation, rulemaking processes and official safety information.

There is an excellent article on **the single European sky: EASA'S Air Traffic Management Responsibility Consolidated Through New Regulations** in this September's issue of Europe Air Sports newsletter. See Europe Air Sports below.

EUROPE AIR SPORTS

<https://www.europe-air-sports.org/>

EASA has recently published a whole collection of new and revised documents which are useful and interesting to read for sports and recreational aviators including:

EAS response to EC Consultation on Draft regulation - Ares(2021)4120146 / Chemicals (REACH) regulation – amendment to the list of substances of very high concern in Annex XI:

Industries, businesses, and individuals that would be directly impacted by the inclusion [I think they mean exclusion Ed] of Tetraethyllead in Annex XIV as this substance is a key component in 100LL aviation gasoline (high-octane, low-lead / ref. ASTM standard D910), which is the only fuel that is currently certified and approved for use in over 16,000 general aviation aircraft registered in the European Union. This represents around one third the European aviation fleet.

<https://www.europe-air-sports.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/GA-Industry-Response-to-EC-REACH-TEL-Consultation-v6-Final.pdf>

Europe Air Sports latest Newsletter <https://www.europe-air-sports.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/EAS-Newsletter-September-2023-v2.pdf> compiled and edited by RAeC Council member Diana King OBE.

THE FÉDÉRATION AÉRONAUTIQUE INTERNATIONALE - THE FAI

<https://fai.org>



The World Air Sports Federation, the FAI, was founded in 1905 and is a non-governmental and non-profit making international organisation with the basic aim of furthering aeronautical and astronautical activities worldwide, ratifying world and continental records and coordinating the organisation of international competitions.

The FAI is recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The FAI is now an organisation of more than 100 member-organisations, forming a strong network linking all those who participate in air sports worldwide.

FAI POSITION ON THE CONFLICT TAKING PLACE IN THE UKRAINE

The FAI's fundamental aim regarding the military conflict taking place in Ukraine is to maintain the integrity and support the development of air sports across all nations in line with a set of values that nurture inclusion and transcend national differences. To maintain that aim the FAI Executive Board implemented on 28th February 2022 its decision to suspend the FAI members of Russia and Belarus with immediate effect, which still stands and which removes all rights as listed in FAI Statutes 2.4.2.1. In addition to the above measures, the FAI Executive Board will:

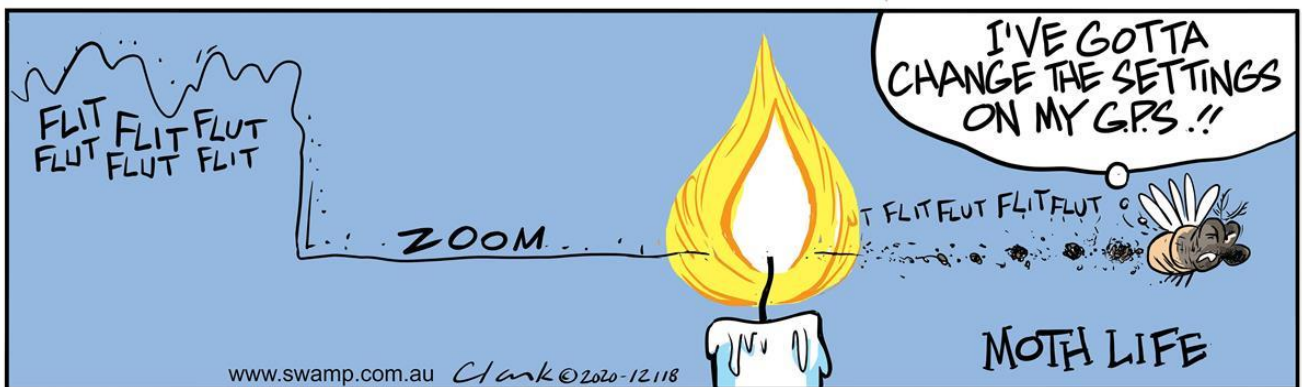
- ❖ Engage with FAI Members, FAI Air Sport Commissions and other stakeholders to ensure that the situation is carefully, and regularly monitored and further decisions taken as to current and future measures.
- ❖ Ensure that the organisers of all FAI sanctioned events due to take place in Europe are consulted with to consider the direct and indirect impact of the conflict in the Ukraine, any mitigation measures that might need to be considered, and what forms of assistance the FAI might be able to provide to maintain the integrity of such events.

