

The Midland Gliding Club is one of the premier gliding sites and training centres in the UK. With stunning views of the Shropshire and Mid Wales countryside, the Long Mynd provides thermal, ridge and wave lift. The club has professional staff, modern gliders and offers winch, areotow and bungee launches. Combined with a warm and friendly Clubhouse, the Midland Gliding Club is the ideal choice for your gliding holiday.

The Courses

We recognise that everyone has different requirements to get the most from their leisure time, so we offer a wide range of courses. Flying time with your instructor is individual to you and customised to your specific requirements. To ensure you get the most out of your flying, our professional instructors will only coach a maximum of four students each. Our courses for this season are:-

Beginning Gliding

Designed for beginners and for those who have some prior flying experience, or have perhaps attained solo standard without yet reaching the Bronze badge level. We also welcome those coming back to gliding after a long break or converting from some other air sport. On these courses we use K21 and K13 two seat gliders.

Ground school briefings will be available when conditions prevent flying. These include Lookout, Principles of Flight, Winch Launching, Stalling and Spinning.

Going for Bronze

For pilots seeking to attain the Bronze C Badge. This course can include all the flying, in Club aircraft, necessary to complete the flying requirements and to take the Bronze C Paper, as well as the ground school briefings (Air Law/BGA Operational Regulations, Airmanship, Navigation, Principles of Flight, and Radio/Telephony),

Building Solo Hours

Available for pilots of at least Bronze standard, not requiring dual instruction, but who wish to fly the Club's K8, K23 and Discus solo aircraft to build experience and hours. They may book

one of four places available each week alongside the standard courses.

Additionally, briefings may cover Glider Performance, Aerotowing, Thermal Soaring, Ridge Soaring and Wave Soaring.

Cross Country

These are for experienced solo pilots who already have their Bronze or Silver badges, who wish to improve and extend their cross country flying. Weather permitting, any Standard course may normally include extended briefings, dual instruction in cross country techniques in K21 gliders, thermal and wave techniques, solo cross country flying, task flying and perhaps group flying. Use of Dg505 at additional cost.

Field Selection and Field Landing

For Bronze pilots needing to obtain a Cross Country endorsement, the navigation, field selection and field landing exercises can be conducted (at additional cost) in club aircraft and the motor glider, together with the relevant ground briefings.

Specialised Courses

Basic Aerobatics Teaches post-Bronze solo pilots the basic positive manoeuvres (loops and chandelles), and includes Safety and Flight Limitation briefings.

If you have a specific requirement that we have not listed above, then call our Professional Deputy Chief Flying Instructor, John Stuart, to see if we can meet your needs.

Launching

On the courses we normally **Winch Launch** using our modern and powerful 300 bhp Skylaunch or Knox Winches. To achieve the maximum number of launches, launch cables are retrieved by a smaller "retrieve" winch, so the cable returns to the launch point within 2 minutes.

If conditions allow, (whenever the wind is due west and more than 25kts and we have enough people on the ground), we can **Bungee Launch** using an industrial strength elastic

rope. We are probably the only site in Europe that regularly bungee launches.

Aero towing may be available (at additional cost) behind our powerful Pawnee tug. This gives you the useful option of being able to climb high for upper air exercises, or to explore the extensive wave systems, which can occur at any time of the year. Aerotowing increases your scope as a pilot.

Club House, Accommodation, Catering and the Bar

Gliding courses take place in a warm and friendly atmosphere. Our **Clubhouse**, which has stunning views of the Shropshire and Mid Wales countryside, contributes to this with a central dining area and cosy bar. Equally, there are quiet places for reading and other activities.

Accommodation: we offer choices to meet all requirements. You can choose between the bunkrooms, a private room or a space for your caravan or tent. Alternatively, if you prefer we can recommend a local B&B, public house or 3 star hotel all within 15 minutes drive.

Catering is provided by our catering franchise, which offers food from supper on the evening before your course begins through to tea on the final day.

2008 Course Programme & Fees

Spring and Autumn Courses

During the Spring and Autumn Courses the course fee covers all instruction on the ground and in the air. Launching fees are charged in full but flying fees are charged at half price, with the total of launching and flying fees capped at £25 per day averaged over your course. This offers outstanding value; the maximum you could pay without any discounts is £325 per week. To cover launching and flying fees we require a deposit

of £25 for each day of your course. In the event that the cap is not reached a refund will be made.

Summer Season Courses

For Summer Courses, the course fee covers all instruction and flying. You can have as many winch launches and as much flying as can be achieved during the course. There are no upper limits.

