

The 43rd Annual International Icicle Balloon Meet
3rd & 4th January 2015.

The Meet will take place on the 3rd & 4th January 2015 at our **flying site at Folly Dog Leg, Hungerford** just north of the town centre – OS Map 174/351696. The Meet is informal, un-sponsored and open to all balloonists. As usual we will be running a farmers draw and will be looking for a donation of £25 in cash or kind, per balloon at the first briefing, or £20 in advance (see our pre-booking "Save a Fiver" offer). This covers the cost of the draw and other expenses.

BRIEFING : Briefings will be at 0800 on site each day. There will be a Meet Safety Officer and several 'high viz' jacketed launch masters to assist him to ensure all take offs occur in an orderly manner. There will be NO external pressure to fly, either competitive or commercial. Our criteria for flying will be as in previous years, for fun and safety.

INSURANCE : All balloon owners/operators must declare in writing that they carry third party insurance to comply with the 2005 EU directive. **Please note even balloons for inflation only must be covered by this insurance.** You will also be required to provide the name and address of your insurers. This can either be done at the briefing or in advance on the pre-booking form which will appear in the Pilots Circular. The entry form will also be available to download from our website.

AIRSPACE : A NOTAM will be published and a briefing given. Ensure you have Aldermaston, Burghfield, Harwell and the Salisbury Plain danger area to the south marked on your maps.

MET : The Met briefing will be given by John Crawford.

NFU : Please ensure you have all the current sensitive areas for our vicinity as published with the Pilots Circular, on your maps. Master maps will be on display all weekend at the site. The local LRO for Map 174 is James Dobson jdobson@jdobson.adsl24.co.uk or 01491 872063. For any problems on Map 173, please contact the meet organizers.

SITE : Location is Folly Dog Leg, Hungerford: OS Map 174/351696. Please follow the signs and directions of the marshals when entering the site.

MAPS : Bring your own ¼ or ½ mil ATC maps. Essential OS maps of the area are 173 and 174. Don't forget to check the Master OS Map on the site for up to date Sensitive Areas.

PROPANE : Is available at a local petrol station however we recommend that you bring enough fuel with you if possible.

TASKS & SCORES : Being contrived - details at briefing.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS : Pilots are reminded of their obligation in respect of the validity of licences (including current medicals), carriage of maps and compliance with the ANO etc. A certificate of airworthiness is now mandatory for all flights no matter how short, unless you have an Annexe II balloon.

CAR PARKING : Is available on site – please follow the signs and directions of the marshals.

PRIZES : Any returnable prizes i.e. Chequers Trophy, Veuve Cliquot Cup, Gemini Trophy, Marsh Benham Trophy, Aim High Trophy, Norman Betts and the Newbury Building Society Trophy are to be returned to Pete Bish (Zebedee) at or by Saturdays briefing.

SNACKS : There will be a snack bar on site.

SOCIAL : The Trade Stands/Social will be held at the Elcot Park Hotel just north of the A4 between Newbury and Hungerford. Please contact Celia Kunert by e-mail : celia@kunert.plus.com or on 01189 730454 with your trade stand requirements. A dinner will be held on the Saturday evening, price £29.50 for three courses with guest after dinner speaker Robin Batchelor talking about his involvement with the Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race.

To book your place in advance only, contact Celia Kunert – 25 Chivers Drive, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 4EW. Please make cheques payable to “Dante Balloon Group”.

ACCOMMODATION : Our base hotel, the Elcot Park are offering a special package for the weekend of £38.50 per person per night, B&B sharing a twin or double room or £50 per person per night in a single room for two nights or £99 for a double & £70 for a single for one night.

To make your booking, please contact the hotel direct on 0844 8159060 between 8am & 5pm, Monday to Friday. Choose Option 1 on the menu, room reservations. Tell them that you want to book the special Icicle Balloon Meet deal – their reference number for the reserved rooms is 9548066. Prices as above. If you have problems, please let us know.

When arriving at the flying site please follow the signs to the car park and briefing. Do not park on the road or grass verge.

SAVE A FIVER
BOOK IN EARLY FOR ICICLE 2015 – 3rd & 4th JANUARY.

To save a fiver, book in advance for Icicle 2015. Send your balloon details on the registration form to :
Celia Kunert - 25 Chivers Drive, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 4EW.
Pre-book in advance at £20 per balloon or on the day at £25.
Please make cheques payable to "Dante Balloon Group".

REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE ICICLE MEET, JANUARY 2015.

Pilot's Name PPL/CPLNbr.....

Group/Owner/Sponsor.....

Home Address.....

Email address

Balloon Registration Make/Model Balloon Name

Name & Address of Insurance Co

1. I certify that the above balloon has a current insurance policy with Third Party cover to comply with the 2005 EU directive.

2. I agree to indemnify the Organisers of the Meet and the Landowner against any claims made against them as a result of the operation of the above balloon during the Meet.

3. I understand that all inflation, flying and other activity during operation of the balloon during the Meet is subject to the permission of the Meet Organisers through the Safety Officers appointed by them. I accept their authority on all operational matters during the Meet.

4. If you have obtained your licence within the last year, please give the date so that we can consider you for our Newest Pilot at Icicle prize.

Signed on behalf of Owner/OperatorDate.....

On the Saturday evening there will be a dinner at the Elcot Hotel. The price is £29.50 per person for this three course meal. To book please contact Celia Kunert (as above - cheques payable to "The Dante Balloon Group"). There will be a seating plan so please let me know if you want to sit on the same table as someone else who is attending. Please also advise of any dietary requirements.

Please reserve places for the Icicle Balloon Meet Dinner.

I enclose a cheque for £.....

E-mail address (for confirmation of booking only) :-

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