THE UK WILL BE HOSTING TWO FAI 2024 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

FAI World Microlight World Championships **27th July to 3rd August** at Deenethorpe

FAI World Paramotor Endurance Championships **3rd-10th August** at Manston

A LITTLE SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU SMILE



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Royal Aero Club Trust (RAeCT)

Charity Commission No.1068451

<http://www.royalaeroclubtrust.org>

My thanks to James Hughes, Bursary Administrator, for the Royal Aero Club Trust's RAeC Newsletter contribution:-

THE TRUST'S OBJECTIVES

The Royal Aero Club Trust (RAeCT) has 2 main objectives:

1. The Trust's main aim is to enable young people to achieve their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential through participation in air sports and recreation. To offset financial constraints, the Flying for Youth Scheme offers initial bursaries to young people aged between 14 and 21 years to enhance existing qualifications. The Advanced bursaries assist more experienced air sports persons up to 24 years of age reach the very highest level of achievement such as gaining an instructor qualification or to compete in international or national competitions. <http://www.royalaeroclubtrust.org/bursaries>
2. The Trust through its connection with The Royal Aero Club is concerned to maintain and enhance the presentation of over one hundred years of aviation history represented by artefacts, memorabilia and archive documents originally owned by the Club and now owned by the Trust. These are primarily housed with the RAF Museums but also available through the Trust's "Collections" website (www.royalaeroclubcollection.org).

The **promotion of air sports** to young people between the **ages of 14 and 24 years** through the Trust Flying for Youth scheme. The purpose of the scheme is to provide bursaries to enable applicants to progress in their chosen air sports despite a lack of opportunity or financial constraints in order to develop their full potential.

The Royal Aero Club's memorabilia is housed in the RAF Museum. The Trust has an ongoing programme of restoring and cataloguing the Collection which is available to historians and others to view and for research and is published on a bespoke website.

Both the **Flying for Youth** scheme and **The Collections website** provide a useful public service for researchers and today's young people. The Flying for Youth scheme continues to offer youngsters between 14 and 24 the opportunity to participate and advance their training in air sport.

If you love air sport and recreation, there are a number of ways in which you could assist the Trust in its tasks - these include: Gift Aid - allows the Trust to recover the tax from the Inland Revenue; Legacy; Company Payroll Giving and Matched Giving

The Bursary Scheme is divided into **four categories of Bursaries**:

1. Flying Bursaries/Grants for those wishing to advance from one recognised level of air sport to the next higher level and wish to upgrade their existing qualifications;
2. Flight Simulator Bursaries/Grants for Computer Flight Simulation enthusiasts wishing to gain practical experience of flying or an air sport.
3. Aeromodelling Bursaries to enable flyers upgrade equipment or to gain further qualifications.
4. Advanced Bursaries to enable well qualified air sports persons enter international or national competitions or other prestigious events or to advance their existing qualifications to a higher level to the benefit of the sport (eg to gain an instructor qualification).

The scheme and the bursaries comprise all types of air sports and aviation-related activities including: paragliding, gliding, hang-gliding, parachuting, microlight aircraft, helicopter, light aircraft and the designing, building and flying model aeroplanes (including multi-rotary wing - eg drones).

My thanks to David Bills for his final report before handing over the Chairman's baton:

BURSARIES

There is still time to apply for one of the 35 bursaries on offer to young air sport people aged 14 years to 21 years (to age 24 years for certain applicants – see the terms & conditions available for download on the Trust website Bursary Page). **Applications for a 2024 bursary will close on 31 March 2024.**

SOCIAL MEDIA

The Trust's Facebook social media page will be repopulated later in the year to coincide with the main bursary application period (January to 31 March).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Trust welcomes applications from air sports people to join the management committee. So, if you fancy getting involved with the management of the Trust's extensive memorabilia going back to the very early days of aviation, or assisting the Trust Press Officer with social media or press releases, or managing the Trust website, or with the administration of the Trust as a charity, why not drop the Trust an email for more details?

Email: secretary@royalaeroclubtrust.org or peter.crispin@ntlworld.com for details.

THE COLLECTION, ART AND TROPHIES

The Trust's Collection of early aviation memorabilia is held in the RAF Museum and many of the Trust's historic pieces are on show. Additionally, 2 Trust volunteers, based in the Museum, are involved in research. The Museum, a long term supporter of the Trust, has been updated with new exhibits to celebrate the Centenary of the Royal Air Force and the place of Hendon in the history of British aviation. The Trust has contributed a number of items to the exhibition. Contact the Trust if you would like to get involved with this work.

SPONSORS

Finally, the Trust is grateful to its sponsors listed on the Trust website. If you would like to become a "Friend" or sponsor apply via the Trust "Contact Us" page on the Trust website.

My thanks to Jim Hughes for his report:

Readers will recall that the Trust awarded 35 bursaries in 2022/23. This was a record number benefitting young people from the majority of aero sports. By the end of the summer 7 recipients have completed their training and claimed their bursaries. One recipient has been granted an extension into next year due to critical aircraft unserviceability which prevented him completing his training.

For those who have not yet completed their training and made their claim I urge them to do so as the **deadline of 31st December** approaches.

