



The British Balloon Museum & Library

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BBM&L Inflation Event Pilot Guidelines

Pidley PE28 3DD
Saturday 27th April 2024

(Sponsored by LAAS International the Aviation Enthusiasts Group)

The Chairman, Council of the BBM&L and David Hopkins, welcome you to the 17th BBM&L Inflation Day. Below are a number of points to assist you to have a safe and enjoyable day.

EVENT REGISTRATION: Form (available via BBM&L web site) submission to Tim Turner, email (tjthafb@gmail.com) or post to: 11 Gilbey Close, Wellingborough, Northants NN9 5YG. **Retain a copy for yourself** for production on arrival at the Pidley gate to be eligible for free entry tickets.

BRIEFING: (**Pete Bish**) Briefing will be at 08:30 adjacent to the BBM&L Display Trailer, directions will be given on arrival at the entrance gate. The BBM&L Inflation event will commence with briefing and close at the end of prize giving – expected to be about 17:00, but subject to final confirmation.

INSURANCE: All balloon owners/operators must comply with the 2005 EU directives.

MAPS: Pidley is located on OS Map 142 position – 340 790 (or PE28 3DD for sat-nav users).

MET (John Crawford): John will present the Inflation Event Met at briefing. Hopefully he will bring some ballooning weather for us.

DAYLIGHT TIMES: Sunrise 27th April 2024 05:33 and Sunset 20:21 (BST)

SAFETY: (**John Tyrrell**). All tethered inflations must use a three-point system.

DRIVING & SAFETY ON SITE: Please remember we are guests of David Hopkins. Please drive considerately at all times whilst on site and obey event marshal's instructions. In particular please avoid wheel spinning so as not to damage the grass surface and keep to site speed limits so as not to endanger pedestrians or fellow balloonists. Please respect others property and especially ensure children are properly supervised at all times- it is going to be a busy day – weather permitting!

PROPANE: Come with full tanks!

CofA INSPECTIONS: Inspections welcome, by direct arrangement with a CofA Inspector.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS: Pilots are reminded of their obligation in respect of the validity of licences (including current medicals), and compliance with the ANO.

CAR PARKING: All vehicles will be directed where to park within the grounds.

PRIZES: Balloons over 15 years old (balloons registered before 27th April 2009), and **registered for the event**, will be eligible for prizes as decided by the BBM&L Council. As usual, the nature of



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achievements, which warrant prizes, will remain a mystery to all but the organisers until announced at Prize Giving!

FURTHER INFO: from Tim Turner 07779 528243 or email tjthafb@gmail.com The BBM&L website www.britishballoonmuseum.org.uk is where there is further information relating to the BBM&L and how you can help. Any late changes to the programme will be announced on social media (Facebook) there are no plans to 'roll' the event.

DOMESTIC ISSUES

OUR SPONSORS NOTE: LAAS International has very kindly once again sponsored this event for which we are extremely grateful. LAAS is an aviation enthusiasts group, and for an annual subscription starting at £43 you get a monthly magazine featuring all matters aviation in the UK – for further details see their web site at: www.laasdata.com

SNACKS: Snacks available from the snack wagon.

FACILITIES: This is a hot air balloon meeting held within the grounds of David Hopkins estate available to the Inflation Day guests but has limited facilities on site!

CAMPING: Camping is available on site – a donation of £10 will apply for the weekend – payment on site. Contact Tim Turner

INFLATION DAY PIN: Once again there will be the very collectable balloon memento pin of the event at £5 each!

CHILDREN: Children authorised (travelling with balloonists) in the arena are to be supervised at all times – games not permitted.

Enjoy the ballooning and have a GREAT day.