



# Interglide 2023

**Interglide is a well-established Contest Eurotour F5J competition, this year taking place 1-2 July at Hamilton Farm (near Ashford, Kent, England).**

Hamilton Farm is a fantastic location on a private airfield only a few miles from Dover and the Tunnel. EU fliers standardly do not require a visa and there are no longer any COVID-19 test requirements or formalities, regardless of your vaccination status. And this year we offer ...

- **'Interfeast'** – inaugural professionally-catered 'Interfeast' Event Meal (preceded by a reception – see 'Catering Spotlight' below).
- **Full-size aerobatic display** – by airfield owner Richard Thomas
- **Improved booking arrangements** to help pilots who may be affected by minimum-number requirements for national team selection.

Come and join us!



## *The details*

**WEBSITE** for more information and for entry: <https://www.interglide.co.uk>

**ORGANISERS:** British Association of Radio Control Soarers. (BARCS is a Specialist Body of the British Model Flying Association.)

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**CATEGORY:** FAI F5J Thermal Duration Gliders

**RULES:** the competition will be run according to the [F5J rules in the 2023 FAI Sporting Code Volume F5 Radio Control Electric Powered Model Aircraft](#). All AMRT devices must conform to the specifications published in the F5J Altimeter/Motor Run Timer Technical Documentation. This means that AMRT devices must be set to either the FAI setting or the setting that permits an emergency motor re-start but then records a zero flight score. UK Variants shall not apply.

**JURY:** Members of the Jury will be chosen nearer the time, according to the FAI rules.

**LANGUAGES:** English



**LOCATION:** The Hamilton Farm Airstrip, Bilsington, Ashford Kent, TN25 7JJ.

Wonderful location with a choice of basic or deluxe camping available (see below).

Website for more information: <https://www.hamiltonfarm-cl.co.uk/>



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Caravan Club site entrance

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**ENTRY DATES:** Closing date for entries is Monday 19 June (unless we are full earlier).

**NUMBERS:** Entries are limited to a maximum of 60 and booking will close before 19 June if the maximum is reached earlier. In this case, any further entries will be kept on a reserve list in sequence and allocated places if any competitor withdraws. The current number of registrations, updated in real time, is available at <https://www.interglide.co.uk/pilots/>

**REFUNDS:** In the event of a withdrawal a full refund of entry fees and of any catering bookings will be given if notification is received on or before 23 June.

We are very aware that some countries now impose a minimum number of pilots in a contest for results to count towards national F5J team selection. We hope these revised arrangements allow pilots potentially affected to book for Interglide with confidence.

**ENTRY FORM:** Enter online using the website:  
<https://www.interglide.co.uk/online-entry-form>

Seniors £45 Juniors £20

(If online entry is a problem, please do contact contest organiser Nick Jackson (details above).

**MEALS:** These meals may be booked when registering: buffet lunch Sat and Sun: £8 person per day; 'Interfeast' Event Meal Sat evening: £15. (More in the 'Catering Spotlight' below.)

**CAMPING:** Two sorts of camping are available:

- Free basic facilities will be available on the field, in the area outside of the fenced off Caravan Club site. These consist of a fresh water supply and portable toilets. They do not include use of the Caravan Club site showers or toilets. To book, just let us know on the online entry form.
- Full facilities are available on the Caravan Club site. These need to be booked separately, with the site owners:  
[www.hamiltonfarm-cl.co.uk](http://www.hamiltonfarm-cl.co.uk)  
+44 (0)1233 720829  
+44 (0)7753 818385

**OTHER ACCOMMODATION:** Details of local hotels and bed & breakfast can be found on the Interglide website - <https://www.interglide.co.uk/accommodation/>



**CAA:** CAA (UK Civil Aviation Authority) requires the operators of pilotless aircraft to register and to pass a competency test. All entrants are required to be able to prove that they are certified pilots of pilotless aircraft and to display their registration number on some part of their models. The organisers will supply a valid registration number where necessary.

**INSURANCE:** UK fliers must show proof of BMFA insurance or equivalent cover. Non-UK fliers will if necessary be covered by BMFA contest insurance.

**COVID-19:** The UK government has now removed all requirements for entry to the country (no test result, proof of vaccination status or location form needed). And has removed all restrictions once in the country. No new requirements or guidance are likely. But if any are issued before Interglide, the organisers will follow them and inform competitors. Overseas competitors should check for themselves any requirements applying in their home country or in transit having left the UK.

**FREQUENCIES:** Frequencies allowed in the UK are 35Mhz and 2.4Ghz.

**LIABILITY:** The CD, organisers and organising body take no responsibility for any losses made by pilots or by anyone else, except where (and to the extent that) is not permitted or not reasonable to exclude or limit liability.



## *The schedule*

Campsite open from Midday Thursday 29 June (unless arrangements have been made before then with the Caravan Club site owners).

***No Flying on the Field before Friday.***

**Friday 30 June:** Practice day (Frequency control is at your own risk)

**Saturday 1 July:** Briefing 09:15, Flying starts 09:30 (Rounds 1-6)

**Sunday 2 July:** Briefing 09:15, Flying starts 09:30 (Rounds 7-9 + 3 Rounds Fly Off). Prize giving after the contest, departure.

Campsite must be vacated by Midday **Monday 3 July**

The flying schedule is subject to change according to weather conditions and the number of entrants.



## *Spotlight on catering*

**Hamilton Airfield Tea Room**<sup>1</sup> is a new catering enterprise based on the airfield (the clue's in the name) and run by Anastasia Thomas and partner. Both of them are qualified chefs. They will be basing menus on local ingredients. They're working with Stacey's dad Richard on preparing the facilities for the new business – currently in development but everything will be ready for July; anyone who knows Hamilton Farm knows how reliable they are.

The Tea Room has agreed to cater Interglide – great news for us. As well as a boost in quality for our Saturday and Sunday buffet lunches, this means we can offer on the Saturday evening for the first time ...

**Interfeast Event Meal.** Do join us for this BBQ-based dinner, and please bring any family or friends too. Book for the meal when you register. The £15 per person cost is food only and the airfield is not yet licensed so please bring a bottle, cans or whatever you like.

**Drinks reception.** To launch this very first Interfeast, BARCS are sponsoring a short drinks reception before the meal. The reception will show what we can do in the South-East: English sparkling wine (has recently won awards in France) and local draft beer (some of the best in the country). The reception is free and everyone at the competition is welcome, whether or not booked to stay on for the meal.



We look forward to working with the Tea Room this year and in the future, especially on an annual Interfeast. We hope this will help make Interglide a proper international social event as well as a great competition.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/Hamilton-Airfield-Tea-Room-104442379174410/>