Over the summer the Trust reviewed its social media policy moving from a continual effort throughout the year to a more targeted one in the third quarter. The aim is to optimise our effort and reach as many potential applicants as possible nearer to the application period.

This Newsletter note will be the last before the application and award round starts for 2023/24 begins in earnest. If you know of potential applicants please direct them to the website where the instructions and timelines for completion and submission are found. The deadlines are strictly adhered to and the chances of success much improved when application is correctly completed and supported by a sound instructor's endorsement.

EARLY ROYAL AERO CLUB FLYING RECORDS ARE ONLINE

'Royal Aero Club Aviators' Certificates' collection (1910-1950) reveals the names and faces of Britain's magnificent men (and women) and their flying machines via <https://www.ancestry.co.uk/> and contains over 28,000 records and 13,000 photographs (across 34 albums; the majority of these photographs will never before have been available to the public) of men and women who qualified as pilots in the golden age of British aviation, as powered flight went from science fiction to reality.



The Royal Aero Club Aviators' Certificates, 1910-1950 collection is available to Ancestry members and through a 14-Day Free Trial.

For more information: <http://www.royalaeroclubtrust.org/raec-collection/collectionpr>

BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDS

These pages are a compilation of RAeC Member Organisations bursaries, scholarships and Funds together with others that may be of interest.

ROYAL AERO CLUB TRUST BURSARIES 2024 (www.royalaeroclubtrust.org)

Air sports youngsters aged from 14 to 21 years (24 years in the case of Advanced Bursaries) are encouraged to submit applications; this includes light aircraft pilots, glider pilots, skydivers, model aircraft and drone flyers, paraglide and hang-glide and microlight pilots, balloon pilots, and flight simulator pilots.

The **2024 bursary scheme closing date for applications is 31st March 2024**. Applications are encouraged from balloon and micro-light pilots, and drone flyers. **Contact** James Hughes (Bursary Manager) jameshughes129@hotmail.com or download online application forms.

Bursaries include:

- ✓ The Pooleys Flight Equipment Bursary (up to £750)
- ✓ The Lord Peter Cruddas Foundation Scholarship worth up to £1,000
- ✓ The Andrew Brownsword Bursary
- ✓ The Bramson Bursary
- ✓ The George Farha Bursary
- ✓ The John Downer Bursary
- ✓ The Crocker Family Bursary

A number of additional bursaries worth up to £500 each to suitable candidates were also granted.

The scheme is divided into **four categories of Bursaries:**

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2. Flight Simulator Bursaries/Grants for Computer Flight Simulation enthusiasts wishing to gain practical experience of flying or an air sport.

3. Aeromodelling Bursaries to enable flyers upgrade equipment or to gain further qualifications.

4. Advanced Bursaries to enable well qualified air sports persons to enter international or national competitions or other prestigious events or to advance their existing qualifications to a higher level to the benefit of the sport (eg to gain an instructor qualification).

Flying Application Form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EFmtjL_e_TBpWvuCEsBBWEbNZHuTfZT8sM6mERANIEE/edit

Aero-modelling Application Form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hEcZ3CONkwVUJRu7XStt1DLB_vj044DWLZpz3GWWG6Q/edit

Flight Simulation Application Form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HoStK_6VYwus3fH0pscFOTiM6IzPxIvv66wOLER2Kh4/edit

Advanced Application Form:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17TmZBS4qrtSS9ycN3liyTVbMCNkT6hqKRUOT04i3wAs/edit>

Terms & Conditions:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KgCxiw1Uem5oXi3YR5jE004FqsKiEfxQ2CuU0ltoY/edit>

THE MOLLY ROSE PILOT SCHOLARSHIP

This **PPL scholarship**, funded by Marshall of Cambridge in association with Cambridge Aero Club, is in memory of one of the women pilots in the Air Transport Auxiliary and is open to young women considering a career in aviation and particularly as a pilot. The scholarship awards a full Private Pilot's Licence (PPL) to an individual who has demonstrated an interest in flying as a career with training provided by the Marshall owned Cambridge Aero Club.

CAC operates a fleet of three "newly modernised" 152 training aircraft, two Cessna 172 touring and training aircraft, one Cessna 182 and one Extra 200 aerobatic training aeroplane.

Molly Rose was the daughter of Sir David Marshall and sister of Sir Arthur Marshall who set up Cambridge Airport and the aviation side of the business in 1930. Molly was an apprentice engineer at the Marshall of Cambridge, the family company, before becoming a pilot and volunteering for the ATA. Molly's life story has also inspired a book and a new film, "Attagirls".

For more information: <https://www.aetheris.co.uk/mrps>

FLYING FOR THE DISABLED 2024 SCHOLARSHIPS

A scholarship includes 35 hours flight tuition and associated ground school which means that most will have flown solo and some, at their own expense, have gone on to achieve their PPL. Scholarships commence with a scholar's seminar near the end of April, during which scholars are introduced to their instructors and scholar training partner(s). Flying training is undertaken at flying schools in the UK between May and October and will be of three or four-weeks duration in either a PA-28 or a Microlight aircraft.

