

THE BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

Londonderry House,  
19, Park Lane,  
London, W.1.

10th. July, 1953.

Dear Sir,

NATIONAL GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

We were delighted to learn that you are coming, or hope to come, to the National Gliding Championships.

We have pleasure in enclosing:-

Visitors' badges/ Press badges.

Car Badge.

List of Hotels.

Regulations

Supplementary Regulations } For general information

We have already sent you on the invitation the train times from London. If you wish to be met at a railway station or an aerodrome please let us know by the day before. This office will be open for enquiries, etc. until the 24th. July, but during the Championships if you wish to advise the organisers of your time of arrival please ring: Tideswell 207 and ask for Mr. Eric Taylor or Lady Kinloch.

If you are arriving by car, you will find the Gliding Site on the moors, on the road joining Hathersage, Derbyshire, with the small village of Great Hucklow. The easiest approach is from Hathersage, as the road from Great Hucklow is rather steep with a hairpin bend.

If you wish to spend the night you should get in touch direct with one of the hotels on the enclosed list. Accommodation, especially at the weekend must be booked as soon as possible.

If you can reach the site by 9:30 a.m. you are invited to attend the briefing meeting which takes place each day in the hangar. At that time the Meteorological report, and task for the day are given to the pilots. Depending on weather flying usually begins about 10:30 a.m..

Please make yourself known on arrival at the site to Mr. Taylor or Lady Kinloch, so that we can arrange to make your visit as enjoyable as possible. At slack moments in the Competition Flying visitors may have rides in the two-seater gliders.

Yours faithfully,

*Alexandra Kinloch*  
Secretary.

## BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the Royal Aero Club of the United Kingdom

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THE ROYAL AERO CLUB AVIATION CENTRE  
LONDONDERRY HOUSE  
19, PARK LANE  
LONDON, W.I.

23rd. June, 1953.

PRESS INVITATION AND NEWS RELEASE.THE NATIONAL GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS, 1953. 25th.July - Aug.3rd.Inc.

INVITATION: We enclose an invitation for your representative to attend the National Championships. We very much hope he will be able to come, and we look forward to offering him every facility.

REGULATIONS AND ENTRIES. We enclose a yellow information sheet which includes the Regulations, pilots' qualifications, marking, trophies, etc.. We also enclose a white sheet giving the list of entries received by the closing date, June 20th.. The Organisers are at present discussing whether or not it will be possible to accept all these entries.

POINTS OF INTEREST.

1. NUMBER OF ENTRIES. There are a total of 37 entries which is the highest ever received.
2. PILOTS.
  - a. Entry No.1. P.A. Wills, C.B.E., won the World Championship for single seater gliders in Madrid in 1952. At that Meeting there were 60 pilots from 19 countries.
  - b. Entries No.s 2 and 3, G.H. Stephenson and F. Foster were members of the British Team for the 1952 World Championships. The pilots in entries No.4 and No.5, Goodhart, and Deane-Drummond were reserve pilots for the British Team.
3. LADIES. No ladies are flying this year as pilots. However the wives of pilots Wills, Stephenson, Foster, Deane-Drummond and Yates are members of their husbands' crews, and there are five other ladies crewing for friends. Mr. Stephenson has a family crew made up of his wife and twin sons aged 12.
4. AIRCRAFT.
  - a. TWO-SEATERS. There are eight two-seater Sedberghs entered, five of them by the ATC. In the case of the ATC entries the pilot will always be accompanied by a young ATC cadet. These young boys will thus have an opportunity of experiencing a high standard of flying in competition with entries from the Empire Test Pilots School, etc..
  - b. OLYMPIAS. This aircraft, as in previous Championships, is the most popular entry,- there are seventeen entered.
  - c. SKYLARK. This new sailplane built by Messrs. Slingsby Sailplanes, will be flying in competitions for the first time.
  - d. SKY. There are three Sky entered. This is the aircraft which won the World Championship in 1952.
5. R.A.F. Entries No.s 10, 18, 19, are from the R.A.F.. Entry No.19, it will be noted, is from R.A.F. Germany.
6. SITE. The World Championships will be held on the same site in 1954.

PLEASE RING THE SECRETARY IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER ENQUIRIES.

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION LTD.

