

KIRTON WAVE

HERE COMES SUMMER!

What's on Your Agenda?



FLYING WEEK -

MONDAY MAY 31st - FRIDAY JUNE 4th INCLUSIVE

We have a full crew in attendance each day to accommodate pilots of all experience. If you wish, you can ask for specific instruction in advance or just turn up, rig and fly a task! (Weekend flying sessions as normal).

DAWN TO DUSK -

JULY 10TH OR 11TH (Subject to weather)

We are pleased to announce the return of this popular event. There will be two sessions, Dawn until 1000 hours and 1800 hours until Dusk.

During these two sessions you can take as many winch launches as you can fit in for £20 - one at a time and strictly in accordance with the flying list. If you have never flown at dawn (or soon after) you really should. It's a great experience.

Please note that between these two sessions, normal flying will continue under normal conditions and pricing.



Kristina Samuels

It has been fantastic to see you all back at the airfield and great to see so many new faces. Our return to flying and the new season got off to a great start with 'Check Flight' week (April 12-16), - 139 launches and over 60 hours flying of club aircraft!

An 'online' campaign has recruited 12 new members to date. For the fifth consecutive year, our Festival of Flight/Task Week was a great success for pilots of all abilities and got many of us flying when we might not have rigged. I, for one, have definitely improved my shower dodging skills.!

So far, so good then.

I have been attending many virtual events with the British Gliding Association over the past few months and some clubs are not as fortunate as us to get up and running so quickly. It is a massive testament to the teamwork of our Members and Instructors. Thank you.

Make sure you give yourself every chance to achieve your targets and ambitions when you have the weather to do it. **But** with the proviso that to keep open and flying, we need to remember that Covid has not gone away. Please follow the rules.

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You can count on support from our club instructors and experienced members to offer guidance and encouragement, whoever and whatever you and your aims are. All you need to do is ask!

Enjoy your flying and keep safe.

Kristina



OBITUARY

PETER HOLLAND

1936 - 2021

In April we lost a long-serving, founder member of Trent Valley Gliding Club, one to whom the club owes much and who will be long remembered.

Peter sadly passed away on the 1st April after a short illness. He always had a passion for aviation, he was a member of the Air Training Corps where he had the opportunity to fly to Singapore in a Hastings and to no surprise did his National Service in the Royal Air Force.

But it was gliding where his real passion lay, he joined the RAF Gliding Club at Swinderby in 1965 where he went solo in just 26 launches. In the same year, along with a hand full of other civilian pilots, he helped to form Trent Valley Gliding Club. After searching for a suitable airfield, they moved to Sturgate and after acquiring a T31 from Camphill started flying in 1966.

Peter was the club Treasurer from day 1, a post he then held for the next 45 years. He navigated the club's finances from a loan of £500 to start the club through to it owning a modern fleet of gliders, a tug and professionally built winch. He was involved in the club's development and helped with the move of the club in 1974 to its present location at Kirton in Lindsey.

Peter spent many hours balancing the books, more hours than he actually spent flying, and it wasn't uncommon for him to chase members around the airfield returning money they had overpaid.



He owned and flew a variety of gliders over the years that reflected the advancement in designs. His first glider was an Oly 2b followed by a K6cr, a Libelle, Discus and finally a DG505 which he shared with his 2 sons Paul and Patrick. He had many flying adventures flying in the mountains of Wales and Scotland and was also lucky enough to fly in Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.

Peter was a corner stone of the club and worked tirelessly to ensure it succeeded. Even after he stopped flying, he still took an active interest in club affairs, especially finance...!

Peter's legacy is that we are left with a healthy vibrant club that continues to provide the sport he loved to future generations.



ROBIN'S TWEET

CFI Rob Parker



Rob takes us through developments in Pilot Licensing and Training with which we will all soon have to comply.

The application forms and all relevant information & data can be found on the BGA website [HERE](#).

Hi all

Here is an update on licensing and training requirements that we have to comply with by 8th December 2021.

