

Booker Gliding Club
Newsletter

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We're still
here!

Denbigh – wave, ridge, thermal!



Diamonds

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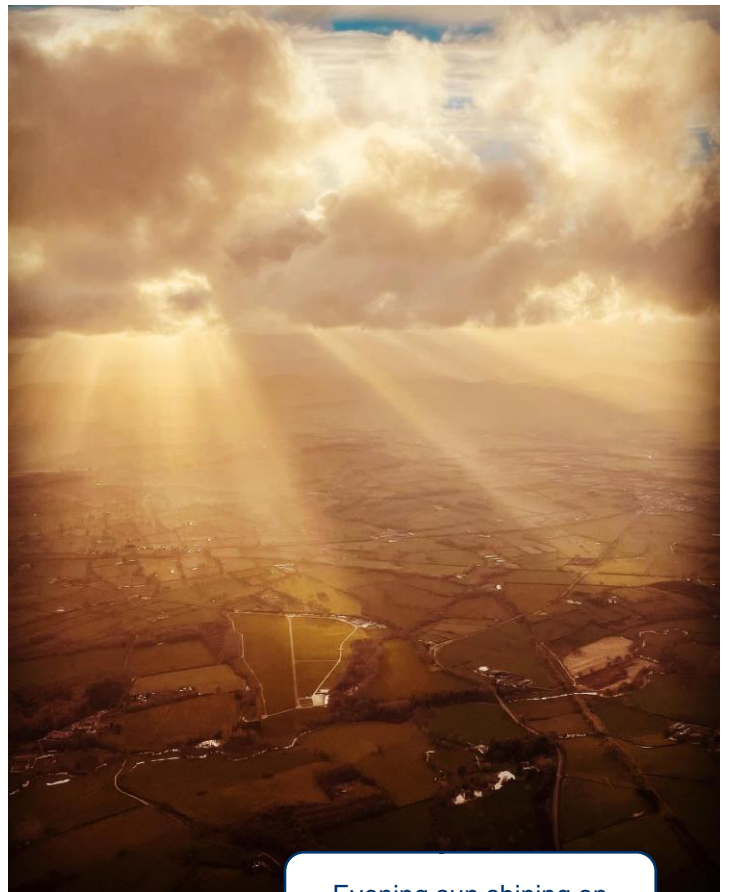
Spring expedition to Lleweni Parc, Denbigh

This was our fourth trip to Denbigh, and the large number of members who were able to join in enjoyed some excellent weather. The many days with a gusty southerly produced some interesting conditions for take-off and landing, which had the advantage of blowing away the rustiness of a winter lay-off – everyone is now well and truly current! Whether flying along the ridge, in thermals or in wave, the views were terrific – as you can see.....



