



JUNE 2022

11th June

BBQ

Dear Fellow Firebirds Club Members

Not much to say this month that I haven't already said to you all down the field, such is the benefit of this thing we call summer.

Me, Russell and Paul are off to Weston Park Next week, should have some photos for the next newsletter from there.



Not much more to say this month, so apart from a picture of me let's get on with the Newsletter.

Chris (Fisher)





Getting things noticed

So often I speak to club members that tell me they have read the newsletter, but missed something important.. so let's try a different method to get the reader's attention, BIG WRITING.

THE CLUB BARBEQUE IS THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 11th June, flying from 10am, Food from approx.. midday. Bring your own drinks.

Due to reduced club finances a £3 contribution per person would be appreciated.

Partners welcome.

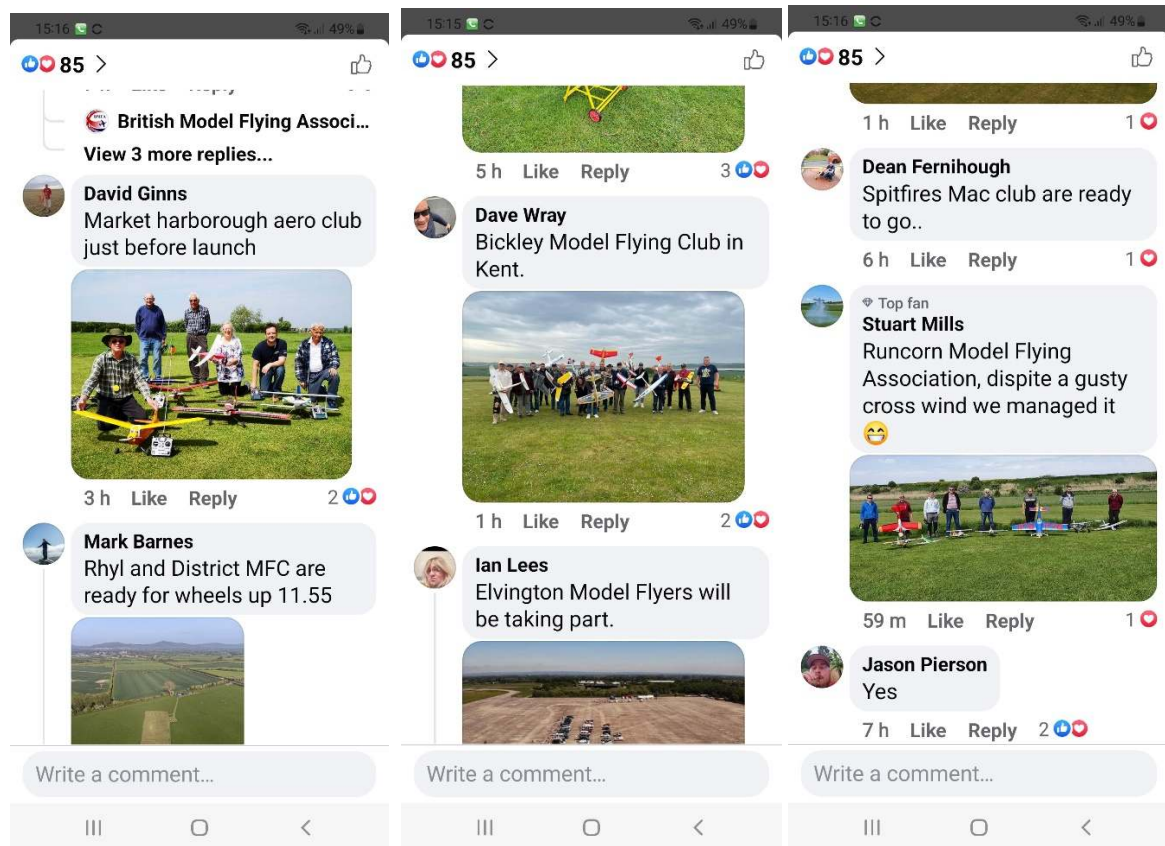
As always subject to weather etc.



May the 15th - BMFA centenary Guinness record attempt

Soo... we did our part in being ready for the BMFA centenary Guinness record attempt, everything was arranged including hotdogs for breakfast, and...