To apply for a scholarship complete the online enquiry form and a full application form will then be sent to you. Applications from prospective candidates are invited up until 31st January for a scholarship later in the same year.

<https://www.fsdp.co.uk/scholarships/>

LAUNCHPOINT BURSARIES / AWARDS

Launchpoint is a registered British charity that supports gliding and aims to provide opportunities to experience gliding and to help participants, of all ages, to develop with the sport. It does this through the Caroline Trust Awards and the Ted Lys Awards.

The **Caroline Trust Award application** form can be found here <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/pwmf-lp/caroline-trust-application-form/>

The **Ted Lys Award application** form can be found here <https://members.gliding.co.uk/library/ct/ted-lys-award-application-form/>

For further information and details: <https://members.gliding.co.uk/launchpoint/>

Launchpoint is also the BGA's adopted charity and provides Launchpoint's website at no cost.

RAF CHARITABLE TRUST

The RAF Charitable Trust is developing a number of Scholarships and Awards open to serving airman, cadets and members of the wider RAF family. These range from Scholarships for Disabled People to Air Cadets and 6th Form Scholars with potential follow on into University to glider flying training.

<https://www.airtattoo.com/the-trust/scholarships-and-awards>

THE HONOURABLE COMPANY OF AIR PILOTS incorporating Air Navigators SCHOLARSHIPS

In addition to flying scholarships funded directly by the Company, or one of its Charitable Trusts, each year they are also able to fund sponsored flying scholarships which are administered by the Company. Application criteria and information <https://www.airpilots.org/scholarships/flying-scholarships/flying-scholarships-2023/>

'The Air BP Sterling Scholarship': for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship
'The Grayburn Scholarship' for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship
'The Cadogan Scholarship' for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship
'The Farnborough Airport Flying Scholarship' for one PPL (fixed-wing) scholarship
Air Pilots Benevolent Fund - funding for several PPL (fixed-wing) scholarships
'The Foyle Scholarship' for one FI(R) (fixed-wing) scholarship
'The Swire Scholarship' for one FI(R) (fixed-wing) scholarship
'The Donaldson Scholarship' for one PPL scholarship
'The Squadron Leader Brian Letchford Scholarship' for one PPL scholarship
'The Wrigley Scholarship' for one PPL scholarship
'The Lane-Burslem Scholarship' for one PPL scholarship
'The Signature Scholarship' for one PPL scholarship

Application forms are available via this page during January and February for PPL(A), FIC(A), and the Gliding Scholarships (all subject to availability in a given year); interviews (where applicable) will be at the end of April/early May and will be held in London. Applications are invited from international scholars, but applicants should be aware that interviews take place on the arranged date in London (in person) and training must take place in a UK training organisation. Training in each instance MUST be completed by the first week of October in the year of award; candidates should be aware that this demands a very high level of commitment during the summer months and if offered a scholarship, the Company will expect the recipient to meet this commitment.

Private Pilot Licence Scholarships cover all aspects of training up to licence issue for a candidate who is prepared to dedicate a considerable part of the summer to gaining their PPL. Providing up to 45 hours of flying training, these scholarships can take a candidate with little or no experience to completion of their flying licence during the course of the summer; alternatively they can "finish off" someone who is already partially trained. The scholarships are awarded entirely on merit as evidenced on the completed application form and as assessed by a selection committee appointed by the Company. Candidates must be 17 or over on 1 June 2024. The course must be commenced during the summer of 2024 and completed by 28 September 2024.

CLOSING DATE noon 14 February 2024

Flight Instructor Certificate Scholarships cover all direct training and examination costs for the successful candidate as they achieve their Fixed Wing Flying Instructor Certificate. Training must be completed during the summer before the first week of October. **Closing date for applications: 5th March 2024 at 12 noon.**

The application details for GLIDING scholarships along with the criteria for application will be released soon. <https://www.airpilots.org/scholarships/flying-scholarships/flying-scholarships-2023/>

THE PHILIP WILLS MEMORIAL FUND (for GLIDING CLUBS)

The Philip Wills Memorial Fund supports UK gliding by **lending money to gliding clubs for capital projects** e.g. purchasing land or equipment, with the Trustees having a broad brief to enable them to provide a diversity of financial assistance to both clubs and individuals.

The Fund lends at (very) low rates of interest, usually over periods less than 10 years. Typical loans would be up to c £60k. The application process is simple with the Fund's trustees generally only looking to see that there is a good business case for the expenditure and (in order to protect the Fund) that the club has the ability to make monthly repayments.