If, through bad weather or other cause for which we are responsible, you fly less than our guarantee provides we will make good the 'lost flying' by allowing you to return within 12 months on any later course (where a vacancy exists) without further charge.

Thus we carry the risk of encountering inclement weather, not you. See elsewhere in this package for further details of the guarantee scheme (not applicable to Spring and Autumn season courses).

DISCOUNTS		
Booking less than 4 weeks ahead		
	First course	Further course(s)
Non-members	0%	10%
under 21	10%	20%
Members	20%	30%
under 21	25%	25%
A further 10% discount is available for booking at least 4 weeks ahead		

Become a member

If after attending a course, you decide that gliding is for you, you can join the Club and receive a discount of £25 off the membership fee for the year in which you join.

The table on the back page shows the reference number and dates for each course and the respective flying fees for a full course, or shorter number of days. Please note that flying fees (spring and autumn courses) aerotows, accommodation and catering fees are separate. Prices to members are discounted.

2008 COURSE PROGRAMME & FEES

Week	Tariff	Start	Finish	Length of Course				
				5 days	4 days	3 days	2 days	1 day
1C	Spring	17 Mar	20 Mar	Good Friday	£160	£120	£80	£40
2C	Spring	25 Mar	28 Mar	Easter Mon	£160	£120	£80	£40
3	Spring	31 Mar	4 Apr	£200	£160	£120	£80	£40
4	Spring	7 Apr	11 Apr	£200	£160	£120	£80	£40
5	Summer	14 Apr	18 Apr	£365	£292	£219	£146	£73
6	Summer	21 Apr	25 Apr	£410	£328	£246	£164	£82
7	Summer	28 Apr	2 May	£455	£364	£273	£182	£91
8C	Summer	6 May	9 May	May Day	£400	£300	£200	£100
9	Summer	12 May	16 May	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
10	Summer	19 May	23 May	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
11C	Summer	27 May	30 May	Spring BH	£440	£330	£220	£110
12	Summer	2 Jun	6 Jun	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
13	Summer	9 Jun	13 Jun	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
14	Summer	16 Jun	20 Jun	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
15	Summer	23 Jun	27 Jun	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
16	Summer	30 Jun	4 Jul	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
17	Summer	7 Jul	11 Jul	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
18	Summer	14 Jul	18 Jul	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
19	Summer	21 Jul	25 Jul	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
20	Summer	28 Jul	1 Aug	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
21	Summer	4 Aug	8 Aug	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
22	Summer	8 Aug	15 Aug	£550	£440	£330	£220	£110
23	Summer	18 Aug	22 Aug	Task Week	-	-	-	-
24C	Summer	26 Aug	29 Aug	August BH	£440	£330	£220	£110
25	Summer	1 Sep	5 Sep	£500	£400	£300	£200	£100
26	Summer	8 Sep	12 Sep	£455	£364	£273	£182	£91
27	Summer	15 Sep	19 Sep	£410	£328	£246	£164	£82
28	Summer	22 Sep	26 Sep	£365	£292	£219	£146	£73
29	Autumn	29 Sept	3 Oct	£200	£160	£120	£80	£40
30	Autumn	6 Oct	10 Oct	£200	£160	£120	£80	£40
31	Autumn	13 Oct	17 Oct	£200	£160	£120	£80	£40
32	Autumn	20 Oct	24 Oct	£200	£160	£120	£80	£40
33	Autumn	27 Oct	31 Oct	£200	£160	£120	£80	£40

C = Club Week

Bed or Bunk per person per night **£6.50**

Private Room surcharges per night:

Double bed or 4 single bunks **£6.00**
 Double bed half en-suite **£12.00**
 Double bed full en-suite **£18.00**

Caravan or Tent per week for up to four occupants including social membership
 Per week **£25.00**
 Per night **£5.00**

Summer Course Fees payable:

Deposit on booking – the lesser of the Course Fee or £100 (non-returnable)

Balance – four weeks before the start of the Course

Spring/autumn Course Fees payable:

As for Summer Courses plus £25 per day deposit for flying and launch fees

Meals – by arrangement with the caterers, at current prices

VAT is included where applicable



GLIDING COURSES

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Improve your flying skills with two of the best professional instructors in the UK. Courses for all levels from Beginner to Expert.

Skills training includes:

Beginning Gliding
 Going for Bronze
 Solo Hours Building
 Cross Country Skills Improvement
 Field Selection and Landing
 Basic Aerobatics
 Instrument Training
 Soaring and Cloud Flying
 PPL, Hanggliding and Paragliding conversion

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