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## What's new at Nympsfield

Latest news from the club.

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### What's on Summary

A short summary of events in the next few months, details below:

- 10 January : talk by Don Cameron
- 21st February : BGGC annual dinner dance

### Saturday 10th January, Hot Air Ballooning, Don Cameron

5:30 pm in the bar

Hot Air Ballooning ... it began in the bar at Nympsfield! A talk by one of the major figures in the UK ballooning scheme, with photo's of early experiences at Nympsfield.

Giuseppe will be making food available - watch the club notice board for details

### BGGC Annual Dinner Dance - 21st February 2009

At the [Bear of Rodborough Hotel](#)

Featuring band 'Against the Grain'

7pm for 7.30 start. Finishing at 12.30

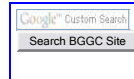
Tickets Â£30, B & B at the hotel, up to 20 rooms, Doubles Â£65, singles Â£37.50

To book, please contact the office by the end of January. Provide a cheque for the tickets, along with a room deposit of Â£10 if you want to stay overnight, your selection from the menu and details of who you'd like to sit with.

Any queries, please ask the office for Stuart Lees's email address

### Menu

- Starters
  - Ducks liver and fois gras parfait, toasted brioche, plum chutney
  - Warm smoked salmon, pickled cucumber, curly endive, wholegrain mustard vinaigrette
  - Terrine of goat's cheese, sweet potatoes, peppers, rocket, marinated artichokes
- Main Courses
  - Roasted sirloin of beef, sautéed wild mushrooms, Dauphinoise potatoes, wilted greens, thyme jus
  - Pave of salmon, baby leeks, asparagus Veloute, ratte potatoes
  - Chestnut mushroom and rocket risotto, truffle oil,



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- Desserts
    - Dark and white chocolate mousse,
    - Marinated strawberry Rhubarb and apple crumble cr me Anglais
    - Sticky toffee pudding, butterscotch sauce, vanilla ice cream
  - Tea, Coffee and Mints
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## Winter 2008 Severn Skies Available

For those of you who can't wait (or merely want something to read during the AGM) the latest Severn Skies is available to read [here](#). The accompanying pictures to Jed's article on the Alps is also on the Web in the [members section](#)

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## Annual General Meeting - 5pm Saturday 13th Dec 2008

The BGGC AGM will be on Friday 13th. As many of you will be aware a number of committee vacancies will need to be filled. If you wish to nominate someone (or be nominated yourself!) please download this [Nomination Form](#), get the necessary signatures and return to Phil Lee by 12th December.

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## History - the first years at Nympsfield

The next chapter in Ken Brown's history of Nympsfield is now available. This documents the first 5 years at our current site & has a few familiar faces in the photos (look for a steely eyed Doug Jones awaiting take off in his Skylark!). See [here](#) to download Chapter 8 .....

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## Extraordinary General Meeting - 7pm Friday 17th October 2008

The BGGC committee has called an [EGM](#) in order to gain member support for proposals to carry out reductions in the club fleet with a view to making operational savings for 2009. Details of the rationale behind these propositions can be found [here](#).

As they become available additional documents will be added to the website:

- A spreadsheet showing current & projected tug running costs can be downloaded [here](#)
  - A short document extracted from detailed analysis done by Graham Morris can be downloaded [here](#)
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## Oh no, not Autumn already! Autumn 2008 Severn Skies.

The [Autumn Severn Skies](#) is now available on the web to download - more articles from Bernard and his contributors including the Club Class Nationals report & latest comings and goings in the committee

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## Targett Aviation and Bristol and Gloucestershire Gliding Club Open Day Saturday 30th August

There will be an action packed day of activity Saturday 30th August with a fly in of old and new sport aircraft ( before 10am ), model aircraft flying, Task Week grid launch and Visitor Trial lesson flights.

Normal launching facilities should be available for members.

There will be 10% discount off all Trial Lesson and Solo and Beyond packages sold to visitors on the day.

Help from members on the day with meeting, greeting and looking after our visitors would be very much appreciated. If you are willing to help, please contact Jon Meyer or Ali Lees via the office.

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## **SUMMARY NOTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 20/08/2008**

Summary notes from the Committee meeting 20th August 2008 can be found in the Committee news page

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### **New - Early History of the BGGC.**

Following much work by Ken Brown and the other members of the history group, especially John Cochrane and Ian James, we now have a comprehensive history of the early days of the BGGC. This takes us from pre-war beginnings up until the move to Nympsfield.

The document is in several chapters (in pdf format) and can be downloaded from the [History Page](#), however be warned if you are not on broadband - these files contain many fascinating pictures, but that does mean some are quite large (8Mb for Chapter 7 - the rest around 1Mb).

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### **TERRA FIRMA Syndicate - Summer Event 2008 - FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH**

Robin Prytherch, ex-BBC Natural History Unit ornithologist, will be leading our walk around the field

Meet on lawn for 7:30 pm start

(If you can't make it for the start time, join in anywhere around the field & we'll be keeping to edges and taking in caravan park and probably walking till after 9)

(Giuseppe will be doing suppers from six o'clock)

Please book with the office or Giuseppe

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### **Talk on the Red Devils**

Saturday 12th of April in the bar at 8pm. Sean Day, who was in the Red Devils, will give us a talk about his experiences as a member of the Parachute Regiment's elite display team.