<https://members.gliding.co.uk/club-development/pwmf>

AIR CADET GLIDING FUNDING

If you are an Air Cadet you can apply for gliding funding via the Post GS initiative. See www.juniorgliding.co.uk

AEROBATIC SCHOLARSHIPS

Ultimate Aerobatics, in partnership with **Total UK Aviation Fuels**, is offering pilots the opportunity to achieve their aerobatic dreams with a scholarship to take them on the first step of their journey to aerobatic competition.

Up to 2 scholarships are available and will give successful applicants a training award to achieve the EASA aerobatic rating which will allow them to compete at British Aerobatic competitions.

The aerobatic rating requires a minimum of five hours of aerobatic training and will be done in the Ultimate Aerobatics Pitts Special with an instructor who has achieved British champion status. The award will include one entry to a competition and ongoing mentoring programme for each of the winners during their competition career.

The application process is simple and the entry requirements, together with the terms and conditions, can be found on the Ultimate Aerobatics website www.ultimateaerobatics.co.uk

ACS Flight Training
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Yesterday we launched our ACS Aviation Scholarship in association with [@boseaviation!](#) 🎧

Our winners will enjoy 10 hours towards a PPL, 12 months membership and a Bose Aviation A20 Headset! 🎉

INTERESTED?! Visit our socials now to view our overview video, explaining how to apply and more! ✅

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AIR LEAGUE FLYING SCHOLARSHIPS

Annually the Air League awards in the order of 50 Flying Scholarships depending on funds available which give 12 hours of **Powered Flight** training towards the award of an NPPL. The intention of this award is to enable a person to go solo and enjoy the responsibility and achievement of solo flight.

<https://airleague.co.uk/flying-scholarships>

Air League Scholars recipients are encouraged to undertake their training as a residential course over the course of week to ensure consistency in their learning and to allow training as a small group with other scholars so that ideas and a fun, open learning environment can develop.

Training is undertaken at one of three training providers: South Warwickshire Flying School, Booker Aviation or Tayside Aviation.

Gliding to Solo Scholarships: Students from across the country who are over 16 yrs old and who meet the schools expectations are being offered a unique opportunity of a gliding taster day followed by a Gliding to Solo Scholarship.

As well as inspiring and educating the experience is designed to show the individual that aviation could be a realistic career option. Through team working, individual and team responsibilities as well as development of their interpersonal skill set, they realize they can achieve anything.

20 students from each of the following colleges attending a trial lesson day will have the opportunity to apply for a "Gliding to Solo Scholarship" (GSS):

- Haggerston School, Hackney
- The City Academy, Hackney
- London Academy of Excellence, Stratford
- Excelsior Academy, Newcastle
- Pen y Dre School, Merthyr Tydfil
- Kingsdale Foundation School, Dulwich
- Loch Gelly School, Fife

A Minimum of 3 GSS are up for grabs for each college! GSS consists of:

- 1 or 2 week course at your respective gliding club.
- 1 yr membership of the Gliding Club
- 1 yr membership of The Air League
- All Food, accommodation and flying fees for the duration of the course
- Transport to and from for the course and taster day.

Gliding Scholarships: Gliding scholarships offer the opportunity **for solo glider pilots or Air Cadets who have reached Gold Wings standard** to broaden their flying experience. Depending on experience, the following awards are available at civilian gliding schools:

Aerobatic Training - Instruction in basic aerobatic manoeuvres. The intention of this award is to enhance a scholars handling skills and provide an insight into the skills and flying discipline of competition aerobatics. If you want to improve your skills and have a lot of fun doing it, apply for an aerobatic scholarship.

Cross-Country Training - British Glider pilots continue to lead the world in glider racing. This award allows an insight into the complex, exciting world of racing sailplanes cross country. This scholarship is tailored to the individual's personal ability. Tuition takes the form of 2-seater flying around a cross country looking at the techniques and skills involved in racing sailplanes. This is consolidated with further two seater or single seater flying depending on your ability to ensure you progress to as high a level as possible. This scholarship typically takes a week to complete.

SLMG NPPL Training - Gliding is a fantastic and affordable way to start a career in aviation. The handling skills gained as a glider pilot being second to none. As well as providing an insight to the world of silent flight, this award

allows the opportunity to combine non-powered and powered flight. Training in a self-launching motor glider (SLMG) you will learn how to operate a powered aircraft whilst understanding how to optimise the weather as a glider pilot. Flown from one of four sites in the UK, the **course comprises of up to 32 hours flying** (depending on previous experience). **Typically awards of 12hrs or 6 hrs are made** to allow existing glider pilots to work towards conversion from a gliding licence to a SLMG NPPL.