1953 NATIONAL GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS LIST OF ENTRIES.

<u>NO.</u>	<u>Aircraft:</u>	<u>Name of Entrant:</u>	<u>Names of Pilots (Captain of team underlined).</u>
<u>INDIVIDUAL CLASS</u>			
1.	SKY.	P.A. Wills	<u>P.A. Wills.</u>
2.	Sky	London Gliding Club	<u>G.H. Stephenson.</u>
3.	Olympia	Frank Foster	<u>Frank Foster</u>
4.	Mu 13a	Royal Naval Gliding & Soaring Association.	<u>Lt. Cdr. G.A.J. Goodhart.</u>
5.	Skylark	F.N. Slingsby.	<u>Lt. Col. A.J. Deane.</u> <u>Drummond.</u>
6.	Olympia	D.A. Smith	<u>D.A. Smith.</u>
7.	Olympia	Surrey Gliding Club	<u>C.W. Dowdall.</u>
8.	Weihe	Surrey Gliding Club	<u>W.A.H. Kahn.</u>
9.	Kite II	Andrew Coulson	<u>Andrew Coulson.</u>
10.	Sedbergh T21B	RAFGSA No. 7 Area Gliding Club, Middleton St. George	<u>Cpl. L. Simpson.</u>
<u>TEAM CLASS.</u>			
11.	Olympia	Army Gliding Club.	<u>D.L. Martlew</u> <u>J.S. Williamson.</u> <u>P. Wenham</u>
12.	Olympia	Bristol Gliding Club.	<u>J.D. Jones.</u> <u>M.J. Hodgson.</u> <u>G.E. Miller</u> <u>J.M. Hahn.</u>
13.	Olympia	Cambridge University G.C.	<u>G.R. Whitfield.</u> <u>J. Grantham.</u> <u>A.R.I. Austin.</u>
14.	Prefect	Cambridge University G.C.	<u>A.B. Adams.</u> <u>J.P.W. Gaskell</u>
15.	Olympia	Imperial College Gliding Club	<u>W.N. Tonkyn</u> <u>A.G. Oram.</u>
16.	Olympia	London Gliding Club	<u>C.A.P. Ellis</u> <u>G.H. Lee.</u>
17.	Olympia	Southdown Gliding Club	<u>W.F. Jordan</u> <u>J.F. Godley.</u> <u>D.C. Snodgrass</u>
18.	Gull IV	R.A.F.G.S.A. Western Area Gliding Club, Cosford.	<u>S/Ldr. R.H. Pelling</u> <u>F/Lt. T. Page.</u>
19.	Weihe	Association of 2nd Tactical Air Force Gliding Clubs.	<u>Cpl. McKercher</u> <u>Cpl. Brennan.</u>
20.	Sky	Empire Test Pilots School Farnborough	<u>P.L. Bisgood.</u> <u>A.D. Dick.</u>
21.	Olympia	Empire Test Pilots School Farnborough	<u>E.C. Rigg.</u> <u>C.H. Macfie.</u> <u>J.D. Price.</u>

LIST OF ENTRIES FOR 1953 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPSTEAM CLASS - Continued:

NO:	Aircraft:	Name of Entrant:	Names of Pilots (Captain of Team underlined.)
22.	Olympia	Major C.G. Dorman	<u>Major C.G. Dorman.</u> S. Morison.
23.	Olympia	R.G. Frecheville	<u>R.D. Dickson.</u> <u>R.G. Frecheville.</u> W.A.S. Murray.
24.	Olympia	Hickling/Cotton	<u>J.H. Hickling</u> J.L. Cotton.
25.	Kite IIA	F.G. Irving	<u>F.G. Irving.</u> L.J.W. Hall
26.	Olympia	M.V. Laurie	<u>J.C. Neilan.</u> M.V. Laurie
27.	Olympia	Professor G.C. Varley	<u>Professor G.C. Varley.</u> R.C. Stafford-Allen. R.M.H. Goodhall.
28.	Olympia	A.H. Warminger	<u>A.H. Warminger.</u> B. Gould
29.	Olympia	A.H. Yates	<u>A.H. Yates.</u> G. Nixon.
30.	Petrel	Yorkshire Soaring Syndicate	<u>R.C. Pick.</u> S.C. O'Grady A. de Redder.
31.	Sedbergh T21B	A.T.C. Home Command Gliding Instructors School,	<u>F/Lt. A.D. Piggott</u> <u>F/O. E.J. Meddings.</u>
32.	Sedbergh T21B	A.T.C. No. 168 Gliding School, Detling.	<u>K.W. O'Riley.</u> H.G. How.
33.	Sedbergh T21B	A.T.C. No. 106 Gliding School, Henlow, Beds.	<u>S.R. Dodd.</u> F.E. Allen
34.	Sedbergh T21B	A.T.C. No. 89 Gliding School, Christchurch.	<u>S/Ldr. F.R.E. Hayter</u> P/O J.C. Allan.
35.	Sedbergh T21B	A.T.C. No. 49 Gliding School, Newton, Notts.	<u>W.D. Campion</u> B. Longstaff
36.	Sedbergh T21B	Cambridge University Gliding Club.	<u>A.L.L. Alexander</u> G.S. Neumann
37	Sedbergh T21B	Imperial College Gliding Club	<u>R.A.B. Macfie</u> P. Murden.

