

GLIDING HERITAGE CENTRE

Aircraft Summary Sheet



TYPE	Olympia 460 (1st prototype of 5)
Manufacturer	Elliotts of Newbury, Type 10, c/n EoN /S/001
Year of manufacture	Completed 1960
Registration marks	BGA 1172, RAFGSA 268, G-APWL (Comp No. was 187)
Airworthy	Yes, flew again at Lasham 31 st Mar 2021
History	First flown 26 th April 1960 at Lasham by David Ince. Last flown Sept 1999, 751 hours in 861 flights. A great deal of test flying was done in 1960 – 87 flights. After a few mods test flying continued to Feb 1962. The glider type proved a big disappointment. It was meant to be a world beating standard class glider. In the end it was “dumbed down” resulting in the production model, the Olympia 463. The story is brilliantly told by David Ince in his input to the “Elliotts Guide” document to be found in the Articles section of the GHC website. Elliotts sold the glider to a syndicate in March 1962. Subsequently 5 further owners/syndicates, including the Essex and Suffolk GC from Jun 1966 - Apr 1979, before being bought by AFE, Kidlington, in Jan 2010. Put on display in the AFE shop 10 th Feb 2010.
Notable flights	Lasham League 1 Nationals May 1961 + Aston Down League 2 Nationals June 1962 + Lasham League 2 Nationals May/June 1963, and didn't do very well in any of them. Otherwise little of note recorded in the logbook.
Restoration history	Very badly damaged Jul 1966, change of ownership Apr 1979 and repair work started. Next flew Jul 1981. Otherwise no significant restoration.
Other	Donated to the GHC by AFE Oxford, great thanks to the AFE MD, Jeremy Leach, and retrieved to Lasham by Gary Pullen and Glyn Bradney on 15 th July 2020. Currently in storage as it needs some restoration work before going on display. We may look eventually to get the glider flying again.





At the League 1 Lasham Nationals May 1961, pilot R.Dunn flying for the RAFGSA

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[caption here]	Going up, AFE, Kidlington, 10 th Feb 2010	Coming down, AFE, 15 th Jul 2020
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