Applicants must be young people permanently resident in the UK aged at least 16 but under 26 years on 1 April in the year of application. They also have to join The Air League. **Application forms are available from Early 2024 with a closing date of the end of February for the receipt of completed applications.**

<https://airleague.co.uk/flying-scholarships>

The Prince Philip Flying Scholarship is awarded to a previous flying scholar who has displayed outstanding potential and allows the individual who is member of the Air Training Corps and who also holds a Duke of Edinburgh Award to achieve their full private pilot's licence.

Flying Bursaries: the flying bursary programme offers 3-5 hours of advanced flying training to PPL holders. The bursaries again are funded by industry and by private individuals. Applicants have to be permanently resident in the UK and either be or become members of The Air League. **Application forms are available in early 2024 with a closing date of the end of February for receipt of completed applications.** There are no age limits but most bursaries go to applicants under 40. <https://airleague.co.uk/flying-scholarships>

The RAF Association's Flying Scholarship programme

The RAFA's scholarships acknowledge the commitment of young people in the RAF Air Cadets, the Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets, the Air Scouts and Air Explorer Scouts to the Association. The **first scholarship on offer** is the 35-hour flight training course which leads to a Light Aircraft Pilot Licence (LAPL).

There are **also at least five opportunities** to benefit from **12-hour flying scholarships**

Scholarships are open to applicants who are members of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets (RAFAC), Girls Venture Corps Air Cadets (GVCAC) and Explorer Air Scouts. In addition, applicants must have been a member of one of these bodies for at least 12 months on 1 January 2024.

enquiries@rafa.org.uk

ACS Flight Training PPL Scholarship

Following on from the successful launch of the 2020 flying scholarship, ACS Aviation has announced they will be running the scholarship for a fifth year in 2024, adding to the schools well-established and highly successful Flight Instructor Sponsorship Program. As air travel and airline recruitment has returned to normal since COVID19, there is no better time to commence training towards becoming a commercial airline pilot! The scholarship is also supported by Bose Aviation!

The winners of the ACS Aviation scholarship will receive 10 hours of flight training towards a Private Pilots Licence, 12 months membership and a Bose A20 aviation headset. ACS Aviation will grant scholarships with the aim of supporting individuals who might otherwise not have the necessary resources to gain flying experience and ultimately achieve their Private Pilots Licence (PPL).

<https://acsflighttraining.co.uk/information/acs-scholarship>

RAF FLYING SCHOLARSHIPS

Gliding Scholarship Wings: To be nominated for an RAF Gliding Scholarship (GS) just let your squadron or unit staff know you want in. It's open to anyone over 16 and you're not required to have completed a GIC 1, 2 or 3, but it's great if you have. Once you pass the standard medical check, it's just a matter of waiting for a place on the

course to become available. <https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/what-we-do/flying-and-gliding/gliding-scholarship-course/>

The Air Cadet Pilot Scheme: nearly 140 light aircraft courses available to air cadets each year at Tayside Aviation in Dundee and a further 27 places are available at the Air Experience Flights (AEF) embedded with the RAF's University Air Squadrons across the UK. To apply you'll first have to complete your non-solo flying course and win your blue wings or, preferably, have achieved a gliding solo and won your silver wings.

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/what-we-do/flying-and-gliding/pilot-schemes/>

Air Cadet Pilot Navigation Scheme: up to 30 cadets that win a place each year on the Air Cadet Pilot Navigation Scheme - run at Air Experience Flights. The entry criteria for applicants is the same as the Pilot Scheme.

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/what-we-do/flying-and-gliding/pilot-schemes/>

Air Experience Flights: <https://www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets/what-we-do/flying-and-gliding/air-experience-flights/>

ROYAL AIR SQUADRON Sir John Thompson Spirit of Aviation Scholarship

The Geoffrey De Havilland Flying Foundation was transferred to the Royal Air Squadron and this scholarship uses flying to help disadvantaged youngsters find a focus and change their lives through exposure to aspects of aviation. Sixteen 'Year 9' (14 year-old) students are selected from four schools in Bristol - Merchants' Academy, Blaise High School, Bridge Learning Campus and Montpellier High School.

Year 1: Over the academic year they take part in three full-day training sessions. These sessions are run by volunteers from the British Model Flying Association (BMFA), and are headed by John Stennard, BMFA Education officer for the South West of England. We are extremely grateful to the members of BMFA for giving of their time and expertise.

Year 2: The second year offers the same candidates four visits to the Bristol & Gloucestershire Gliding Club where they undertake gliding lessons.

Year 3: the candidates each get five hours flying with the Kemble Flying Club.

Scholar selection: The candidates are selected by their schools from various backgrounds.

<https://royalairsquadron.uk/gdhff/>

ROYAL AIR SQUADRON JOHN CUNNINGHAM FLYING SCHOLARSHIP

2 scholarships for Air Cadets. Awarded annually to PPL standard; the awards are in conjunction with the RAF Charitable Trust who award further places. At the end of the two year Foundation trophies are presented to the top two of the eleven chosen, the Group Captain John Cunningham Bust and John Hogg Memorial Prize.

