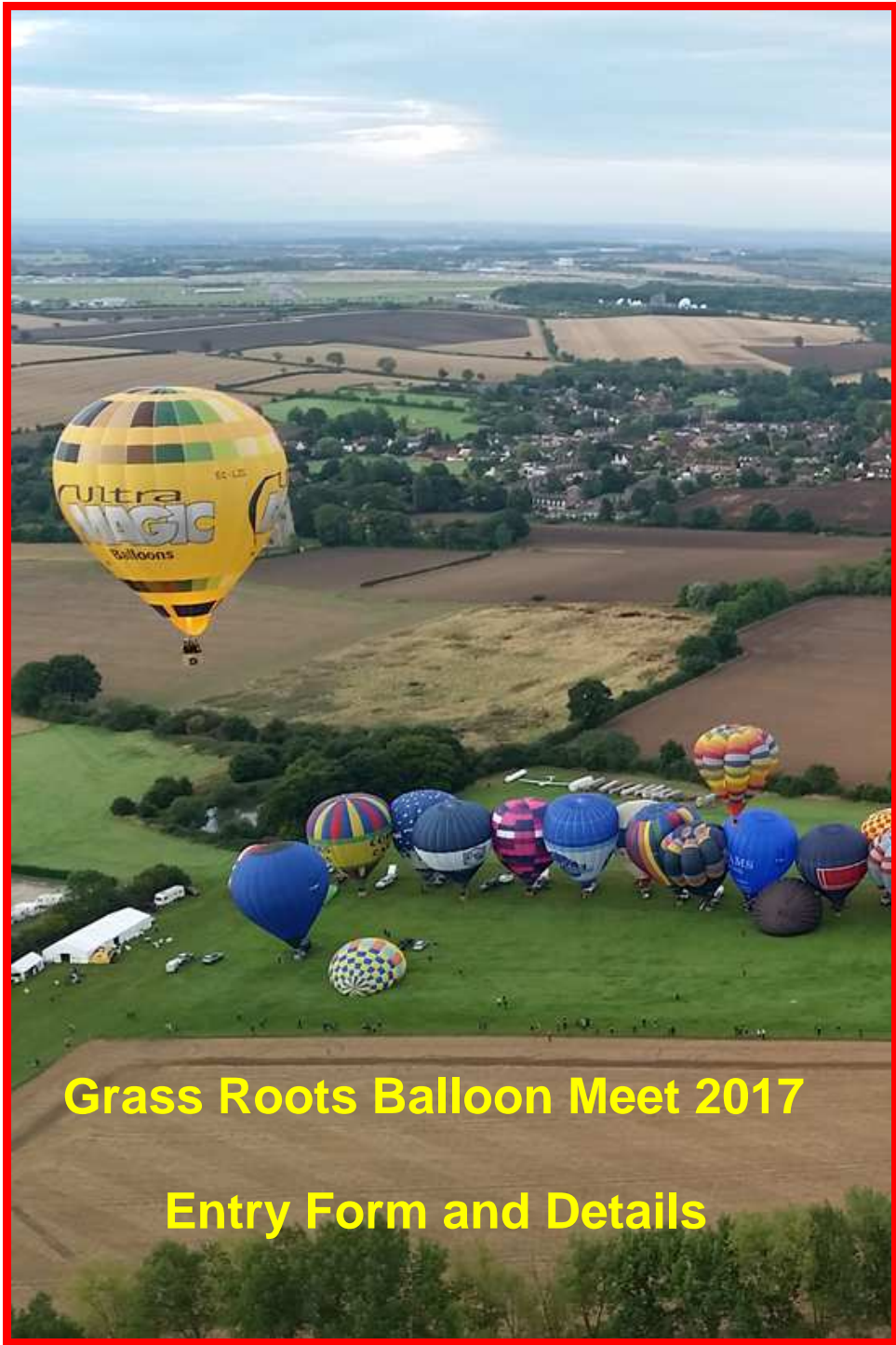




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**Grass Roots Balloon Meet 2017**

**Entry Form and Details**



# Ultramagic UK Grass Roots Balloon Meet 2017 Sackville Lodge Airfield



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## 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> September 2017

### Introduction

The tenth annual Grass Roots meet will be held at Sackville Lodge airfield, just north of Bedford. This privately-owned airfield and flying club ([www.sackvilleflyingclub.co.uk](http://www.sackvilleflyingclub.co.uk)) is run by local farmer Tim Wilkinson. This event is being organised by **Grass Roots Ballooning Limited**.

We are delighted that Ultramagic UK continues to be the exclusive sponsor for Grass Roots 2017. This sponsorship will help towards the costs of running the event.

The meet has quickly become the UK's LARGEST gathering of balloons specially aimed at balloonists, Pilots, Crews and Families and is recognised as one of the most friendly and enjoyable meets in the ballooning calendar that allows the freedom to fly in a great area in all directions, an abundance of landing sites and friendly farmers.

