



**** NEXT EVENT ****

**AGM
Thursday 16th
January**

NOTICE - AGM 2020

The Club's AGM will take place at 8.00pm on Thursday 16th January 2020 at the Hamble Club. An Agenda and Minutes of the last AGM will be circulated by email before the meeting.

The Agenda will include a vote to elect the 2020 Committee so, if anyone is interested in standing, please contact a current committee member.

Only items on the Agenda will be discussed at the meeting.



**** IMPORTANT ALL MEMBERS ****

REMINDER – IT'S THE LAW !!!

Registering yourself to use a drone or model aircraft

As you may be aware you are now required to register your model aircraft or drone before you can fly. To be to do this you must show that you are competent and there are a number of ways to do this

1. If you have an A or B certificate you can ask the BMFA to get your CAA IDs for you (paying the BMFA the extra £9)
2. Complete the CAA registration and competence test at <https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/individual>
3. Or take the BMFA equivalent test at <https://rcc.bmfa.uk/rcc>

The clubs advise is: take the CAA test now, and pay the CAA directly for the registration. I know that this is putting another unnecessary step and cost into our hobby, but you have to comply with the current regulations, this is the easiest route for both you and for the club and the test is easy so there is no obstacle to doing it.

Several Firebirds club members have already done this and can confirm that it is straightforward and even useful. The new law also requires that each model must carry an identification label containing your CAA Operator ID. The label must be visible on the model but for scale models it can be within a compartment that can be easily accessed without using a tool.

Notes: Compliance will be advisory rather than a condition of membership.

It is the individual member's responsibility to comply to relevant laws.

It is unlikely that BMFA insurance will be valid for unlawful flying.



Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

2020 Subscriptions

The BMFA Subscriptions for 2020 have remained the same and the committee made the following club fees recommendation (below) at the Christmas Party and a vote was taken, the motion was carried.

The 2020 subscriptions will be as follows:

	Club*	BMFA	Total
Senior	£35	£38	£73
Junior	£13	£17	£30
Family Senior	£35	£38**	£73
Family Partner	£36	£25**	£60
Family Junior (under 18)	£13	£13**	£26

* Note as agreed in a vote by members present at the 2019 Christmas party, the club fee will be increased for members who renew / join after a new flying site is found.
Please remember that you must have paid before you fly for the first time in 2020

If you want to post your membership cheque please complete the membership form at the end of this newsletter and post with the cheque, to...

Firebirds Model club
c/o 6 Maytree Close
Locksheath
Southampton SO31 6NQ

** You can pay at / before the AGM if you bring cash or your cheque book ! **

BMFA Notes ...

'FULL INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP' as a senior is available to all model flyers 18 years of age or over, on the 1st January of the year of membership, who are members of an affiliated club. Those younger than this are called Juniors but have full membership status.

** FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is available to families living at the same address.

To qualify for Family membership, one full Senior member must register as Head of Family; a spouse/partner and all children under 18 years old can then register as Family members at a reduced fee.



PADMAC flying times.

STILL NO COWS !!

	Power	Electric/Silent
Mon to Sat	10:00 to 18:00	10:00 to Sunset
Sunday	11:00 to 18:00	11:00 to Sunset

PADMAC rules can be found here. http://www.padmac.info/PADMAC_flyingsite_rules.html

Poorly club member

Continuing thoughts and good wishes from the committee to all poorly members.

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

January (16th) AGM - 8pm sharp. (arrive early to get a drinks at the bar)

February (20th) Table top sale / small indoor models

March - Alan Shergold (a very short) video & Pete Clarke 'a laser cutting demonstration'.

April - Newell family fun night (more details to follow)

May - Perhaps the First 2020 Barbeque ? Let's all keep our fingers crossed.



Christmas Party 2019

Yet again the firebirds Christmas Party was a huge success with plenty of members coming along for a beer, a chat and a wonderful buffet.

Club chairman (Russell), discussed the club fees for next year on which the members voted and then presented the club trophies for 2019. Although, there was actually only one award this year and unusually it was given to more than one person..

**The Meritorious Service award
was given to
"The Newell Family!"**

Dave and Pete then started the annual draw which this year offered many wonderful prizes including RTF models, balsa models, batteries, chocolates and bottles of wine. All in all, a total prize fund estimated at over £500. Well done to Pete and Dave for organising the draw on behalf of the club, I am sure they will start selling tickets for next year's draw really soon.

Final job for Russell was to declare the buffet officially open, the buffet was funded from club funds and prepared by the Hamble club...

Thanks to the Hamble club for a wonderful spread.

Many members chose to renew their club membership on the night and Membership secretary Keith reported that 20 members had renewed by the end of the Christmas party.

Again It was good to see Pat Parsons at the Christmas party although he did p**s everybody off telling them how wonderful his new flying site is up North!!





Pat Parsons is a very nice man – who has promised us some more poetry!!

Pat Parsons is a very nice man, he gave me a prezzie... (below)...



And here is the 'full size' prezzie he made for his daughter...



Apparently the reason he gave me the model and has started making wheel barrows is lack of room !!

No more hanging space !!!



