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## 1: National Visit Air Traffic Control Month

During May over 20 UK Air Traffic Control Units will be taking part in the first national 'Visit ATC' event. The Ministry of Defence (MoD), NATS and independent air traffic units throughout the country are participating in the scheme which is aimed at increasing the knowledge of both pilots and controllers of each others' skills and limitations.

All the visits will require prior registration and are open only to holders of pilot licences (NPPL, PPL, BGA certificate, BHPA rating, etc). Those attending will be required to show their licence. If you have not pre-registered or cannot produce your pilot licence you will not be admitted on the day.

Among the units opening their doors in May are London City, Cambridge, RAF Leeming, Edinburgh, Blackpool and RAF Waddington. A full list of the NATS, non-NATS and military units taking part, the times and dates when each unit is open for a visit, and contact details for pre-registration are available on the ASI website at: http://www.airspacesafety.com

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. All the events are free of charge.

For more information see: http://www.airspacesafety.com

### 2: Introductory Membership Books

Schools please note:

'Return cover and any unused certificates within one month of issue, or as soon as it is full if earlier, or upon recall by the BHPA.'

This sentence is printed on the front cover of all membership books but has obviously been overlooked by some schools. In the last two weeks we have received used books dating back as far as July 2007 and in some cases membership cheques / credit card payments which are several months old. This causes unnecessary extra work at the BHPA office and the students whose membership is delayed by months aren't too happy either, particularly if they have paid for Training Membership that has already expired before it has been processed.

Fortunately these schools are in the minority but could we ask all schools to please try to keep on top of membership paperwork.

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#### 3: Courses 2008/9

#### Coach Courses 2008

November 1-2 Avon HGPG Chris Jones chris@hgpg.co.uk 01225 319052

November 15-16 Ulster HG PG Phil Baron philBarron6@aol.com 0770 6033951

December 13-14 Still available for club booking.

#### Coach Courses 2009

January 10-11 Still available for club booking.

January 31-1st Feb Still available for club booking.

February 14-15 Still available for club booking.

#### **Instructor Courses**

April 12-14 2008.

March 28-30 2009

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