... Across the country Facebook 'lit-up' with clubs announcing that they were ready for the big event.



But, this was us... huddled under umbrellas and a pop-up gazebo watching our contribution to the number of fliers in the air at 12 o'clock disappear. But 'Good News' we still managed the hotdogs.





Official announcement from the BMFA re. the centenary Guinness record attempt



Dear members

The results are in, the verification process has been completed and what an amazing result!

We are pleased to report that we had a total of 3109 models in the air at 12 noon at 263 flying sites across the UK. We have therefore achieved a new BMFA National absolute record. We will be submitting a dossier to the FAI for the issue of the Diploma to acknowledge the achievement and, when successfully issued, apply for a World Record.

On behalf of the team at HQ we would like to thank everyone who participated and the clubs hosting the attempt and a very special thank you to all the Record attempt co-ordinators, the real stars of the record. Without your efforts it simply would not have worked. Thank you.

Only a small number of clubs who registered to take part couldn't do so in the end, mostly due to inclement weather, however if that was your club you are still a part of the team that has made this record attempt so successful so a big thank you to you too.

It has been simply wonderful to see the club get-togethers, read the reports and see the pictures and videos you have been submitting and see the TV and press coverage which has given our sport some great exposure, we are already aware of some clubs that have gained new members after taking part.

We plan to hold an 'In the air' webinar briefing on the event sometime in early July to give an update on the FAI Diploma and provide some statistics for the event. We also would like your viewpoint as well and there will be an opportunity to share thoughts and good practice. It has been a bit of learning curve for those of us in the office too, the verification submission form has already been tweaked to ask for number of aircraft rather than number of pilots. It seems our members ingenuity to launch multiple models knows no bounds!

Thank you all again for making the attempt so successful.

Kindest Regards on behalf of all at HQ.