<https://royalairsquadron.uk/gdhff/>

ROYAL AIR SQUADRON & FLEET AIR ARM OFFICERS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

These are run in conjunction with the Fleet Air Arm Officers Association. Four scholarships are awarded each year and the courses are run generally during August. They are open to all who demonstrate an interest in naval flying, and students usually go solo during their week on the course. RAS members assist with some flying and cross-country navigation. <https://royalairsquadron.uk/gdhff/>

ROYAL AIR SQUADRON MICROLIGHT FLYING SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are awarded each year and managed by the British Microlight Aircraft Association (BMAA). These are awarded on merit to those who otherwise cannot afford it, with the aim to encourage students in the art of aviation

<https://royalairsquadron.uk/gdhff/>

UNIVERSITY OF HERTFORDSHIRE FLYING SCHOLARSHIPS

The University of Hertfordshire offers a degree course in Aerospace Engineering with Flying Studies. The Geoffrey De Havilland Flying Foundation (now transferred to the Royal Air Squadron) has offered scholarships, as part of these studies, since 2007. The main purpose is to offer funds to help gain an Instrument Rating. Applicants must be

from amongst those embarked on the degree course. One of these scholarships is in the name of former RAS member, Professor John Houlder. <https://royalairsquadron.uk/contact-us/>

ACS Aviation

ACS Aviation will be running their scholarship scheme in 2023. The winners of the ACS Aviation scholarship will receive 10 hours of flight training towards a Private Pilots Licence, 12 months membership and a Bose A20 aviation headset.

ACS Aviation will grant scholarships with the aim of supporting individuals who might otherwise not have the necessary resources to gain flying experience and ultimately achieve their Private Pilots Licence (PPL).

The scholarship will allow students to progress onto a variety of professional roles within the aviation industry such as commercial airline pilot.

<https://acsflighttraining.co.uk/information/acs-scholarship>

Royal Air Force and Royal Navy

The RAF offers UK 6th form students scholarships to potential recruits as well as flying opportunities at Universities with the RAF University Air Squadrons. <https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/university-air-squadrons/>

Similar schemes are run by the Royal Navy <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/careers/joining/funding-and-scholarships>

DR. LILY FENN YOUTH FLYING SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Lily Fenn Education Foundation Limited offers a Youth Flying Scholarship (“YFS”) known as “Dr. Lily Fenn Youth Flying Scholarship” each year for flight training up to the level of Private Pilot Licence (Aeroplane) at Tayside Aviation Limited (www.taysideaviation.co.uk) in Dundee, Scotland, U.K. The Youth Flying Scholarship is capped at £15,000.00 per scholarship.

YFS will be awarded each year to provide assistance to a worthy final year university undergraduate or fresh graduate with a view to become an airline pilot or otherwise join the aviation industry in his/her career. “Fresh graduate” is defined as a candidate who acquired a University Bachelor Degree within 36 months immediately preceding the date of application.

<https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/view.aspx?src=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.lilyfennfoundation.com%2Fuserfile%2Ffiles%2Fapplication%2FDr.%2520Lily%2520Fenn%2520Youth%2520Flying%2520Scholarship%2520application%2520form%25202023.doc&wdOrigin=BROWSELINK>

Deadline for application 15th February 2024

The British Microlight Aircraft Association (BMAA)

The BMAA offers a Young Person’s Flying Bursary to candidates aged 15 to 20 years old, to encourage young people to learn to fly. In order to qualify they must show some history of an interest in microlighting and will be selected by an appointed panel. There will be some additional flying and ground based assessments to ensure we get exactly the right people.

<https://www.bmaa.org/information-library/bursary-application-form> **Closing dates 31st March 2024**

FAST (Female Aviators Sticking Together)

FAST is a global network and non-profit organisation that awards scholarships to its members and inspires the next generation of women pilots. <https://fastpilots.org/2023-scholarships/>

RAeC Scholarships

<https://www.aerosociety.com/careers-education/scholarships-bursaries/>

Leading Edge Airline Pilot programme

<https://leadingedgeaviation.com/news/bursary-programme/>

AERO ENGINEERING SCHOLARSHIP

Arkwright Scholarships are annually awarded bursaries for sixth formers with a demonstrated interest in and an ability to pursue, an aerospace engineering (or related discipline) or an aviation or RAF career, but whose family circumstances limit their ability to pursue their education. www.arkwright.org.uk

COACHMAKERS LIVERY SCHOLARSHIPS

<https://www.coachmakers.co.uk/aerospace-awards/>

The De Havilland Scholarship

This award is for £6,000 to assist a young person who wishes to learn to fly a DH 82a Tiger Moth Aircraft with the Cambridge Flying Group. This award will be open for applications later in 2023.

