

### Kent Interclub Competition dates - 2026

Date	KI Event & location (+other local competitions)	Organising Club	C D	Gs & Backup	Notes and Other Events
Mar 28 Sat	<b>Free-4-All 1 at Invicta</b>	Invicta	RH	-	<i>(F5J at Little Bentley 29/3)</i>
April 5					<i>Easter Sunday</i>
April 11/12	<b>F5J (Electric1) at Gravesend</b>	Bromley	BR	NJ/JM	
April 19	<i>Reserve date for E1</i>				
April 25/26	<b>Glider- 1 at Invicta</b>	Invicta	TL	RH/NJ	<b>Also 2025 Kent Cup</b>
May 2 Sat	<b>Free-4-All 1 at Bickley</b>	Bromley	BR	-	<i>Bank Holiday 4th May</i>
May 9/10	<i>(F5J at Horsham)</i>				
May 16					
May 24	Fun Fly- Month 1				<i>Holiday 25<sup>th</sup> May (Radioglide)</i>
May 30/31	<b>Glider 2 at Sittingbourne</b>	SADMAC	TL	TL/RH	
Jun 6/7	<b>F5J (Elec-2) at Tonbridge</b>	Tonbridge	BH	NJ/JM	
Jun 14	<b>Free-4-All 1 at Invicta</b>	Invicta	RH	-	<b>Inc: Open glider set-up clinic</b>
Jun 21					<i>Father's Day/ Holland Glide</i>
Jun 27/ 28	<i>(Interglide)</i>				
July 5	Fun Fly Month 2				
July 11/12	<i>(F5J Tonbridge)</i>				
July 19					
July 25/26	<b>F5J (Electric 3) at Invicta</b>	Invicta	KF	RH/TL	
Aug 1 Sat	<b>Free-4-All 4 at Sittingbourne</b>	Ashford	DT	-	
Aug 9	<i>(F5J at Little Bentley)</i>				
Aug 15/16	<b>Glider 3 at Sittingbourne</b>	SADMAC	TL	TL/NJ	
Aug 22 Sat	<b>Free-4-All at Invicta</b>	Maidstone	DA	-	
Aug 30	<b>Bickley Glider Day + F4A</b>	Bromley	BR	-	<i>Bank Holiday BMFA Nats</i>
Sept 6					<b>Southern Model Show</b>
Sep 12 Sat	<b>Kent Cup at Sittingbourne</b>	Canterbury	NJ	NJ/TL	
Sep 19/20	<i>(F5J Tonbridge)</i>				
Sep 26/27					<i>(F5J at Little Bentley)</i>
Oct 3/4	<b>F5J Towner Trophy Tonbridge</b>	Canterbury	NJ	RH/TL	
Oct 11					
Oct 18					

*Note1: Glider events will be run to Multi-Launch rules. Electric events will be F5J competitions*

*Note2. Saturday/Sunday events: The preferred day is the Sunday, but if the weather forecast is bad and the Saturday looks better, then the comp will be on the Saturday. Decision made on the Thursday before.*

Organisers: Contest Directors (CD) & Gliderscore (Gs) Coordinators. BH-Bob Hope DP-Derek Price NJ-Nick Jackson IN-Ian Nicholls TL-Terry Letchford KF-Keith Fisher RH-Richard Harris BR-Bob Ryan DA-David Ashby, DT-David Teal JM-John Moyler

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## **Kent Interclub Competitions Explained**

Kent Interclub has now been running for over 50 years. We are a group of Kentish clubs (or maybe clubs of Kent?) that get together for silent-flight competitions throughout the year.

The attached Contest Calendar for 2026 includes a varied range of competitions and events around the county.

The competitions are free to enter for clubs who subscribe to Kent Interclub. We do however welcome entries from non-KIC flyers and make a small charge on the day.

In squeezing all the events onto a single page calendar, the events have been somewhat coded – we know what we mean but it is a barrier. To help with some understanding, I have included a brief description of our main events.

### **Multi-Launch competitions (Glider 1 – 4 & Kent Cup)**

These competitions were originally pure glider competitions and when electric powered gliders became more common, the format evolved to be more inclusive Multi-launch events.

In essence flights are organized into 4 or 5 rounds. Each round comprises a number of groups of around 5 flyers competing against each other in a 10-minute period with variable points for landings. Launching is by winch for the gliders or electric power – the launch height is set for 175m to give a level playing field.

We fly 5 Multi-launch events throughout the year which attracts a wide range of gliders and electric models. You do not need expensive moulded models to compete, we have foamie models, built-up models including 100s as well as a range of moulded models all competing together.

As the contest is primarily a relaxed club-team event, you will find help and support to guide you to get the best out of your model.

### **Electric Competitions F5J**

These are flown to F5J rules – the only real difference to the multi-launch rules is the launch height. For F5J, there is no set launch height as such: The higher you launch, the more penalty points you get. So, if you sense there is good low-down lift, you can switch the motor off and thermal away and lower penalty point gives you an advantage.

Model formats – again, we see the same mix of moulded, built-up and foamie electric models.

You do not need a full on F5J model as there is also a 2m model class within F5J

### **2m Free-4-All Competitions**

This is a “for fun” challenge with the aim of expanding interest in silent flight and to help pilots improve their thermal soaring skills.

Whilst essentially this is for all 2m built-up and foamie models, we try to be inclusive, so if your model is a bit bigger than 2m then still come along and enjoy yourself. If your model is too far from the spirit of the competition then your score may not count.

This is a very relaxed way to spend 4 hours. There are no specific timed slots. When you feel the conditions are right, off you go and try to fly for 6 minutes and then land in a large defined landing area.

**Entries to the competitions is via posts on this BARCS forum**

**If you are interested, come and join us.**