Andy Symons

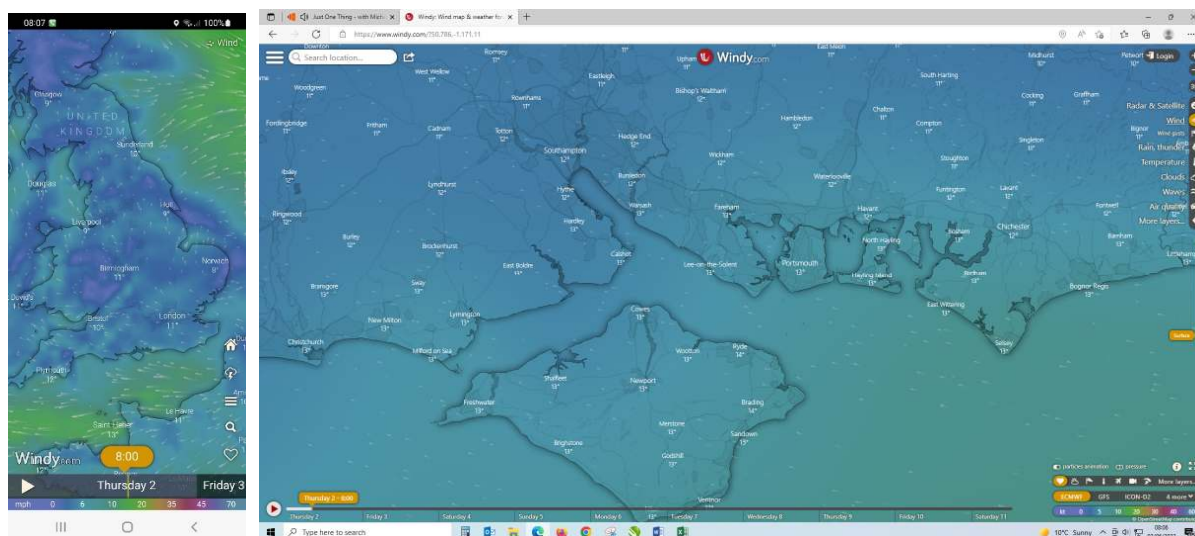
BMFA Club Support Officer



Have you tried this weather app / web-site

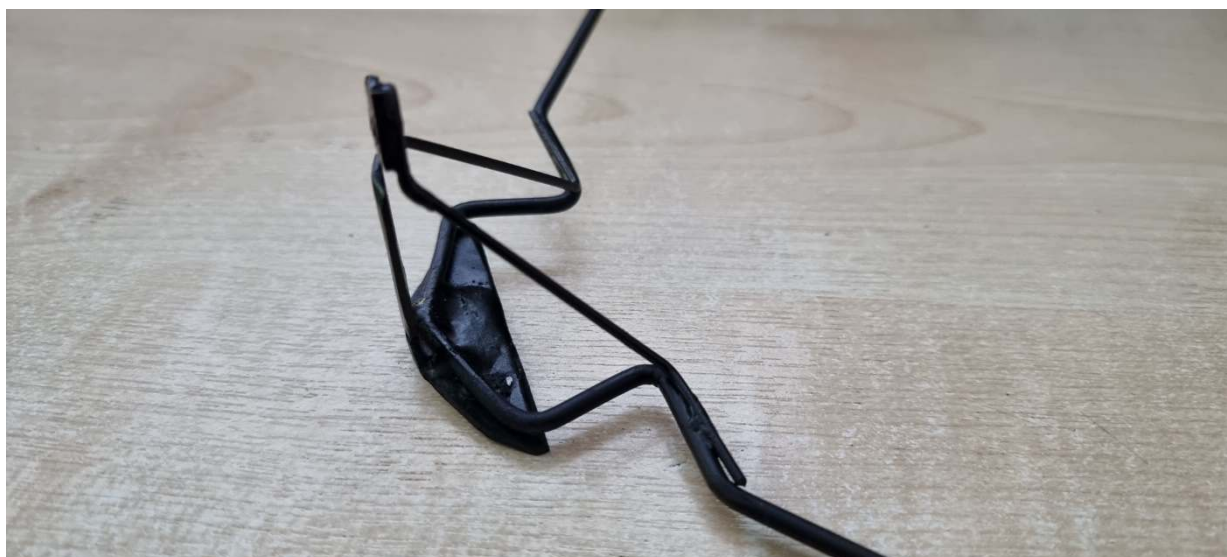
Like most people I have always had my favourite weather app / web-site and for me it has usually been the BBCs, simply because it is easy to understand. If you fancy something a little bit more complex take a look at <http://www.windy.com>. Recommended to me by an ex. commercial pilot this app has many features not available in the 'traditional' apps. including an ability to set the altitude that you want to look at.

Available for IOS, Android and on the Web.



Thank you from me (Ed.) to Alan Shergold

If you are lucky, when you join a club, you not only meet a group of likeminded people, but you also meet people with a great breadth of skills. For example, Alan Shergold is a very capable engineer and especially good with a blow torch and brazing rods. Using his skills Alan recently strengthened my Slow Stick's undercarriage for me, an excellent job, Thank you Alan.





New / re-joining Member Chris Hard Shows how it's done



WARNING – 3D Printed models do not bounce





Happy Birthday to Russell (and Kevin who also had a birthday this month)



Alan Shergold and his slow stick!

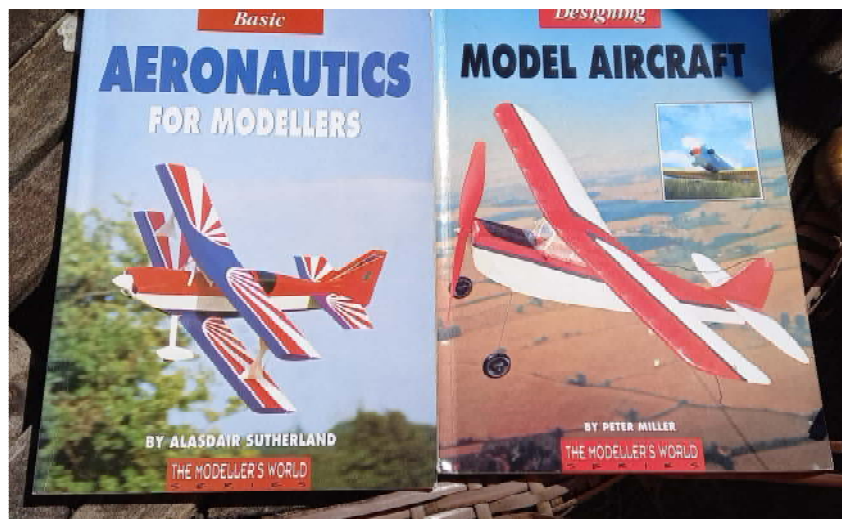


Geoff has just finished this monster!





