

**\*\* NEXT EVENT \*\***

**March 19th  
Laser cutting & a short  
Video / Social**

## We say goodbye to a long standing and popular club member



The club is sorry to announce the loss of one of its long standing members Terry Jacobson. Terry was a popular member with many stories to tell, many of his time in the police force. He will be sadly missed.

Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time, his son Kevin remains a firebirds club member, ensuring that the modelling spirit continues.



## Committee News

IMPORTANT. Members who do not renew before the end of March will need to re-apply as new members. Following the April committee meeting non-renewing members details will be removed from the club database. Therefore....

## 2020 Subscriptions

Hurry Hurry Hurry ....

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

## PADMAC flying times.

Note: from PADMAC... re. **ELECTRIC FENCE**. We are expecting the cattle back in the field in a few weeks time. The current plan is to switch the fence back on next week. \*\* Check if the fence is running before touching it, otherwise they will find out the painful way\*\*.

	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](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

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

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

'Pencilled' in potential Barbeque dates - 17 May 21 June 19 July 16 Aug 20 Sep



**From Nigel Argall – our Cornwall Correspondent.**

'Greetings from West Cornwall –

I thought it was about time you all had an update. First, just to say 'Happy New Year' (a bit late) and here's hoping this is the year Firebirds gets a new flying site. I often think of you guys and wish you well for the new flying season.



You may know that I still fly power as well as the gliders so enclose a couple of pictures of the flying site of my new club. As you can see, it is pretty much in the middle of nowhere though we still have to avoid antagonizing just a couple of neighbours.

Nearly everyone there flies electric - except me so some folk are genuinely interested to see how IC works - how times have changed.

In the pic I am still flying my old 'Sonas 60' that some of you will remember. We get the site quite cheap as it is an ex-mining area and nothing will grow so the farmers don't want it. You can see an old chimney from the mining works and believe it or not, two folk have managed to land planes on the top. The last time was quite recently and we managed to get a lot of publicity as The Navy sent a helicopter from nearby Culdrose to help get it down see: <https://www.forces.net/news/royal-navy-helicopter-rescues-model-plane-mine-chimney>

The pictures were taken from a Mavic drone - yes we do tolerate them and the technology is amazing - but not my taste.

I've got a new 1/4 sale glider nearly finished so will send some pictures when done.

In the meantime, all the best for 2020.

Nigel





## Tony Knight is building an autogiro... his words ...

I have long wanted an autogiro just to try something different.

I chose an RCME Cruiser as it looked a bit old fashioned and with a traditional build. (I also had the plan to hand).

See pictures of the build... and as you can see it is almost complete apart from the linkages. I am now making the rotor blades (three plus one spare). They are similar in section to a Clark 'Y' and have to be carefully balanced etc. I will take my time on these to get them as accurate as possible.

So far they are made and weight wise are within a couple of grams of each other. I may try to get this down a bit so we will see. Fortunately Geoff Griffiths has some experience of flying these so hopefully he will show me the ropes. Just need some calm weather in the spring. (do pigs fly?)

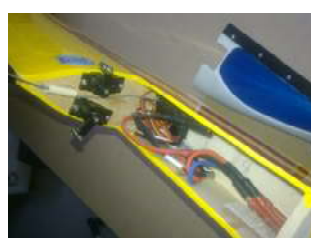
The canopy for the Cruiser was chopped from a Daz bottle that my wife chucked out and thus saved me trying to mould one. (I have never tried doing this). The undercarriage I have made removable. 2 screws in the bulkhead hold it in place.

Also I am knocking up another autogiro in Depron called a Whippet. This is a simple profile model and uses all the rotor gear from the Cruiser so i can swop things over and test fly the bouncy (I hope) Depron one first.

I will let you know how it flies later and perhaps you will all see it.

Regards

Tony





## Weston Park - Anyone going ?



19,20,21, JUNE 2020

<http://www.westonparkmodelairshow.co.uk/>

## A video of Memories ....

Firebirds 2014 - <https://youtu.be/KjRaWLtnWQU>



## BMFA posted this on facebook ....

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[home] [profile] [likes] [comments] [notifications] [menu]

What's the missing 'force' in your flight equation? Keep it fun, use your imagination and the CAA is banned as an answer 😊

Over to you ladies and gents...

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## Pat Parsons is still making models...

Sir Jasper is now finished and waiting for a calm day, meanwhile the workshop is rather full.



## For Sale...

So.. Keith Warwick had a call from a guy called Nick. It was about a plane he had that he wants to get rid of. Keith told him it could go in our newsletter. So here it is, Neil wrote...

SebArt KatanaS 30E ARF electric aerobatic model looking for a good home. Complete with servos and Hacker motor and controller. Even some Lipo batteries (not sure how good these are now as quite some time since used). Ready to go apart from radio. Live in Bursledon. Need space - someone come and look and make me an offer - or convince me it's going to a good home. Cheers Nick



# Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - March 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](mailto: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.

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## 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.**



<b>Firebirds Model Club Membership Renewal 2020</b>			
<b>Name</b>			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>e-mail</b>			
<b>Phone Number</b>			
<b>Membership Type (Tick all boxes that apply)</b>			
<b>Firebirds</b>		<b>BMFA</b>	
<b>Senior - £35</b>		<b>Senior - £38</b>	
<b>Junior - £13</b>		<b>Junior - £17</b>	
<b>Family Senior - £35</b>		<b>Family Senior - £38</b>	
<b>Family Partner - £35</b>		<b>Family Partner - £25</b>	
<b>Family Junior - £13</b>		<b>Family Junior - £13</b>	
<b>Life</b>		<b>Country Member</b>	
<b>Honorary</b>			
<b>CAA Registration Scheme</b>			
<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"> <li>• <b>Compliance will therefore be advisory rather than a condition of membership.</b></li> <li>• <b>It is the individual member's responsibility to comply with relevant laws.</b></li> <li>• <b>It is unlikely that BMFA membership will be valid for unlawful flying.</b></li> </ul>			
<b>Signed</b>			