

WINTER TRAINING CAMP 2014

Qin Cao, LMH

Following a successful recruitment in October, news of the Winter Training Camp generated a great response among our new members. All of the available places were gone in 24 hours with a very long waiting list!

With tremendous support from our dedicated instructors and the Windrusher's management team, the Winter Training Camp took place at the Bicester Airfield from 7th to 10th December 2014. Though the temperature was low, we were blessed by the weather gods. Sunshine, blue sky, gliders, and many smiling faces- I cannot imagine a better thing to end a term of hard work at Oxford than four days of pure gliding!

All of the crew made great progress at the Camp. In the beautiful blue sky, Arthur experienced his first aerobatics flight with Julian Bane and decided to take it as his gliding path! Will Bell, who could only do turning on the first day, flew a full circuit without the instructor touching the controls. I, myself, with a break of over 3 months, flew solo again in a K13. Most excitingly, we had the first solo pilot of the year- David Felce, who was awarded the 'Outstanding Progress' trophy for his achievement! After days of flying, we had fun in the evenings. Great soaring stories were shared as well as yummy food and drink.



Training camp crew with some of our instructors



Towing the glider to the launch point



Alina Constantin in her first flight with Clive Dalzell



David Felce with Jonathan May after his first solo flight



Beautiful sunrise at the airfield