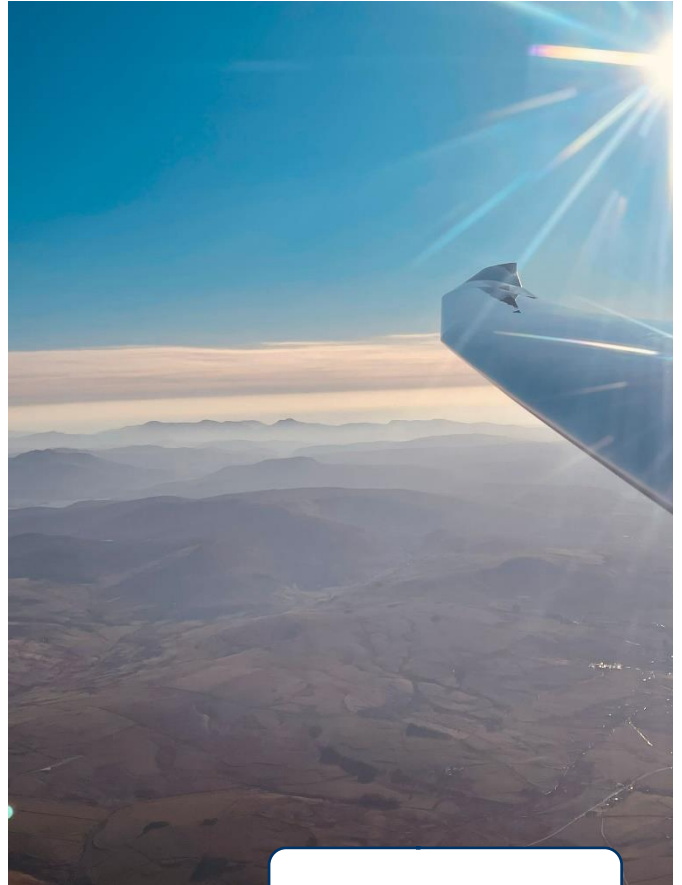
315 launching on 09
behind the Eurofox

David Humpreys on a trip to the
seaside in 315 with Richard



Evening sun shining on
the airfield

David Harborne and 315 in the pink



High in wave in 315



Getting ready at 24 launchpoint

KSM wave-hunting



Llyn Cowlyd,
Snowdonia





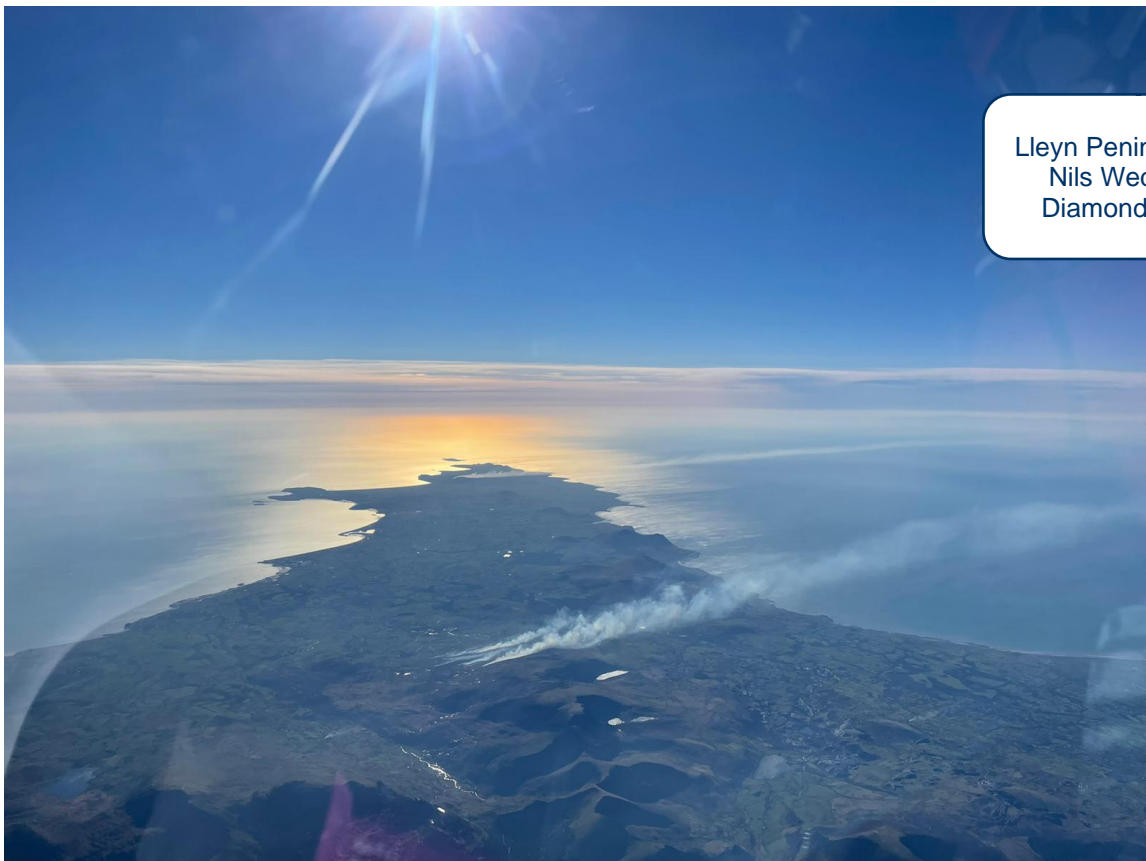
The Great Orme and Llandudno



Another aspect of being a member of a gliding club