Free too a good home 1st come 1st served (Russell Lewis)



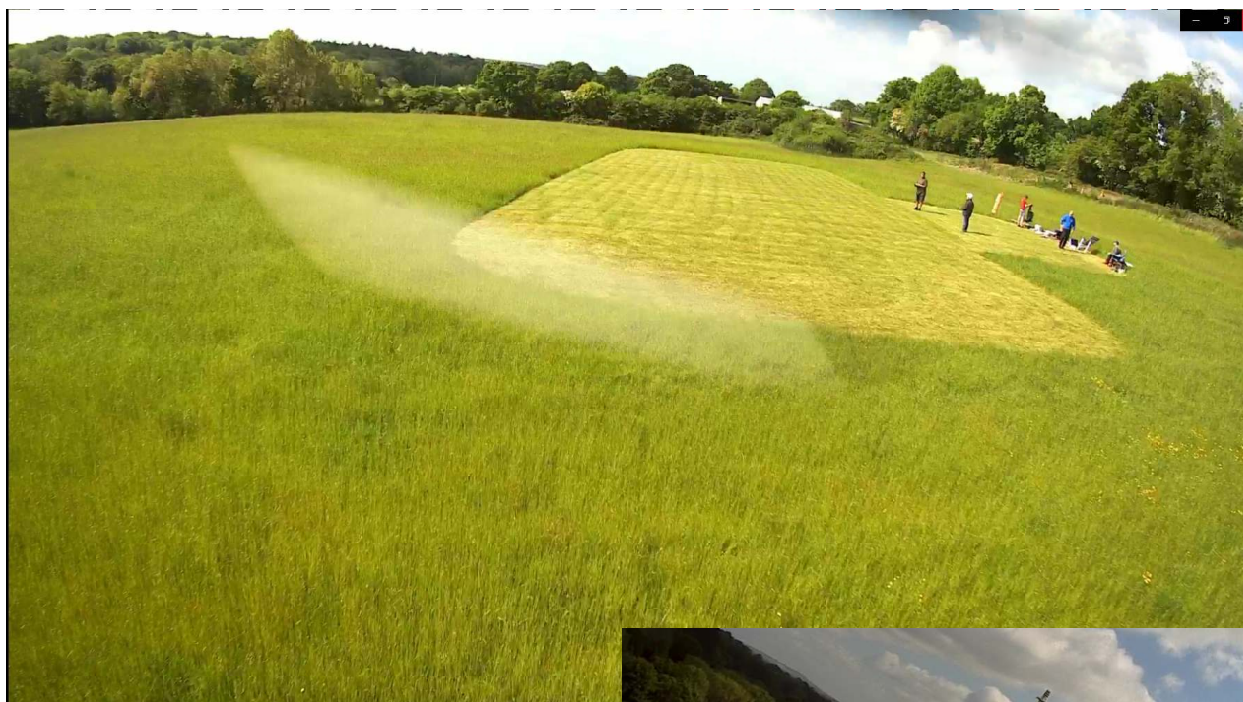
CAA Price increase

The CAA have recently published their Scheme of Charges for the 2022/23 financial year, which states that the fee to register with them as an 'Operator' of an unmanned aircraft will be increasing to £10 per year (from the current £9). This increase will apply to everyone who is either registering as an Operator or renewing their current registration from the 1st April 2022.

One consolation is that the fee still has some way to go to reach the £16.50 proposed originally by the CAA back in 2019 which was strongly opposed by the BMFA and its members.



I strapped a camera to the bottom of my Cub. (Ed.)



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Russell's new P-47 Thunderbolt

With magical, real-life, fully working, up and down undercarriage.



Good to see Raj down at the field, well half of him at least 😊





Happy Jubilee Ma'am

And a rhetorical question, why don't aeroplanes fly flags like ships do?