Pat wrote... Sir Jaspers finished his flying machine, friends say it looks quite mean, he has to wait for a decent day, to try it out and pray, that it flies as it should, that really would be good,

Happy new year to all Firebird members PAT



Did you get one of these for Christmas ...? (FAA registration not required)

The Newell family (creators of the annual quiz night) have had an idea, and a rather excellent idea it is too... they have suggested..

“.. a competitive evening of micro-flying with a purpose built obstacle course!”

Confirmed for April !!.

This inexpensive tiny quadcopter might just be the perfect gadget for taking part...? Practice now to make sure you are ready for the big event..



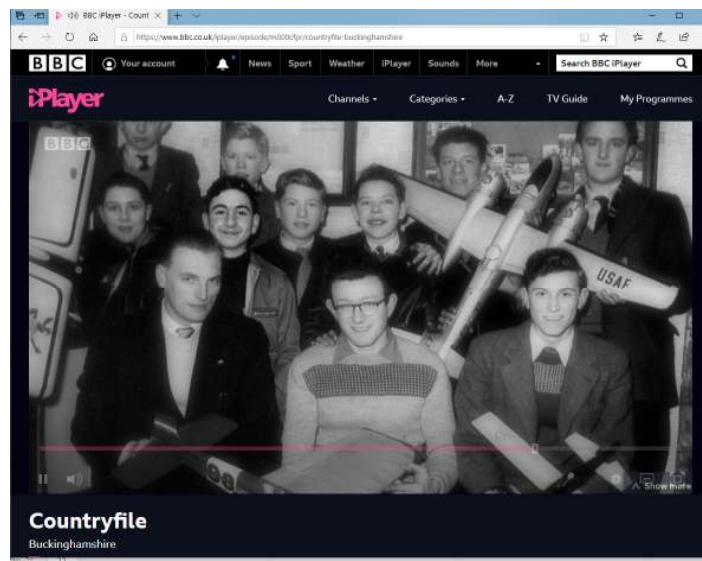
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Did you see our sport on BBC countryfile?

Catch up now on BBC iplayer by clicking link below (watch from 44minutes in)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000cfpr/countryfile-buckinghamshire>



Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - January 2020



Club Information

This section gives a summary of club services and contact details.

Glow Fuel, Glue and other bits and pieces available

Fuel is available through the club and supplies are held by the club. All grades of fuel are available to order. Russell holds many other useful items: glo-plugs, propellers, glue, fuel tubing, wing bolts etc.

Russell Lewis

023 8056 1397

russell@pilot1.co.uk

Club Meetings

Our meeting venue is the Hamble Club at this address:

Beaulieu Road
Hamble, Southampton,
Hampshire, SO31 4JL



The Club requires each member to sign in at every arrival using the book usually kept at the bar. There is a way round this and that is to join the club. This is not expensive, particularly for OAPs who pay £8.00 for the first year, and if you live locally it provides a cheap night out!

External Events

If you need more details on any particular event, then go to <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar>. **BMFA Bulletins are available on-line at this [link](#) ...**

Firebirds Model Club Committee

The following are the contact details for the Committee. Each has given permission for their phone number and email addresses to be included in this Newsletter.

Chairman	Russell Lewis	023 8056 1397	russell@pilot1.co.uk
Vice Chair	Dave Hoppe	07704 826343	davehoppehome@gmail.com
Treasurer	Alan Shergold	07973 221915	alanshergold@hotmail.co.uk
Secretary	Rob Cope	07795 996549	copest02@ntlworld.com
PRO	Peter Clark	07867 557964	psclark911@hotmail.com
Flying Site Rep.	Vacancy		
Safety Officer	Geoff Griffiths	023 9265 5931	gctriffiths@hotmail.com
Membership Sec.	Keith Warwick	07887 486040	keithw11@hotmail.co.uk

Firebirds Constitution and Rules.

The Firebirds constitution and rules document can be found at the bottom of the 'about us' section on the web-site or by clicking the following link.

<http://firebirds.org.uk/onewebmedia/FIREBIRD%20CONSTITUTION%20%26%20RULES.pdf>.

Remember... Safe flying is no accident.



FireBirds Model Club Membership Renewal 2020			
Name			
Address			
e-mail			
Phone Number			
Membership Type (Tick all boxes that apply)			
Firebirds		BMFA	
Senior - £35		Senior - £38	
Junior - £13		Junior - £17	
Family Senior - £35		Family Senior - £38	
Family Partner - £35		Family Partner - £25	
Family Junior - £13		Family Junior - £13	
Life		Country Member	
Honorary			
CAA Registration Scheme			
<p>As you are aware you are now required to register with the CAA to fly Model Aircraft and Drones weighing more than 250g. All your Aircraft will have to carry a registration number and you will have to have an Operator id.</p> <p>Whilst Firebirds Model Club would obviously encourage members to participate in the DRES, we will have no direct involvement with it and cannot monitor or enforce compliance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compliance will therefore be advisory rather than a condition of membership. • It is the individual member's responsibility to comply with relevant laws. • It is unlikely that BMFA membership will be valid for unlawful flying. 			
Signed			