Pilot Licensing

To fly as pilot in command from 8th December 2021, all pilots of Part 21 sailplanes must hold an SPL. Pilots who do not hold an SPL from the 8th December will be 'student pilots'.

A Bronze with Cross Country Endorsement (or for pilots who pre-date the XC endorsement, a Silver Distance) is the minimum requirement to convert to an SPL.

The minimum medical requirement for converting is a CAA Pilot Medical Declaration. The process is reasonably simple (some 1,500 pilots have used it to date) and involves downloading a form with instructions and sending it to the BGA, who do the rest - leading to the issue of an SPL. Additional BGA endorsements, eg cloud flying, aerobatics, etc, and instructing and examining privileges, can be added to the SPL during the conversion process - it's all described in the application form guidance.

Pilot Training

From 8th December 2021, sailplane pilots need to be trained under Declared Training Organisation (DTO) requirements. From 8th December 2021, any club that is training pilots for the SPL or additional privileges will need to have formally declared itself as a DTO.

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To be clear, the Bronze and Cross Country Endorsements will disappear from 8th December 2021 as they will be replaced by the SPL course programme, which includes the training syllabus and record of training from first lesson through to out-landing and navigation training. Many clubs are part of what is currently 'the BGA DTO', which was set up to support SPL holders with certain privileges (eg TMG) added to their SPL. Ahead of 8th December, BGA will be assisting all clubs that intend to provide SPL training in declaring themselves as a DTO and is developing the necessary resources, including 'course programmes', which have to be approved by the CAA.

Once the various course programmes have been approved by the CAA, any BGA club DTO will be permitted to use them. The SPL theoretical knowledge exam will be a 'rebadged' Bronze exam (which in recent years has been updated to become SPL compliant). BGA club CFIs will continue to have access to that secure system.

The DTO rules will inevitably encourage closer scrutiny within each club (and periodically by the CAA) of instructing standards, student pilot training records, and adherence to safe practices including the supervision of authorised solo flying by student pilots.

BGA support will continue as before, including by the regional teams led by the SRE's. We're confident the changes associated with DTO this winter and onwards will soon be accepted as normal. It is likely that student pilots and instructors alike will benefit from clearer and simpler processes.

It goes without saying that we should encourage all pilots who can convert to do so. Holding an SPL presents no further licensing requirements throughout a pilots lifetime beyond maintaining recency (currency), including flying twice with an instructor every two years.

Completing the Bronze and Cross Country Endorsements this summer ahead of conversion to SPL should probably be a priority for quite a few of our solo pilots.

In 2020, BGA formally proposed to CAA (and DfT) that BGA acts as a delegated authority for CAA re gliding activity. Last month the CAA approved a project that aims to establish BGA delegated authority during 2021/2022. Of course this development will not change any of the detail described above. What it should mean is that going forward into 2022, direct CAA involvement in gliding matters will be significantly reduced again. Let me know if you need help.

Rob

FESTIVAL OF FLIGHT/TASK WEEK

May 1st - 9th inclusive

We staged another successful flying week to get our soaring season off to a great start. Members took advantage of early starts and some long days to get practice in, including basic training, check flights, field landings, cross country experience and some innovative and challenging tasks set by Paul Holland.

The weather was variable with showers omni present (including hail) but very strong thermals on several days. We managed to fly on seven days out of nine, with tasks on six. There were several 'firsts' - including 'first' land-outs for Andy Wells and Brad Lefley-Kemp.

Weather conditions limited cross country distances on all but three days, when long tasks were possible (and flown).

As ever, the camaraderie and mutual support was excellent.

The total scores for the 'task comp' are shown in the table opposite.

Thanks to the dedicated crew of helpers who made it all possible, particularly Bob Kmita (winching), Rick Malam (tugging), Pete Dixon (instructing) and the Kilo Xray syndicate for their support.

The weather on the last day was kind and all those who took part, together with their guests plus a number of other club members, enjoyed a lovely BBQ.

