

# Ultramagic UK Grass Roots Balloon Meet 2018 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018

## Introduction

The 2018 annual Grass Roots meet will be held at Bidford Gliding Club, Bidford Airfield, Honeybourne Rd, Bidford-on-Avon B50 4PD. This privately-owned airfield and flying club ([www.bidfordglidingandflyingclub.co.uk](http://www.bidfordglidingandflyingclub.co.uk)) is run by Bidford Gliding Club. This event is being organised by **Grass Roots Ballooning Limited**.

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

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:

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

Food will be available from Friday evening and through the weekend. Bacon butties etc will be served on the 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 and anticipate holding the traditional 'tether school' so that an instructor can sign off the tether for their 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> JUNE 2018**

## 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> - 9<sup>th</sup> September, we will roll the event 2019**

**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

Bidford Airfield is on OS map 150. Map 151 will also be required. 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
- Limited Shower facilities may be available
- After each flight we ask that to give a customary gift (typically a bottle of wine) to the landowner/farmer when you land.

## Location and Directions



**We look forward to welcoming you at Bidford Gliding Club in September!!**



# ENTRY FORM

(please complete in block capitals)

Pilots Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Tel:

Mobile:

email:

Licence Details: PPL No:

CPL No:

P1 hours - PPL/CPL:

Can you fly a Farmer? Yes / No      If Yes how many \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in the Friday evening meal? Yes / No      If yes how many \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in the Saturday evening meal? Yes / No      If yes how many \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in camping? Yes / No      If yes how many \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be bringing a caravan? Yes / No

Do you have a PUT that might be interested in 'Tether School'? Yes / No.      If yes how many \_\_\_\_\_

## BALLOON DETAILS:

Balloon Registration:

Make, Size and Type:

Colour / Shape:

Balloon Owners Name:

Balloon / Sponsors Name (if any):

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Name of Insurance Company:

Policy Number:

### Declaration

- I have paid and rolling over from the 2016/17 events       \* Please tick as appropriate
- I enclose a cheque for £40 made payable to 'Grass Roots Ballooning Limited'

Signed by the Pilot: .....

Dated: .....

Please return all forms to: **Rob Cross, 18 Alzey Gardens, Harpenden, AL5 5SZ**

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## Pilot Declaration



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### Pilot Declaration

***Pilot Name:***

**Balloon Registration:**

**Balloon Type and Volume:**

I solemnly declare that, for all of the dates on which I will pilot a balloon at the Ultramagic UK Grass Roots Balloon Meet 2018, 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 Bidford Gliding Club 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 2018 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:

Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Mobile Telephone during the event:

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## Balloon Entrant's Declaration

### Balloon Registration:

### Balloon Type and Volume:

I solemnly declare that, for all of the dates on which the balloon will fly at the Grass Roots Balloon Meet 2018, 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]

*[At April 2011 one SDR is approximately one GBP – check rates]*

I further solemnly declare that each pilot who will fly in this balloon will sign a Grass Roots 2018 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. ....