Everyone is welcome, private, commercial, shapes, in fact if you have a balloon and love uncomplicated flying this is the meet for you! In addition it has become a magnet for helping PUT's achieve what is sometimes difficult including sitting exams, tethering, GFT recommendation and, of course, check out flights. Some or all of this can be achieved here!

Ultramagic UK recognises the value of supporting Grass Roots ballooning and enjoying the sport we love, as such the organisation team and format of the meeting will remain the same as previous years.

In addition to the above we will be offering great prizes for all manner of awards, plus the use of our demonstrator balloons for tethering, exams and General flight tests (Subject to demand).

Over the past nine years we have grown this event from nothing to the event that many of you know today, with the emphasis on relaxed back-to-basics ballooning at Sackville.

The event is being run in partnership with balloonists, local farmers and the flying club.

We encourage all those that love ballooning to attend, placing the emphasis on fun flying, socialising and training.

As usual, as part of the entry requirements we will be asking you to volunteer to fly a farmer and there may be opportunities to do 'swaps' with the flying club pilots.

We would like as many pilots and balloons as possible to participate and create a stunning grass roots flyout over large cut fields on the following slots:

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September - evening  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September - morning and evening  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September - morning and evening.  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September - morning and evening.

Food will be available from Thursday evening.

Bacon butties etc will be served on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Bar facilities will also be available.

Please encourage your fellow aeronauts to sign up - we want all types of balloons including hoppers and shapes - this is a rare opportunity to fly from a large, fun, grass roots event.

We also encourage PUT's to fly from this event

We are delighted that David Court (the BBAC's Training Officer) has joined Team Grass Roots and has agreed to co-ordinate all PUT flying. Therefore if you are a PUT with any training requirements such as training flights, Instructor flights, GFT, Exams, Tether School etc. please contact David by e-mail (**training@bbac.org**) in advance of the event. We anticipate holding the traditional 'Tether School' so that an instructor can sign off the tether for the PPL(B).

### **Seize the moment!!**

Further updates will be sent by email to those that have expressed their interest or registered for the event. Pilots must be registered by completing the attached Registration Form and signing the declarations.

### **Event Website**

Please refer to our website [www.grassrootsballooning.org.uk](http://www.grassrootsballooning.org.uk) for more information and updates.

### **Entry Fee**

The entrance fee is £40 per balloon team.

**Entries must be received by 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017**  
**Any Entry received after this date will cost £50.00**

### **Decision to fly**

The final decision as to whether to cancel or restrict flying will be made just before each briefing. Flying will only take place if the conditions are deemed suitable.

**Should the weather forecast imply that conditions are wholly unsuitable for flying on the weekend 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> September, we will roll the event to 2018.**  
**We will endeavour to give 48 hours notice if the event is called "on" or "off" by e-mail and announcement on our website**

### **Insurance**

All pilots must sign the attached declaration that they carry insurance which meets current legal requirements.

### **Maps**

Sackville Lodge is on OS map 153. Fully marked maps will be on display.

### **Other Issues**

- We will have refuelling facilities
- Tethering and balloon inspections will be allowed with the permission of the event organiser

- Overnight camping and caravans will be permitted and are included as part of the entry fee, and we'll provide showers
- After each flight we ask that to give a customary gift (typically a bottle of wine) to the landowner/farmer when you land.
- Dropping of parachutists is strictly forbidden

We are likely to be arranging for a DVD to be shot at this years event.

By entering Grass Roots 2017 entrants agree to the possibility that their balloon may appear in the footage of the final DVD.

Copies of the final DVD will be made available to all interested teams at a discounted cost.

### Location and Directions

Club House: N52 15.72 W000 28.75 GBOS TL 038637

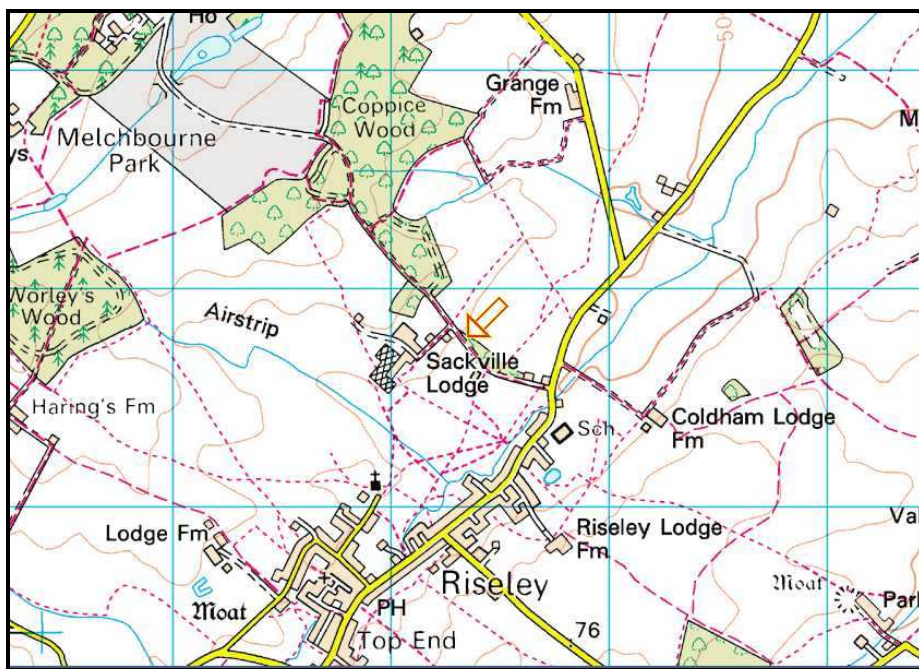
Site entrance: N52 15.60 W000 28.03 GBOS TL 047635

