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The RAF Charitable Fund

On the 2nd of August through the 7th, I was fortunate enough to be selected by HCAP to fulfill a gliding scholarship with 7 equally passionate young people at The Midlands Gliding Club. I would like to thank the RAF Charitable Trust for funding my week and am pleased to announce that it was used well.

Upon arrival we were welcomed to the club by our instructors to be and shown around the hangars to see the gear we would be using during the course.

The staff included: Sam and David (our instructors), both Marks (the winch and retrieve winch drivers respectively), and Helen, our very own 5-star chef who served us our meals.



Our week was incredibly productive. Within the space of 7 days the instructors helped us glide with no or very little assistance. Some of us even reached solo level. When we were not in the air, we made ourselves useful in other ways, such as driving the retrieve winch launch which Mark helped us use safely. We also aided the private owners who used the club runway. The result of one of these private launches led me to share a T.31 with a member of the Tony Adams Foundation who showed me what gliding with the RAF cadets would have been like in the 1940s. Needless to say, I'm grateful that we have moved on from wood and fabric!



HCAP also kindly allocated us small groups, making it much easier to get to know each other. Since then, we have stayed in contact and share upcoming flying and gliding events we come across with our fellow enthusiasts.



I would like to thank HCAP from the bottom of my heart for fuelling my passion for aviation and inspiring me to pursue it as a career path instead of just as a hobby.

And again, a big thank you the RAF Charitable Fund for making it possible.

It was magical.

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