

BGGC Progress update

Airfield Operations Manager

Our Airfield Manager Mate has been in post for nearly two weeks now and is doing well. His first week was focused on settling in, learning how we operate at Nympsfield and meeting us. Since then he has spent a lot of time raising the standard of tidiness around the club. You may have noticed the aircraft are cleaner, both inside and out, the vehicles are always fuelled and oiled, batteries charged, doors locked etc. These tasks are just part of his regular daily activities. In addition to these, he is always around to help put your wings on, lend a hand at the launch point or drive the tug when required. Please give him a hearty welcome.

On non flying days Mate has been working on refurbishing the instructor's flat, something we need to do before we can employ an instructor, and soon he will start work on the clubhouse garden wall that is in much need of some TLC.

Hose Pipe U/S

The hosepipe by the fuel shed is out of service at the moment. We had a flood in the instructors flat recently and as the workshop and consequently the hose is supplied through the flat it has been isolated. We are getting quotes for some professional plumbing and a replacement shower unit.

If anyone would be willing to do some plumbing in the near future and save the club some money please contact the committee!

K13 Sale Complete

With mixed feelings we can report that we have completed the sale EUC. We did have some offers from club members to take up the committee's suggestion of syndicating, but unfortunately there was insufficient interest so my apologies to those who would have liked to buy a share.

This and the sale of FDF is an important step towards the Committees long term plan to manage our fleet renewal. We are ringfencing the proceeds of all our glider sales to go towards the development of our future fleet.

New Aircraft coming to Nympsfield

We have been approached by the "School's Build a Plane Project" and asked to host them at Nympsfield for a while. The project is sponsored by Boeing and involves a number of different schools that build a different part of the aircraft. When it is finally assembled the aircraft is test flown and then each student is given a flight. After the students have flown the aircraft is sold to fund another kit. It's a great way of introducing youngsters to aviation. The committee have considered the possible interaction with our gliding activities and deemed that it should have minimal impact. Most of the flights will be done during the week and the operators are happy to fit around us. Also, considering the club will benefit from an additional £150/month hangar rental plus facility fee, at least two new full flying members, more trade for the café and some free advertising

we believe this sufficient reason to give the green light. Freeing tug hangar space up for other aircraft will also generate much needed revenue (we estimate up to £6000 PA) for our Club, so please see below.

Pawnee Storage in Main Hangar

Now we have sold the K13, we may soon trial storing the Pawnee in the main glider hangar. This will free up space for another privately owned aircraft in the existing tug hangar in order to generate even more cash for the club..

After a day of playing Chinese puzzles with the aircraft and working out how best to fit them in the main hangar some guidance will be circulated. We will also send out a briefing on how to safely move the Pawnee for the benefit of those who don't usually do this and of course Mate will be on hand to assist.

Staff Instructor

The committee are aware of how disruptive a lack of a weekday instructor has been to our trainee pilots this year and are fully committed to finding someone as soon as we can. To give ourselves the best chance of finding someone we have already started looking.

If anyone knows any Instructor who may be interested please get them to contact the committee.

Clubhouse Network and Internet

If you have logged on to the wifi in and around the clubhouse lately I would hope that you have noticed a significant improvement! The network cabling and routers have been replaced which has produced faster data transfer speeds and far more reliable connections to our devices. The wifi range has also considerably improved and I have even been able to use the internet from the trailer line! All is ready for the Competition. Please see below.

Junior Nationals 2017

We are holding the Junior Nationals at Nympsfield from the 19th to the 27th of August. Club flying will continue as much as possible. For those of you who have not attended a Juniors event attendance is highly recommended and often inspirational. Its important that we make this a success for the Club so we would ask that you come along and help if you possibly can. If you are available please don't hesitate to contact Ken Pile Dominic Conway or Steve Nouj and they will employ you in some capacity. Email Nymvchair@gmail.com in the first instance.

Next Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on 25th July. Members are welcome to attend

Congratulations to Leo Tang

And Finally, congratulations to Leo who has recently been awarded a Flying Scholarship from the Honourable Company of Air Pilots! He has asked that I pass on the following message. Well done Leo and the best of luck from BGGC. Please come back and visit us!

Dear all BGGC Instructors,

As you may have (or not) noticed that I have not been gliding in Nympsfield lately. This is mainly due to the fact that I am in the progress of getting my PPL as a result of winning the Flying Scholarship from the Honourable Company of Air Pilots.

I would like to express my appreciation toward instructors who has committed time and efforts to share their wisdom and experience in aviation. Not only I have learnt to fly elegantly from the best, you have also given me plenty of confidence in my ability and courage to achieve my dream.

I am very excited to hear about the positive changes that are happening around the club, and hopefully in the near future I will be able to spare a weekend from work and PPL course to see you all again and appreciate the transformation of the club's facilities.

Again, I cannot emphasise enough of my gratitude toward every volunteering instructors in Nympsfield. Without your selfless help, I would not have come close to accomplish today's achievement.

Thank you.

Regards,

Leo Tang