THE AEROTRON SCHOLARSHIP

This award is for £7,000 to help or enable a young aviation mechanic or technician to achieve their Part 66 engineer's licence. **Closing date** for applications: **28th February 2024**.

THE VICTOR GAUNTLETT SCHOLARSHIP

This award is for up to £5,000 to help a young person to learn or enhance their hands-on fabrication and traditional engineering and maintenance skills with the specific aim of preserving basic hands-on fabrication skills. It may also be awarded to a person running a specialist course in the field of aircraft maintenance skills. This award can be oriented towards either modern or vintage aircraft maintenance. **Closing date** for applications: **28th February 2024**.

THE ERIC 'WINKLE' BROWN SCHOLARSHIP

This award is for up to £5,000 to help a young person to learn or enhance their hands-on fabrication and traditional engineering and maintenance skills with the specific aim of preserving basic hands-on fabrication skills. It may also be awarded to a person running a specialist course in the field of aircraft maintenance skills. This award can be oriented towards either modern or vintage aircraft maintenance. **Closing date** for applications: **28th February 2024**.

Other Coachmakers Livery scholarships are: **The Sir Sydney Camm Scholarship** - This award is for up to £5,000 to benefit a young person studying for a first (Bachelors) degree or wishing to develop a foundation or other qualification into a degree qualification to enhance their learning experience. **Closing date for applications: 31st January 2024**; **The Sir Frederick Handley Page Scholarship** - This award is for up to £5,000 to benefit a young person studying for a master's degree to enhance their learning experience **Closing date for applications: 31st January 2024**; **The Eric Beverley Scholarship** - This award is for up to £4,000 to benefit a young person studying for a PhD to enhance their learning experience. **Closing date for applications: 31st January 2024**.

<https://www.coachmakers.co.uk/aerospace-awards/>

IS YOUR AERODROME UNDER THREAT?

THE GOOD NEWS: Scotland's **DORNOCH AIRSTRIP** is to have a new 5 year lease granted by The Highland Council. The strip has a grass runway 775m x 23m adjacent to Dornoch Links golf course and the sea.

THE POSSIBLY GOOD NEWS: RAF SCAMPTON: a Temporary Stop Notice has been issued. The Council considers that there has been a breach of planning control related to the Listed Buildings and archaeology on the site.

THE NOT GOOD NEWS: PANSHANGAR has been sold by Mariposa Investments to Homes England (HE). HE is the Government Agency dedicated to promoting the Government's house building target. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council adopted its 2032 Local Plan which allocates the whole site for housing precluding any future use of it as an aerodrome.

My thanks to **John Walker** for his latest UK Airfields update: Changes from the Summer 2023 RAeC Newsletter

Aerodrome	Current Status
Carlisle	Esken Limited, the site lease holder, has confirmed that the sale of their Aviation business which is progressing, includes Carlisle aerodrome as well as Southend.
Doncaster Sheffield	The aerodrome has been notified as being without any aviation related services with its associated airspace reverting to Class G. Doncaster City Council have decided to continue negotiations with the Peel Group, the land owner, for a long-term lease of the site and to seek a suitable investment party to reopen and operate the aerodrome with all of the necessary agreements being in place by March 2024.
Halfpenny Green (Wolverhampton Business Airport)	MCR Property Group have sold the aerodrome to the Pegasus Group and the new owner has stated the intention to keep the site as an aerodrome and improve it where possible.
Manston	On 9 July 2020, the Secretary of State (SoS) made a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the aerodrome as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project which Order was quashed on 15 February 2021 as the result of a Judicial Review. After a public consultation and independent reports on the need for the development reviewing the decision to grant the Order, an amended DCO was made by the SoS on 18 August 2022. On 17 January 2023 the High Court initially refused an application for a Judicial Review of the amended DCO but at a further aural hearing on 23 March 2023, granted the application with the full hearing taking place on 5/6 July 2023. In a decision dated 22 September 2023, the High Court dismissed the second application and an appeal against this decision was also dismissed on 9 October 2023. On 9 July 2020 Thanet District Council adopted its 2031 Local Plan that safeguards the aerodrome.
Shipdham	The aerodrome is closing in November 2023 with the resident aircraft owners being given notices to quit the site. The site owner has proposed the site for economic, non-residential development in the review of the Local Plan by Breckland Council.
Wellesbourne Mountford	In line with the terms of the MoU between Stratford-on-Avon District Council and the site owners, a public consultation took place between 6 and 22 September 2023 on proposals for a new realigned runway; new hangars, aircraft parking and maintenance facilities; a new control tower, check-in area, waiting lounge and café with the revised site being safeguarded for future aviation tenants. Following the consultation, a planning application will be submitted for the new facilities.
MoD Sites	
Scampton and Wethersfield	A two-day Judicial Review hearing will start on 31 October 2023 into the Government's proposals to use these two sites as holding centres for asylum seekers.

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