Yet another new modeller waiting in the 'wings'

This prospective future modeller is Allan's grandson and with Allan as his instructor he is surely going to be one ace-pilot.





You wouldn't believe it, but it is true!

Our Paul was flying over to the right, along the tree line when he thought he heard a snapping noise, must have been his imagination he thought, until when his model came closer he saw something hanging from underneath. What Paul had actually done was clip the trees, remove a small branch (stuck to his undercarriage) and then bring it back to the pits. Amazingly skilful flying, or was it just luck... perhaps see if you can do it again Paul 😊





Phoenix 2000

I have managed to glue my Phoenix 2000 back together and am just waiting for a new propeller from Banggood (see order below) Slow delivery but very pleased with the price. [It has 2 chances for a successful flight]

Order No.109202178

Total: £7.09



Volantexrc PhoenixS 742-7 4 Channel 1600mm Wingspan EPO RC Airplane 1060
Propeller with Propeller Cover

X1

Something to look forward to.. *** UPDATE from Last month ***

This model was acquired by the club in a part built state and the challenge was taken up by our Alan Shergold, who is currently trying to bring the model back to life and modifying the model to run with an electric setup. We look forward to seeing it finished. It is thought to be a model from the 1980s. – **Update, it is finished see image below...**





and.. I may have made a mistake. (Ed.) * UPDATE from Last month*****

As everybody knows, club and BMFA rules allow us to invite a potential new flyer or visitor to our site and subject to permission from the committee and necessary safety considerations allow them to experience our hobby (I believe up to a maximum of 3 times).

So... when my Daughter visited I set-up a buddy lead system, got permission from a committee member, got clearance from other flyers flying at the time and had a competent club trainer assist Olivia during her flight in which I looked after the 'instructor' transmitter to recover the flight if things went wrong.

Perfect I thought, we did everything right, but perhaps not... I may have broken the CAA rules... I am registered as an Operator and my sticker is correctly adhered. But the CAA rules say...

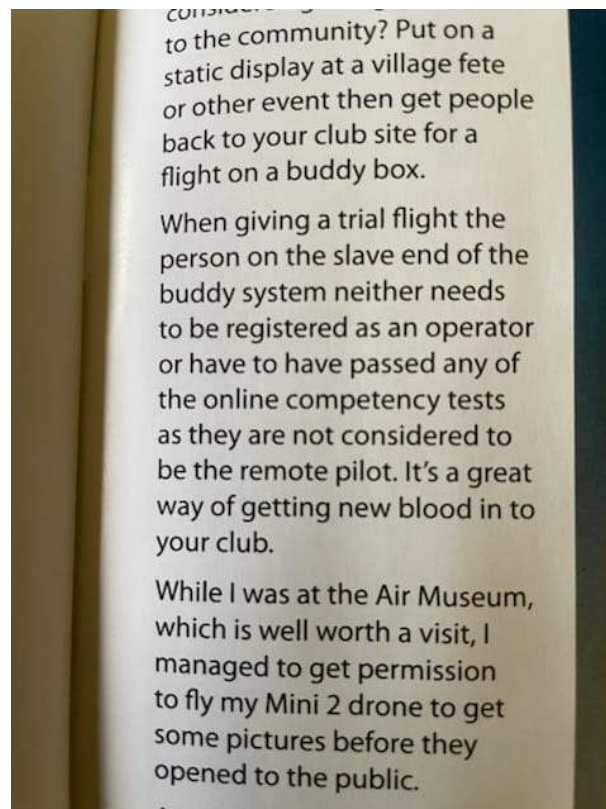
You're responsible for making sure that anyone who flies your drones or model aircraft has a valid flyer ID. If you need a flyer ID yourself, you must take the test. You can do this in the My registration area.

So does this mean she should have done the test and got a flyer ID before I pressed that trainer button?

I haven't had a chance to do further checks, but I think I may have broken the CAA rules.

Ed.

See below 'new' information found by Geoff in BMFA literature....





HAVE YOU STILL NOT RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

NOTE: WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING NEW MEMBERS, PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER.

THIS YEARS FEES

Club fees for 2022 were agreed at the AGM / Christmas party and are now due.