Member achievements

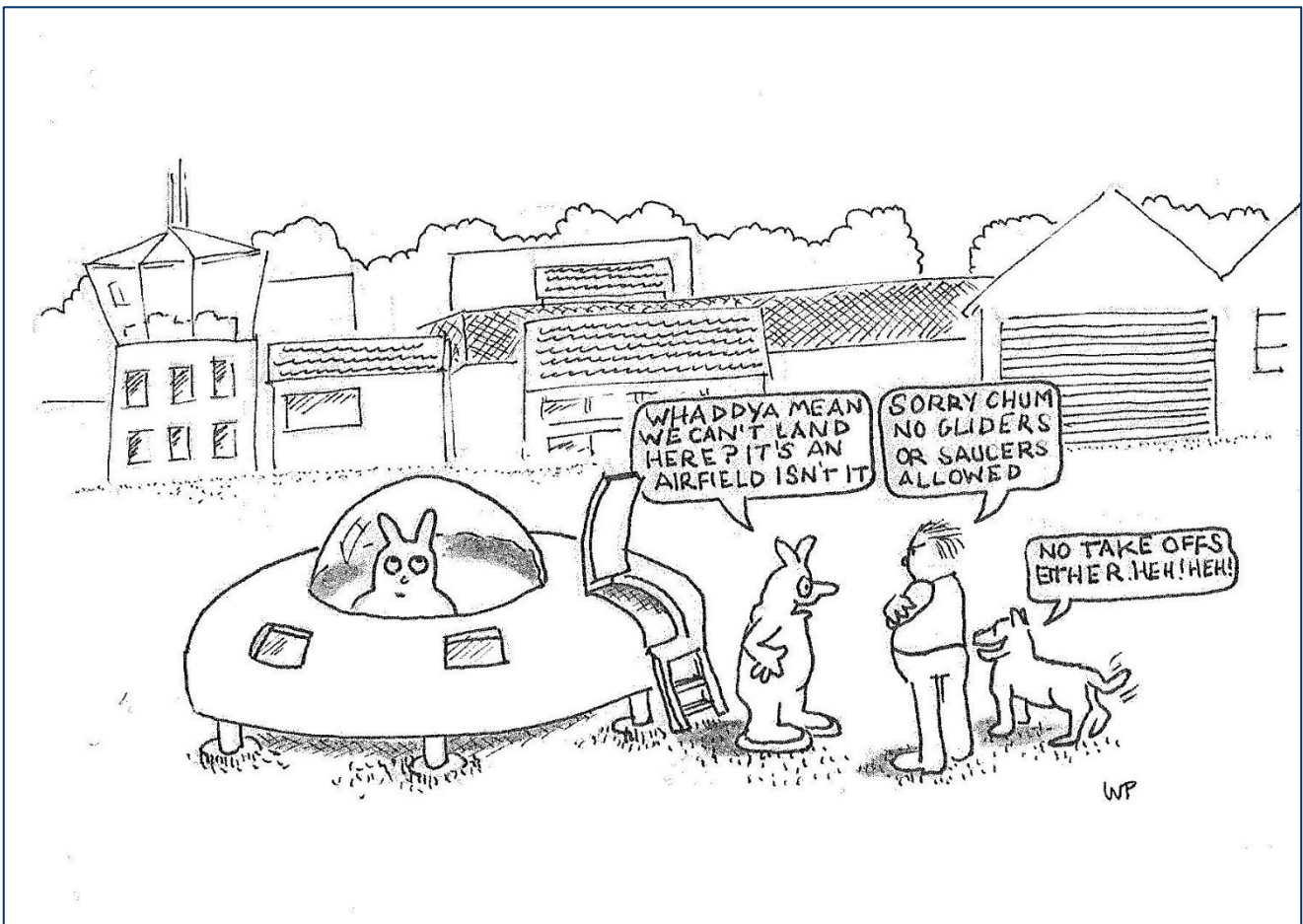
Nils Wedi, our tame Met Man, who has relocated to Bonn, took advantage of a trip back to the UK to join the expedition to Denbigh and an excellent wave day to gain his **Diamond height**, having missed out by about 2ft at Aboyne last October. We hope he will be making more trips back to visit, especially once he has had the jet fitted to his LS4!



