

ALL OUT!

HISTORIC FLIGHT NEWS



MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

GETTING ORGANISED

Last year, the HF finally appointed a small committee to help secure the future of the group. Turn to page 2 to meet our group of dedicated volunteers that are leading the efforts to keep our beloved fleet airworthy and in the skies. [Turn to page 2](#)

HOME SWEET HOME

LIFE AT NYMPSFIELD

Two years since our move, we report back on life at our new home - Bristol and Gloucestershire Gliding Club. [Turn to page 3](#)

LEADING THE GAGGLE

HF AT JNR NATIONALS

Our latest Instructor member, Dan Welch, shows the Juniors how it's done, marking thermals in the Sedbergh at last year's UK Junior Nationals [Turn to page 2](#)



HF LEADS VGC RENDEZVOUS FOR 2023

In 2021, BGGC won the bid to host the Vintage Glider Club 'Rendezvous' which will take place from 20th-27th July 2023. This event precedes the main VGC International Rally which will take place at Cotswold Gliding Club the following week. The Rendezvous will see upwards of 100 Vintage Gliders fly from Nympsfield from all across the continent with visitors from all around the world. This is a hugely exciting opportunity for both the HF and BGGC. If there are any HF members that would like to get involved please get in touch with Joey or Geoff who are taking on the roles of Director and Deputy Director of the event.



HF COMMITTEE

As we continue to grow, it was felt it was time to form a committee that would take the lead on all HF matters. The committee currently meet virtually once a quarter with a standing agenda which includes (but is not limited to):

- Future funding opportunities
- Accounts
- Flying Matters
- Aircraft Serviceability
- Equipment Serviceability
- Membership



HF SHOWING THEM HOW IT'S DONE AT THE UK JUNIOR NATIONALS

In August 2021, Dan Welch decided it was only right to show the Junior Pilots competing at Aston Down how it's really done. It was a cracking soaring day and the competition director was more than happy to send our trusty Sedbergh as the Sniffer. Dan and Joey enjoyed over 70 minutes airborne in some great thermals. So great, Joey became the audible variometer whilst they both kept a keen lookout for those pesky Juniors – one of which was none other than HF baby – Oli Summerell.





HOME SWEET HOME

Two years on from our relocation to BGGC, it's clear to see this was the right choice for the HF. As many of you know, the HF has always thrived on it's inclusive and family atmosphere. We often joke that as much cake eating, tea drinking and BBQing takes place as actual flying and whilst sometimes, we feel guilty about that, good quality time spent together is what the HF is really about. That is partly why when we reinvigorated our membership types, we opted to call our two membership types 'Friend' and 'family'. You can read more about the new membership types on page 4.

With its stunning countryside, ridge and caravan park, Nympsfield has provided the perfect home and the HF has been truly welcomed with open arms. We have tempted most of the regular flyers at Nympsfield to take a ride in the Mk3 and Barge. In addition, we have welcomed with open arms several new members to the group from the BGGC membership and we sincerely hope to attract more.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those that have contributed to the HF over the past year. Please see our full membership list below:

FAMILY (HF PILOTS)

G Beard • B House • D Kitcher • D Mansbridge • D Poyser • A Rigbsy
• L Short • P Turner • C Ullrich • M Wintle • P Woods

FAMILY (HF INSTRUCTORS)

Adam Clarke • N Blake • K Burns • J Rees • A Stacey •
G Summerell • A Webb • D Welch

FAMILY

J Beard • S Clarke • A Davey • G Fraser • R Newbold • B Page
D Perkins • S Stent • A Trickey • J Williams • T Willis • D Welch • A
Welch

FRIENDS

Mark Johnson





FLYING HIGH

The recent hot weather in August gave 4 of our pilots the opportunity to climb to 8000ft! Adam and Geoff who claimed the highest, only returned as Adam was shivering so much he was shaking too much to fly.

HOW TO KNOW WHEN WE'RE FLYING

You may have noticed that we've stopped using the doodle poll method. To know when we're hoping to fly, please use the whatsapp group.

THE FUTURE

The HF currently have sufficient funds to cover the next year's expenses (insurance, hangarage etc). However, we will be seeking additional funds over the next 12 months to ensure the HF's future. If you have any suggestions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the committee.

HF IN S&G

We were fortunate to get a double page spread in Sailplane & Gliding Aug/Sep 21 issue! There will be copies in the BGGC clubhouse if you missed it.



618 REUNION

We had the pleasure of hosting ex-members of 618 VGS at BGGC last autumn and reintroducing them to the gliders they'd frequently flown in decades before. It's events like this that bring the HF into its own. We've had numerous donations and memberships as a result of this event and only hope that more ex air cadet instructors will come and visit us in the future.

POINTS OF CONTACT

If you have any queries or would like further information, please email us at historic_flight@621vgs.co.uk