Name	Glider	Total
Ian H/Simon G	Janus B	732.5
Dave Plumb	Libelle	367
Andy W/Bradley	Astir	168
Kristina Samuels	Pegase	482
Colin M/Geoff D	Marianne	977
Simon Leach	Libelle	639
Robin Parker	ASW 20	421
Barry Pridgeon	AWS 27	479
Paul Holland	Discus 2T	947.5
Pete Dixon	Janus A	739
John Williams	LS8/Libelle	1649



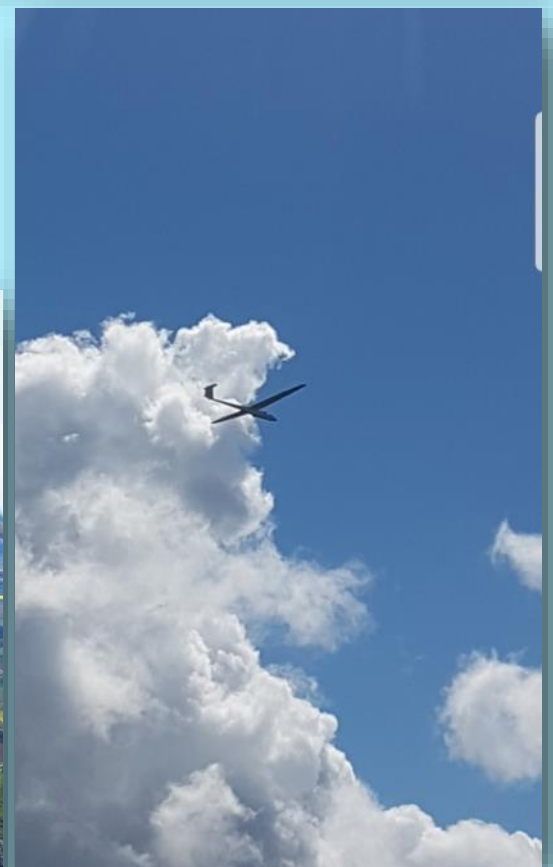


PICTURES FROM TASK WEEK

Above: The Grid on Day 3

Below: Louth (under the wing of Dave Plumb's Libelle) and the Lincolnshire coast in the distance

Right: Simon Grant and Ian Hall at circa 4,000ft in their Janus, taken from the Marianne



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Visitor Booking Scheme

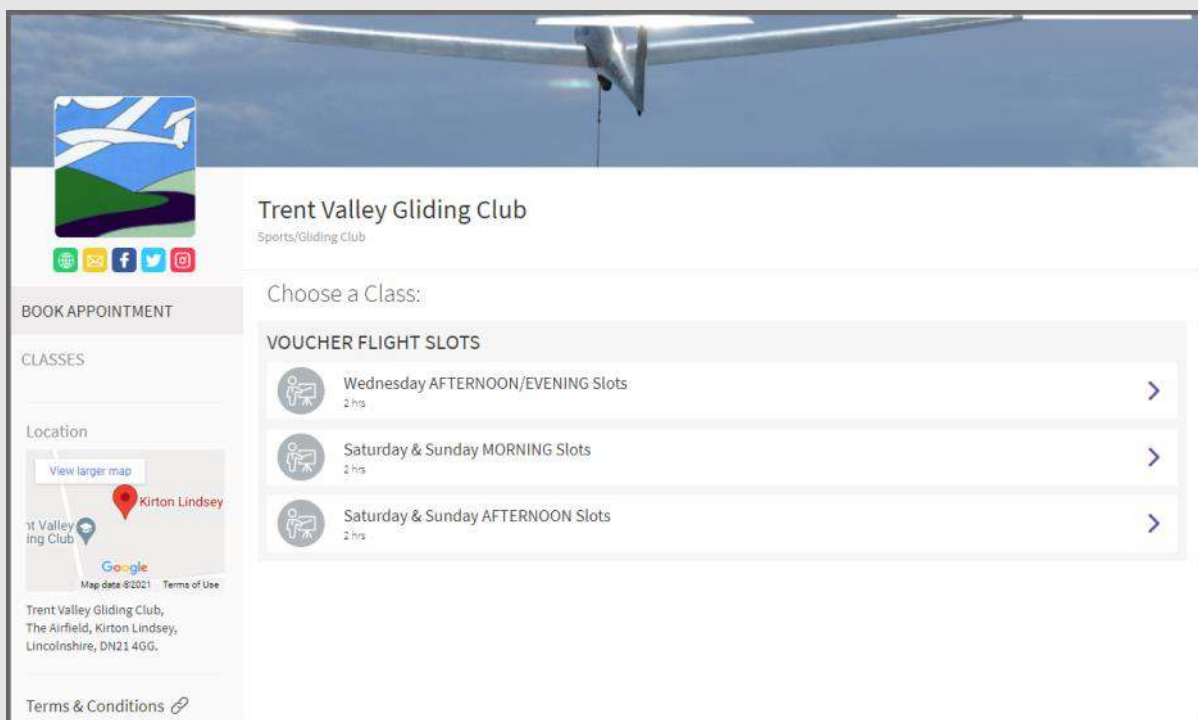
Club Secretary Wayne Dewick takes us through our new Visitor Booking System which he put together and launched recently