## HOTEL LIST

### HOTEL.

### TELEPHONE.

Little John Hotel	Hathersage	Tel. 223
The George Hotel	Hathersage	Tel. 205
The Sir William Hotel	Grindleford	Tel. 3
The Maynard Arms	Grindleford	Tel. 21
The Rising Sun	Bamford	Tel. 23
The Marquis of Granby	Bamford	Tel. 45
The Bowling Green	Bradwell	-----
The Castle Hotel	Castleton	Tel. 228
The Bulls Head	Castleton	Tel. 256
The Nags Head	Castleton	Tel. 248
The Peveril Cafe (unlicensed)	Castleton	Tel. 274
The Bulls Head	Tideswell	Tel. 256
The Star Hotel	Tideswell	-----
Foxlowe House (unlicensed)	Tideswell	Tel. 220
Queen Anne Hotel	Great Hucklow.	Tel: Tideswell 246.
Mrs. Holmes, Chapman House, (Guest House)	Great Hucklow.	Tel: Tideswell 285

All the above are within five miles of Camphill.

It is advisable to book early and to send a deposit when confirming bookings. Beds and breakfast can be booked in most cases.

BRITISH GLIDING ASSOCIATION

Your Competition  
Number is

NATIONAL GLIDING CHAMPIONSHIPS 1953

CAMPHILL, GREAT HUCKLOW

DERBYSHIRE.

July 25th. to August 3rd. Inclusive.

GENERAL INFORMATION, SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS, etc.

SAILPLANE TRAILERS.

The entrance for sailplane trailers will be via the Public Car Park and thence through the special gateway to the Club ground. Each trailer will have a marked standing along the wall behind the hangar and must always be taken straight to its appointed place on arriving at the Club. One car may be parked with each trailer, but space will be rather limited and other team cars must be left in the Members' Car Park in an orderly manner.

On days when heavy road traffic is expected locally, arrangements will be made for an alternative parking site, for trailers clear of the site, so that departure on cross-country retrieving need not be unduly impeded.

REPORTING.

A member of the team must report to the Timekeepers in the Briefing Room at the hangar, immediately on arrival. The following documents must be produced if you have not already done so :-

- (1) Competitor's Licence for each pilot.
- (2) Certificate of Airworthiness or other evidence as notified.
- (3) Evidence of Third Party Insurance with an indemnity of £5,000 extended to cover competition flying.
- (4) Barograph calibration chart. (Not essential.)
- (5) Personal Log Book.
- (6) List of any personnel accompanying team.
- (7) Glider log book.

NOTE: It will relieve the work of the organisers if these documents accompany the entry or are submitted to the British Gliding Association prior to the date of the Competitions.

ACCOMMODATION.

Tents and caravans must only be placed in the approved site, which is the field on the south side of the road from the Club premises, the entrance being opposite the Public Car Park entrance. Don't forget your ration books.

Mr. R. Booth is in charge of the Camping Site and will allocate your parking space.

If you have not already seen the circular about accommodation arrangements and available hotels in the locality, write to Mr. Booth. His address is :- 94, Arundel Street, Sheffield I.

## BRIEFING OFFICE.

The whole organisation of the Meeting will be centred in the Briefing Office which is in the Hangar.

Apply there for any services you require, including:-

METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION  
TELEPHONE MESSAGES  
MARKING  
BRIEFING  
INFORMATION  
PRESS

## TELEPHONE.

The telephone number is TIDESWELL 354. Write it on your Competitor's Badge.

An additional line for domestic and non-competition calls is available to the Clubhouse - Tideswell 207. Competitors are requested not to use this line except as a last resort in case of difficulty.

## REPAIRS.

MR. C. FAULKNER is in charge of the repair and workshops organisation and competitors must make arrangements with him. Messrs. Elliotts of Newbury Ltd. will be in attendance.

## FIRST AID.

A mobile British Red Cross Ambulance Unit will be present throughout the Championships.

## SOCIAL.

Riding, swimming, golf, dancing, and other entertainments are available in the neighbourhood. Further information will be available at the Club.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS.

(1) MARKING SYSTEM FOR TASK 2. Section C, Para 2 (c) of the Main Regulations are hereby amended to read:-

(c) Task 2 Distance marking will be given by the formula

$$N = \frac{d^2}{D} ; \text{ or } N = 1.2 \frac{d^2}{D} \text{ if an Out and Return flight is declared.}$$

As will be seen, this modification gives increased recognition to Out-and-Return declarations. A more detailed explanation of its effect, together with examples of "Straight" and "Out-and-Return" markings in Task 2 will be posted on the Briefing Room Notice Board.

(2) All Competitors must comply with the Flying Regulations of the Derbyshire and Lancashire Gliding Club and Operational Regulations of the British Gliding Association where these are applicable. Full copies of both are posted in the Clubhouse and in the Briefing Room. Particular attention is drawn to Regulation 18 of the Club Rules: THE CARDINAL RULES OF HILL SOARING.

