



## Thank you for downloading our Trial Lesson Evening pack!

Many people often wish that they could take to the air and experience the thrill of near silent flight. Those who do so invariably enjoy their flight and look back upon it with great memories for many years. At Stratford on Avon Gliding Club we add the additional dimension of a flight with views over beautiful Stratford and the wonderful surrounding Warwickshire countryside. For many, seeing the town and the famous River Avon from the air on a summer evening is an unforgettable experience.

There are lots of reasons why people who think they would like to glide have not yet done so. Often it is just about plucking up the courage to visit a local club and this is where our Trial Lesson Evenings can help.

A Trial Lesson Evening allows a number of friends or work colleagues to fly as a group during the same evening. This means that gliding takes on a social element and is an exciting experience as well as a great evening out.

Please check out our website ([www.stratfordgliding.co.uk](http://www.stratfordgliding.co.uk)) to find out in detail what gliding at Stratford on Avon is all about. However, the points that most people want to know are:-

- Our gliders are all modern two seaters with full dual controls.
- Gliders are winch launched to around 1500 feet depending on conditions.
- You will be accompanied by one of our team of British Gliding Association trained instructors.

As usual, we will be offering Trial Lesson Evenings on Tuesdays and Thursdays between May 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>. We welcome groups of 5 to 15 people, although we prefer a minimum of 10 in the long evenings of June and July. The good news is that prices for 2016 are held at 2015 levels, enabling anyone to fly for as little as £35, and where time permits, to take a second flight for only £15. As before, the cost of the first flight includes membership of our Club for 28 days allowing guests to fly with the Club as a full member for that period including normal member rates for any flying done.

Flying usually starts around 6.00pm, finishing around 30 minutes before sunset. Visiting groups are welcome to bring a barbeque or we can organise food at a local pub to round off what is always a pleasant evening.

We do hope that you will join us and invite you to contact **Jo O'Brien** ([evenings@stratfordgliding.co.uk](mailto:evenings@stratfordgliding.co.uk) or 01926 429676) in order to organise your event. To help you with this organisation this document includes some notice board posters.

Stratford on Avon Gliding Club continues to pride itself both on safety and friendliness and we look forward to hearing from you very soon.

This document contains everything you need to organise a Trial Lesson Evening at Stratford on Avon Gliding Club.

We would suggest that you follow these guidelines:

- Contact Jo to confirm details of your group.
- Print and display the posters in this document.
- Try to ascertain the numbers likely to take part.
- Contact Jo with the details as required on the Trial Lesson Evening Booking form
- Come along and have fun!

We look forward to seeing you and your friends and colleagues this summer.

# See Warwickshire like never before...



## ...at a Trial Lesson Evening with Stratford on Avon Gliding Club

- *Dedicated evening session for 5-15 of your friends/colleagues*
- *Modern, 2-seat gliders*
- *Fully qualified instructors*
- *Fly the glider yourself or simply enjoy the views*
- *Only £30 (May) / £35 per person*

**Details From:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

For further information, email Jo O'Brien at [evenings@stratfordgliding.co.uk](mailto:evenings@stratfordgliding.co.uk)



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# Stratford on Avon Gliding Club

# Trial Lesson Evenings

## Who can fly?

Almost everyone! Providing you are 13 years old or over, weigh between 45 and 102Kg (7 to 16 stone) and are between 145 and 193cm tall (4' 9" to 6' 4") then you can fly. These physical limits are dictated by the design of our aircraft.

Unfortunately we cannot fly with guests who suffer from epilepsy or similar conditions.

## Disabled Guests

Many disabilities do not preclude flying. Each case must be decided on its merits, and safety is the only issue. Anyone who has sound senses and a sound upper body can fly a glider, and control rather than strength is the main requirement.

We have built a Seat Hoist to ease the problems of getting into and out of a glider for wheelchair-bound people or anyone with restricted movement.

## Your Flight

You will be in the front seat of a two-seater dual-control training glider, with a qualified instructor in the back seat. The controls and instruments are quite simple, and your instructor will give you a full explanation before you fly.

During your flight, your instructor will demonstrate the controls of the glider, and then will let you do as much or as little of the flying as you like. Some people are more interested in flying, others prefer to have a good look around the Warwickshire countryside, and most people like to do a bit of both. There are maps of the area in the Clubhouse, including a map of the airfield when it was an RAF training airfield in the mid 1940s. You can still see the layout of the old airfield quite clearly from the air, even though it's been farmed for more than sixty years.

## What To Wear

Airfields are usually sited in exposed windy places. Snitterfield is no exception. If you're coming along to visit us, come prepared for the weather.

On a cold day make sure you have warm windproof clothes and waterproof shoes. On a warm day, a lightweight windproof jacket may still be a good idea because there's little shelter at the launch point.

Don't wear your best clothes, they're bound to get creased when you're strapped tightly into a glider. Jeans or slacks, sweaters, shorts, T-shirts and the like, are typical glider-pilot attire.



## **Stratford on Avon Gliding Club**

### **General Conditions:**

- 1 – Because of the design of our aircraft we cannot fly anyone who is:
  - i) less than 145cm tall (4' 9")
  - ii) more than 193cm tall (6' 4")
  - iii) less than 45kg in weight (7 stone)
  - iv) more than 100kg in weight (16 stone)
- 2 – We would only accept anyone aged 13, 14 or 15 if their responsible guardian is present on the airfield at all times. We cannot accept anyone aged 12 or less for a flight of any kind. Stratford on Avon Gliding Club operates a Young Persons Protection Policy.
- 3 – Should you suffer from any disability then you should make it known at the time of booking. Whilst we do everything possible to ensure that people with disabilities can discover the joys of gliding, unfortunately there are some conditions that would jeopardise the safety of yourself and others.
- 4 – Stratford on Avon Gliding Club reserves the right to refuse to allow anyone to fly under the following conditions:
  - i) The person is under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
  - ii) The person is suspected to be under the influence of alcohol and refuses a breathalyser test.
  - iii) Any other condition that in the judgement of the Duty Instructor would jeopardise the safety of the instructor or any other person at the airfield.
  - iv) The person does not comply with items 1, 2 or 3 of the General Conditions.
- 5 – All flights are subject to availability on the day.
- 6 – Stratford on Avon Gliding Club cannot accept liability for any damage to vehicles or property belonging to members of the public. Gliding is considered to be a dangerous aviation activity - should you fly at Stratford on Avon Gliding Club you do so entirely at your own risk.