



## BAFSA UPDATE September 2020

### 1. Centenary Balloon Launch : 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Invitations for this event have been mailed to all BAFSA members and invited guests.

If you are planning to attend please RSVP, for catering purposes.

We hope to have copies of the Centenary Book on sale at the event.



### 2. Battlefields Balloon Fiesta 2020

This event was attended by 7 pilots and supporters with 4 balloons and was based at the Battlefields Lodge in Dundee KZN – a fantastic venue for future ballooning events, with good takeoff sites at the lodge, good flying area and friendly farmers.

Unfortunately the weather was a disaster, allowing only 3 balloons the opportunity to fly once each. The lack of ballooning was made up by experiencing the local museums and battlefields.

A great time was had by all who attended, certainly worth arranging another similar event in 2021.... Watch this space.

Our thanks to Alan Turner for all his enthusiasm in arranging the outing.



### 3. Authorities to Fly

Pilots would have received the recent communique from Aero Club, regarding their ongoing interaction with CAA in expediting all the outstanding applications.

Trusting this interaction achieves improved outcomes.

### 4. Future Events

#### 2020

- 21/22 November : Montgolfier Flight  
Venue : To be confirmed but probably Parys

#### 2021

- South African Hot Air Balloon Championships  
Venue & Dates : To be determined based on sponsorship options
- **Grand Est Mondial Balloon 2021 : France (GEMAB 21)**



This major European Ballooning Fiesta is due to take place in late July 2021.

Entries are already open and the event website can be accessed at:

<https://www.pilatre-de-rozier.com/lmab/>

Several South African pilots have attended over the past years and will hopefully continue to do so.

For details please contact Richard Bovell, the Event Ambassador for Africa.

Be safe, keep well.

**BAFSA COMMITTEE 2020**