Lleyn Peninsula, taken by Nils Wedi during his Diamond height flight

Latest news

On our return to Booker after our spring expedition we were still banned from flying at our home of decades because we are caught in the middle of a commercial dispute between the airfield management and our landlord, the council. We are however fighting on a number of fronts to establish a flying operation, and members who are part of our communications group will be aware of the recent flurry of activity. We hope to be flying again soon and remain determined to return to our historic home in due course.



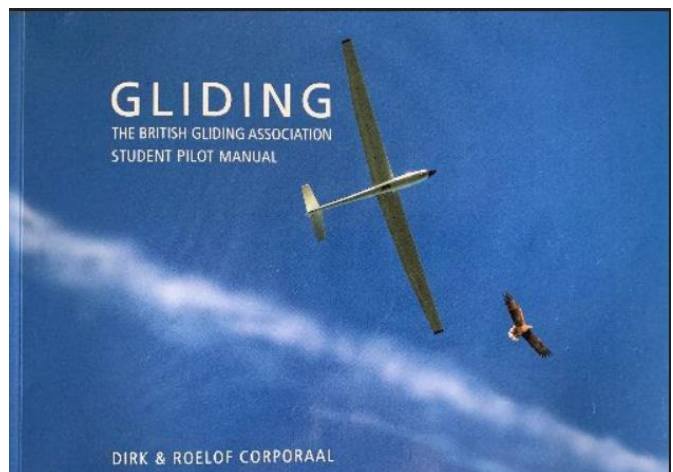
Simulator outings

Thanks to James Giles and his team of IT experts – Graham Saw, Robin Willgoss, Pete Wyld, Henry Ross, Bob Smith - the simulator has taken on a new lease of life and has been on a day trip to Langtree school in Woodcote where a large number of students tried their hand at flying. James has been working hard on engaging local groups and raising the profile of gliding, and there is a plan afoot to arrange group visits to use the simulator at Booker rather than taking it to them. This could involve a programme including a short briefing and a flight – an opportunity for members to join in with a group activity and spark an interest in gliding in a new generation.

Student Pilot Manual

The BGA has produced a manual for student pilots - also useful as a reference for instructors. It comes with clear illustrations, colour images and easy to absorb explanations, giving essential information to support student pilots as they progress through the training syllabus from first flight through to flying solo, learning to soar, and developing navigation and field landing skills.

A5 sized, 124 pages. Get your copy [here](#).



Is your Flarm up to date?



It's that time of year again, time to make sure that your Flarm has had its annual update to ensure that it keeps on working. You can download the file for your device [here](#).

And don't forget to update your airspace and turnpoint files on your favourite nav aid. All the files are available [here](#).



Club Communications

We use WhatsApp groups, as below:

Booker Gliding Club – general club information and notifications including details of online daily briefings

Booker Instructors – information and swap requests for instructors

Booker Expeditions – set up in the run up to each expedition.

If you wish to be included in any of these groups, contact the CFI.

Booker XC – for tasks, cross country discussion and feedback – NEW GROUP
Join here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HukdaXAnb83JIVpd2FZ9nw>

Booker Banter - for general chitchat – contact Jeremy Gilbey

Condor Flyers – for those wanting to join in Condor group sessions – contact Bob Smith or Henry Ross or ask for a link on the main Whatsapp group.

The **Booker GC website** at www.bookergliding.co.uk has a Members Page. This contains the latest Club news snippets and links to previous newsletters, meeting minutes and several useful and informative Club documents. The Members' page is accessible to everybody (not just members) but certain documents, such as committee minutes need a user ID and password. To obtain these, go to the members' page and click on the 'email Administrator' link. Don't forget to include your name and membership number.

For the latest news about what's happening check out

<http://bookergc.blogspot.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/bookerglidingclub>

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