If as may well happen at times, a number of machines are "thermal hunting" on the hill below, say, 600 feet, care must be taken not to enter a thermal by turning towards the hill as this causes general confusion and upsets all the rules of Hill Soaring.

3.

(3) All Competitors and teams nominated on Entry Forms will be regarded as temporary members of the Derbyshire and Lancashire Gliding Club. All other persons accompanying teams will be required to apply for temporary membership, for which a fee of 5s. each will be charged, and will be issued with the appropriate badge. Lapel badges must be worn by competitors and crews throughout the Meeting.

(4) Subject to Section A. No.5 of the Main Regulations, as issued by the B.G.A. and to any ruling of the Technical Marshal, competitors will be responsible for their own Daily Inspection for Airworthiness.

(5) The organisation will not be able to supply sufficient towing cars for all competitors on the field. A number of ropes suitable for car or hand towing will be available and competitors will be encouraged to use their own cars for this purpose, returning cars to the trailer park immediately after delivering the machine to the starting point. Competitors' CARS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ON THE FLYING FIELD EXCEPT FOR THE PURPOSE OF TOWING, and will in any case be under the complete jurisdiction of the Marshals.

(6) Launching will be by winch and/or bungey at the discretion of the Marshal on duty. Bungey launching will be by rope, pulley and car. Full details of this technique are available in the Briefing Room. An open hook and an approved holding back handgrip are an essential requirement.

(7) Briefing will take place in the Briefing Room in the hangar at 9.45 hours each morning. Competition launches will normally be available between 10.00 hours B.S.T. and 18.00 hours B.S.T.. Competitors wishing to be launched at any other time must give at least one hour's notice to the Chief Marshal.

(8) Barographs, although not required for competition purposes may be sealed and unsealed by the Timekeeper on duty in the Briefing Room. Please do not leave sealing until the last moment. Smoking apparatus and fixing lotion will be available.

(9) Starting procedure is as follows :-

Machines must, so far as is possible, be lined up at the starting point in order of take-off ready for flight and the pilot should enter his name on the starting board against the number of his machine. Before any machine is launched a Take-off Chit must have been completed and signed by the pilot.

(10) For landing procedure away from site see Section B.7 of the Main Regulations.

Also ring Tideswell 354 as soon as possible, giving in the order indicated the following information:-

- (1) Name.
- (2) Machine number.
- (3) Time of landing.
- (4) Place of landing.
- (5) Telephone number (if any).
- (6) MAXIMUM INDICATED HEIGHT A.S.L.
- (7) Any further information necessary or useful to the retrieving crew. Make it as brief as possible.  
PILOTS MUST REPORT BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER LANDING, WHETHER THERE IS ANY NECESSITY FOR RETRIEVING ARRANGEMENTS OR NOT.

(11) The reference map of the Meeting will be the Ordnance Survey "Quarter Inch" Fourth Edition. Evidence of landing should be such that the position can be pin-pointed on this map.

(12) Competitors' badges should be signed and worn at all times.

NOTE:

Tuesday 4th. August is DISPERSAL DAY and competition launches will cease at 16.00 hours on Monday 3rd. August, and prizes will be given out that evening.

PARTY. The usual party will take place in the club forecourt on Saturday evening, the 1st. August, and those who are able to contribute to the entertainment will receive every encouragement.

The Chairman, Philip A. Wills, C.B.E.  
and the Council of  
The British Gliding Association  
request the honour of the Company of

The News Editor and Lady  
of the News. to watch the or representative  
1953 National Gliding Championships  
at Camp Hill, Great Hucklow, Derbyshire.

Any day between 26<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August, inclusive.

R.S.V.P. SECRETARY, B.G.A.,  
LONDONDERRY HOUSE,  
19, PARK LANE,  
LONDON, W.1.

P.T.O.

The Secretary would be glad to have your reply by the 18th July so that you may be supplied, if you accept, with cards of admission, car labels and directions for reaching the site. Details of accommodation will also be supplied.

Trains will be met at Millersdale subject to prior notice being given. If you travel by air the nearest aerodrome is Woodford, where we can also arrange for you to be met. On arrival at the site you are requested to report to the Control Room and ask for Mr. Eric Taylor (Secretary of the Meeting), or Lady Kinloch (Secretary of the Association).

#### Train Times

##### Weekdays :

St. Pancras depart	8.15 a.m.	Arrive Millersdale	12.15 p.m.
",	10.15 a.m.	",	1.45 p.m.
Millersdale	",	St. Pancras	8.34 p.m.
",	4.52 p.m.	",	10.52 p.m.
	",	",	
	6.47 p.m.		

##### Sundays :

St. Pancras depart	8.30 a.m.	Arrive Millersdale	1.7 p.m.
Millersdale	",	St. Pancras	11.26 p.m.