Adult club membership fee for 2022 is £75. The BMFA fee is £40 so the Total payable for most members is £115. If you are a country BMFA member you will just pay the £75 to the club.

NOTE: The above excludes the CAA licencing charges, which like last year the club recommends members do directly with the CAA, and remember your 2022 renewal could be very soon for many.

Paying your membership.

OPTION 1.

Find a committee members letterbox and drop it in.

OPTION 2. By post –

Send a cheque to

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

OPTION 3. By Bank transfer

Account name: WARWICK KA (he's our membership secretary)

Sort code: 55-70-05

Account number: 75528037

***IMPORTANT *** Use a reference: Your Initial Your Surname and FB (for Firebirds)

Example: K Warwick FB

NOTICE

You must have paid your fees to be able to fly in 2022



MORE - Dates for your diary

WINGS & WHEELS EST. 1966
RC MODEL SPECTACULAR

ADVANCE TICKETS
Adult from £12 (Gate £15)
Group Adult £8 (Gate N/A)
Child from £5 (Gate £8)
Camping from £50 (Gate £60)

All day FLYING DISPLAYS
Saturday NIGHT FLYING DISPLAYS
UK DroneFest - displays & exhibits
Indoor exhibitors & displays
Live model boat displays

Huge TRADE & EXHIBITOR presence
Pyrotechnics Show
The UK's Biggest Bring & Buy
TINY WHOOP - FPV Racing Drones
LIVE Evening Entertainment

SAVE UP TO 46%*
PRE-ORDER YOUR TICKETS TODAY

THE UK'S LONGEST RUNNING RC MODEL SHOW
25th - 26th JUNE 2022
NORTH WEALD AIRFIELD
ESSEX, CM16 6HR
www.wingsnwheels.net

Popham Airfield
EGHP
The Spitfire Flying Club

BOOK EARLY

POPHAM MODEL SHOW
20/21st August 2022

EVERYONE WELCOME
TO THIS FABULOUS TWO DAY MODEL SHOW.

Full radio control flying display
Saturday and Sunday 10am-4pm.
Jets, Large Models, Helicopters,
Top class pilots.

Control line aircraft demonstrations

Indoor displays and exhibits,
model boats, trains and more.
FPV drone racing - times tbc.
Supported by Traders,
'bring and buy', refreshments
and under cover seating.

All contributions subject to availability

 This event is supported by the BMFA
in celebration of their 100th
anniversary year.

Book Online:



NEW Flying times : (from December 2021)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Quiet / Electric	Electric & I/C	Electric & I/C	Electric & I/C	Quiet / Electric	Electric & I/C until 2pm then Quiet / Electric until 4pm	Electric & I/C
10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00	10-00
20-00 or dusk NO NIGHT FLYING	16-00	16-00	16-00	20-00 or dusk NO NIGHT FLYING	16-00	13-00

Or put another way:

Quiet / Electric – NOW everyday of the week		
Monday	10-00	20-00 (or dusk) NO NIGHT FLYING
Tuesday	10-00	16-00
Wednesday	10-00	16-00
Thursday	10-00	16-00
Friday	10-00	20-00 (or dusk) NO NIGHT FLYING
Saturday	10-00	16-00
Sunday	10-00	13-00

Electric & I/C – Five days a week		
Monday	NO FLYING	
Tuesday	10-00	16-00
Wednesday	10-00	16-00
Thursday	10-00	16-00
Friday	NO FLYING	
Saturday	10-00	14-00
Sunday	10-00	13-00

'Bank Holiday' exceptions to the above.

Good Friday 10am - 1pm (electric and IC)

EASTER SUNDAY ... NO flying!!

ALL BANK Holiday Mondays - 10am - 1pm (electric and IC)

CHRISTMAS DAY... NO flying!!

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Poorly club member

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

FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

Following a few years curtailed by the coronavirus, it is now hoped that we can restart some of social events as we near winter, we're far too busy flying in the summer ☺.

Club Information

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

External Events

If you need more details on any particular event, then go to <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar>.

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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Membership Sec.	Keith Warwick	07887 486040	keithw11@hotmail.co.uk

General contact e-mail address - firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com

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.