

# Club Bulletin 197

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### 1: Courses

#### Club Coach Courses

Individuals wanting to take a course should contact the host club direct to book a place.

#### 2013

October 19/20                      Dover & Folkestone HGC  
07880 745 752                      Nigel Gilbert  
[nigel.gilbert@live.co.uk](mailto:nigel.gilbert@live.co.uk)

November 09/10                      Skysurfing Club  
07786 348 864                      Paul Cashman  
[cloudbase10@googlemail.com](mailto:cloudbase10@googlemail.com)

November 30/ December 01  
Still available for club booking.

#### 2014

January 11/12                      Thames Valley HGC  
07738 417 671                      Simon Payne  
[simon.tvhgc@googlemail.com](mailto:simon.tvhgc@googlemail.com)

January 25/26                      Cumbria Soaring Club  
07752 750 869                      David Ashcroft  
[canddashcroft@hotmail.com](mailto:canddashcroft@hotmail.com)

March 08/09  
Still available for club booking.

#### Instructor / Senior Coach Course

#### 2013

October 02/04

This course will only run if we have sufficient numbers, if you wish to attend please contact Stephanie.

#### Emergency Parachute Systems Course

The date for the next EPPS Course is 12/13 October. If you are interested in attending the course please contact Stef Blankley.

*For more information contact:*  
*Stephanie Blankley, 0116 289 4316,*  
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### 2: A reminder of the VAT position in relation to claims covered by our insurers

In the rare situation of you becoming involved in a claim, and where that claim is dealt with by solicitors appointed by our insurers, members who are registered for VAT in respect of their flying activities need to be aware that there could be VAT consequences. This is most likely to affect schools but there may be some clubs in the same position. It is unlikely that any individual pilots will fall into this category.

If you do fall into this category, then there is likely to be some VAT on solicitors' costs involved in defending the case against you. This element of VAT must be met by you. This is because insurers do not pay the VAT on our solicitors' bills when dealing with a claim on behalf of a VAT registered person or business. After payment, you will be able to offset / reclaim this VAT from the Revenue when submitting your subsequent VAT return in the normal manner.

Ordinary individual pilots will be totally unaffected by this because they will not be VAT registered in respect of their flying activities - in this instance the insurer simply pays the full amount, including VAT. Members, clubs and schools should therefore not be surprised that one of the early communications from the solicitors appointed on your behalf by our insurers will ask about your VAT status. If you are VAT registered, and involved in an ongoing claim, we'd be happy to advise further if required.

*For more information contact:*  
*Martin Heywood, [Martin-Heywood@bhpa.co.uk](mailto:Martin-Heywood@bhpa.co.uk)*

### 3: Admin Issues

1. Schools are reminded that since October 2009 it has been their responsibility to give out the red ribbon to newly qualified Club Pilots. Some schools are still failing to do this, so would all schools please ensure that they have red ribbon available.

Further supplies of ribbon are available from the BHPA office on request.

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*Stephanie Blankley, 0116 289 4316,*  
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2. Some schools are still delaying sending in Membership Application forms. In some cases the membership has expired before the form is received at the office. Forms should be sent in as they are used; you do not have to complete the whole Introductory Membership Book before sending in a membership application form so please send them in immediately. These delays reflect badly on your school and the Association.



3. Also, please note that we cannot take individual card payments for Day Membership so please ensure that your students are aware of this before they arrive at your school.

*For more information contact:*

*Michelle Lanman, 0116 289 4316, michelle-lanman@bhpa.co.uk*

## **4: Training Issues**

It has been brought to the attention of the FSC that students are being signed off for their Club Pilot qualifications without having completed Top Landings, as per the training books. All parts of the CP rating **must** be completed before a student can be signed off and leave the School!

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