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### **Dinner Dance**

Another highly successful dinner dance at "The Bear" again this year, I'm sure all those who have recovered from the late night partying will want to say a tremendous thanks to Gill for organising this again:



... and here are the trophy winners for 2007:

<b>TROPHY</b>	<b>AWARDED FOR</b>	<b>2007 Winner</b>
<b>Cyril Uwins cross-country trophy</b>	The longest (or best) flight from Nympsfield	Tim Macfadyen 640 Km 1" Burry Doncaster 31 7 07 in an ASW 20 (9h

		30m 68 kph!)
<b>Shaun de Salis trophy</b>	The fastest (or best) closed circuit flight from Nympsfield	Andy Davis 535 Km @ 101 kph 31.7.07 Discus 2
<b>Club ladder trophy</b>	Winner of the BGGC open ladder	Tim Macfadyen 19483 Points
<b>Weekend ladder trophy</b> (Macfadyen trophy)	Winner of the BGGC weekend ladder	Russ Francis 11712 Points
<b>Malcolm Gay trophy</b>	The winner of the BGGC Junior ladder	Matt Davis 5766 points (two x 300 km Î"s)
<b>Guinness trophy</b>	The best flight in a Club glider	Gavin Wrigley 286 km Î" @ 78 kph in ASK 21 on 9 Aug (a difficult day)
<b>Rex Young trophy</b>	Best progress by a novice (pre Silver pilot)	Jeremy Bodian Silver distance to Edgehill Ka 8.
<b>Evening World trophy</b>	The greatest gain of height from Nympsfield	Andy & Matt Davis Duo Discus 12,000 feet
<b>Parry Jones trophy</b>	Awarded by the Chairman for services to the club	Dave Bland (EASA paperwork etc)
<b>Jim Webster trophy</b>	Awarded by the CFI to the most deserving instructor	Alison Moss
<b>Meyer trophy</b>	The best retrieve story	Andy Davis sent Pami to collect Gavin Wrigley from Petersfield while Andy attended a Committee meeting. Pami had to drive back as well as there as Gavin only had sun glasses.

### Thursday Evening Trial Lesson Groups

Once again Nympsfield will be flying Trial Lesson Groups on Thursday evenings this summer; (Occasional Mondays by negotiation, or if the weather causes a backlog. At a substantial discount over the normal T/L price for a 2000ft A/T

- Minimum Group Size 5, Maximum 20!!
- Price ï¿½50

Please book through the BGGC office, food may be available from Giuseppe, again by negotiation.

See [here](#) for details.

### DG 505 -- Alpine Trip

Carol Smith & Kevin Neave will be taking the DG 505 to Gap this summer. We will be picking it up from Lasham after Lemmy Tanner has used it to win the 20m 2-seat Nationals on the 11th August and at the moment we are intending bringing it back to Nympsfield on the weekend of 23rd/24th August.

If anyone would like to take the opportunity of extending the time it spends in France then please let Kevin, or Phil Lee (Secretary) know ASAP. (You'll have to check with Tim / Russ on requirements to fly P1 & arrange to bring the trailer home to

Nymphs)

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## **Advanced Meteorology - Sat 15th March at 18:00**

Sid will be giving his annual ½ Advanced Meteorology talk at the Nymphsfield Clubhouse Saturday 15th March in the Bar - Visitors welcome!

Giuseppe will be providing food afterwards ½ please book in advance with him or through the BGGC office.

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## **Prehistoric Gliders - Saturday 8th March - 8pm**

Supper provided by Giuseppe from 6pm; book through him or the Office.

The Pterosaurs were superb flying reptiles that lived over a period of 160 million years, and ranged in size from that of a small, present-day, bird to a size of eighteen metres wingspan.

Pam Gill and Colin Palmer will give an up-to-date, illustrated talk on these early aviators in their varied forms, and on our understanding of their flight.

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## **Presentations & Notes on Briefings page**

If you look on the [Briefing Notes](#) page you will find:

- Revised New Members Notes (courtesy of Sid)
- Landings "A new approach" presentation and decision flowchart (courtesy of Graham)

Both a good read !

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## **Friday 29th February, Talk by John Stennard**

John Stennard is a regular contributor to ½ Quiet and Electric Flight ½ and ½ Radio Control Model World ½ magazines, and is an Education Officer for the British Model Flying Association.

He will be demonstrating the latest indoor RC helicopters and planes, in the bar at 8pm.

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## **Saturday 2nd February --- Landings!**

An Illustrated Lecture by Graham Morris in the Bar 7pm.

Intended for all pilots, regarding field landing problems and their origins, providing a different approach to help.

Food will be available, please book through the office. Giuseppe will issue the menu nearer the date

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## **Bristol LAA Wing**

Why not have a look at our local Light Aircraft Association "Wing" [web page](#) (LAA is the new name for the PFA) - they hold regular meetings on Thursday evenings on aviation topics. On 10th Jan they have a special session on the use of GPS - all welcome, see [here](#) for details.

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