In the past few weeks, we launched an online flight booking system where voucher holders can book their Winch, Aerotow or Mile High flight.

This easy-to-use web-based platform 'Picktime', aims to make the process of visitors booking their slots speedier, with reduced steps and less member time commitment.

The process is simple:

The voucher-holder is directed to the booking webpage: www.picktime.com/TVGC, which looks like this:



Choose the preferred day/time from:

- 'Wednesday Afternoon'
- 'Saturday & Sunday Morning'
- 'Saturday & Sunday Afternoon'

Once selected, availability for the current month can be seen. In the example below, 'Saturday & Sunday Afternoon' was chosen and it can be seen that all 2 slots on 16th May are booked (shaded red & 0/2 available), but for 22nd May both of the slots at 15:00 Hrs are available to book. To see the next month, click the arrow to the right of the month ('May' in the example below). Available slots can be booked up to 48 hrs before-hand.

The screenshot displays the Trent Valley Gliding Club's booking interface. At the top, the club's logo and name are visible. Below this, a navigation bar shows the current selection: 'Saturday & Sunday AFT...' > 'Trent Valley Gliding' > '22 May, 15:00' > 'Info' > 'Complete'. The main content area is titled 'CLASSES' and shows a calendar for 'May 2021'. A 'Location' section on the left includes a map of Kirton Lindsey and the club's address: 'Trent Valley Gliding Club, The Airfield, Kirton Lindsey, Lincolnshire, DN21 4GG.' Below the map is a 'Terms & Conditions' link. The central part of the page is titled 'Choose a Session you want to attend:' and lists five sessions with their dates, times, and availability status:

Date	Time	Availability
16th May 2021	16:00 United Kingdom Time	Full
22nd May 2021	15:00 United Kingdom Time	Available
23rd May 2021	15:00 United Kingdom Time	Available
29th May 2021	16:00 United Kingdom Time	Full
30th May 2021	15:00 United Kingdom Time	Available

Clicking on the arrow to the right of the slot takes the user to a web form where they enter their name, contact details, the voucher number & type. Once submitted, this sends the voucher holder and us a confirmation e-mail.

A summary list is e-mailed to the Instructor team on a Monday (for Wednesday flights) and Friday (for Saturday & Sunday flights). This list indicates who is booked on which slot and what type of flight, along with contact details and the voucher number.

If the flight has to be cancelled due to weather or other operational reasons, the Duty Instructor should make contact with the person booked as soon as possible, explaining the reason for cancelling and asking them to re-book via the system.

Members can look here at anytime to see how many bookings have been made for a given day/time.

We will continue to tweak the system and adjust the slots, but hopefully this will be an improved user experience for our visitors.