Sackville Farm is near the village of Riseley in Bedfordshire, 5 miles south east of Rushden.

#### Directions:

- From the A6 head towards Riseley Village, signposted Riseley Road.
- Once in the village, continue along the High Street passing the Fox and Hounds pub on your right.
- Eventually you will come to a school on your right and a garage on your left.
- Just after the garage you will see a tree lined private with a gate house.
- Turn left here and follow the road along until you see a sign on the left (approx 1/3 mile) marked "Wilkinsons".
- Turn here and follow the track along past the house called Sackville Lodge and through the farm yard.
- After a short distance you will see the airfield on your left.

**We look forward to welcoming you at Sackville in September!!**





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## ENTRY FORM

(please complete in block capitals)

Pilots Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Mobile:

email:

Licence Details: PPL/CPL No:

CPL(B) Expiry Date:

P1 hours - PPL/CPL:

Medical Expiry Date:

Certificate of Test / Experience Expiry Date (CPL Only):

Can you fly a Farmer? Yes / No      If Yes how Many?

Are you interested in Camping? Yes / No      If yes how Many?

### BALLOON DETAILS:

Balloon Registration:

Make, Size and Type:

Colour / Shape:

Balloon Owners Name:

Balloon / Sponsors Name (if any):

ARC and Inspection Valid until:

Name of Insurance Company:

Policy Number:

#### Declaration

- I enclose a cheque for £40.00 made payable to 'Grass Roots Ballooning Limited'

**Late Entry Fee £50.00 – Entries received after 15th August 2016**

Signed by the Pilot: .....

Dated: .....

**Please ensure you complete the attached PILOT DECLARATION and BALLOON ENTRANTS DECLARATION and return all three forms to: Rob Cross, 18 Alzey Gardens, Harpenden, Hertfordshire AL5 5SZ**





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# Ultramagic UK Grass Roots Balloon Meet 2017



## Pilot Declaration

### *Pilot Name:*

I solemnly declare that, for all of the dates on which I will pilot a balloon at the Ultramagic UK Grass Roots Balloon Meet 2017, the following items will be in force and valid:

- A private or commercial pilot's licence valid for the class of balloon which will be flown by me
- A Landowner Relations Programme Certificate
- I agree to indemnify the organisers of the event and Sackville Lodge Airfield against any claims made against them as a result of the operation of the above balloon(s) during the event.
- I understand that all inflation, flying and other activity during operation of the balloon(s) during the event is subject to the permission of the organiser and their representatives and I accept their authority on all operational matters during the event
- As a pilot at the Ultramagic UK Grass Roots Balloon Meet 2017 I do hereby certify that I hold a valid UK PPL pilots licence and that all pilot currency and recency requirements have been met.
- I have a current Medical Certificate.

I undertake to bring the original documents listed above, together with my personal flying log book, to the event and to have them available for examination should this be requested

Signed:

Date:

Pilot Name:



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# Ultramagic UK Grass Roots Balloon Meet 2017

## Balloon Entrants Declaration

### Balloon Registration:

### Balloon Type and Volume:

I solemnly declare that, for all of the dates on which the balloon will fly at the Ultramagic UK Grass Roots Balloon Meet 2017, the following items will be in force and valid:

- Airworthiness documents appropriate to the state of registry
- Insurance for at least the amounts required by EU law for third party and passenger liability

[MTOM less than 1000kg – SDR 1,500,000:]

[MTOM above 1000kg – SDR 3,000,000:]

[Passenger Liability SDR 1,000,000 per passenger]

*[ one SDR is approximately one GBP – check rates]*

I further solemnly declare that each pilot who will fly in this balloon will sign a Ultramagic UK Grass Roots 2017 Pilot's Declaration and supply it to Event Registration before any flight is made and that he/she will satisfy the conditions thereon.

I undertake to bring the original documentary evidence of the items listed above to the event and to have them available for examination should this be requested

Signed:

Date:

Entrant Name:

Company:

Entrant Status:

*[Owner / Operator / Director etc]*

Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Mobile Telephone during the event:

Names of pilots expected to fly the balloon *[Others may be added, if required, on completion of a Pilots Declaration Form]*

1 .....

2. ....