For further information, contact The Secretary.

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Matt Waite



Hi, I'm Matt Waite, I'm 17 and I've recently become part of the TVGC Social Media team.

I joined the club at the start of 2018 and was lucky enough to complete my first solo 92 flights later. After producing a short video I was asked if I would help increase the juniors presence online. As someone with a camera and editing experience doing a vlog felt like the natural thing to do, so I grabbed my camera and I haven't looked back!

Doing the vlog has been so much fun, from getting used to talking to the camera to working out which bits might be best left on the cutting room floor. It's helped me to progress my skill and have fun along the way, and the feedback I've been getting has been very good so far. Another big motivator is the potential that the vlogs hold. If they blow up and start bringing in loads of views then I can be happy in the knowledge that more people are getting interested in gliding, helping the club to find more members.

Aside from filming I've thoroughly enjoyed my time at TVGC. The club has such a nice community feel, I've always felt welcome and the atmosphere is always nice. I've been able to learn at my own pace, with support from our amazing instructors. Flying is an amazing hobby, I can relax in the air and learn and progress. It's rewarding when the hard work and training pays off.

My favourite memory from gliding was my first time thermalling solo. There was something very satisfying about pushing my own skills and managing to stay in the air for my first half hour flight. On landing I was very glad to have had my camera with me, so that I can go back and experience it. Having the camera in the glider with me has also been a useful learning tool, as it lets me go back and look in finer details and assess the decisions I made, for example in my most recent launch failure.

I would highly recommend anyone with spare time and looking for a hobby to get into gliding as it is very fun and relaxing, and is also suitable for people of all ages and backgrounds.

Matt



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CLUB CHECK-IN

As we've been glad to welcome quite a few new members recently, it seems like a good time to rejig the format of the attendance list that we installed to enable us to "Track and Trace" contacts if necessary. A new sheet combines the day's attendance list *and* flying list.

It will be perforated so that the flying list can be detached and taken down to the launch point, ready for the start of flying. Please tick opposite your name on the attendance list when you arrive and enter your name on the flying list. If you are the first to arrive, please start the new sheet by putting the date at the head of each part of the sheet.

Those members who wish to continue checking their temperature with the "gun" on arrival, can write the result in the "Tick" column instead of placing a tick.

The attendance lists will continue to be kept in the folder for 30 days, in case we need to implement "Track and Trace".

Thanks, Rob Harkness

Safety Officer



It seems an awful long time now but over a year ago our brilliant 'Aim For The Sky' project, in conjunction with University Campus North Lincs, was shortlisted for the Innovation Award at the prestigious Educate North Awards 2020.

The awards ceremony was meant to be a gala evening at the Hilton Hotel, Manchester but was postponed because of the Covid 19 crisis (what wasn't?)

It was re-scheduled as a virtual event and took place on Thursday 22nd April this year. Kristina and myself represented the club and Caroline Fielder-Shattell for UCNL.

Regrettably, in a strong field of no less than nine nominees, we did not win the Innovation category. We have been commended for our brilliant project and should be proud to have achieved so much success. Once again, I make no apologies for expressing gratitude to the wonderful team of members who delivered the lectures and flying sessions for well over a year.

Well done and thanks.

Geoff Davey.



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CONGRATULATIONS!

ANDY WELLS
*on achieving his
Bronze and
Cross Country
endorsements.*



SIMON LEACH
*on achieving his
Introductory
Flight Pilot
endorsement.*



RICK NADIN
*on gaining his
Basic Instructor
Coach rating.*



AND WELCOME...

*To members who have
joined TVGC so far in 2021*

Tomas Rusin
Krzysztof Matuszyk
Kary Murrell
Genevieve Wilson
Simon Dendle
Terry Walters
Rhys Bowles
Steven Hopkins
Jacek Duda
Jonathon Heningway
Sam Fowler

*A warm welcome to all of you, wishing
you an enjoyable and successful time
with us at Kirton airfield.*



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