



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
EVERYONE**

## A Message from our Chairman

Dear Club Members

It was lovely to see so many of you at the AGM and Christmas party earlier in the week, us meeting together is such an important part of what makes the club special, especially when we have had such a hard few years. However, it was such a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to announce so many positive things.

This year 2022 has given the club so much more stability, I was pleased to report that our new flying strip was working well and for the first time in a long time that we now have new members joining (and re-joining). Special thanks go to our landlords for being so accommodating, to Alan and Debbie for the wonderful Barbeques and to our members that have helped throughout the year with maintenance at the flying site.

In fact, things are so good, as membership starts to grow the committee have even started considering a cap on members for the future, happy days!

Whilst there has been so much good news, I together with our treasurer, also needed to announce that club funds were considerably down on previous years. This was mainly due to the purchase of a new mower a few years ago, but the good news is, we did manage to break even 'just'.

The committee has calculated the fees for the coming year based on the membership numbers we have now plus 10% to allow for the club's contingency funds to grow. Please see below the rates suggested and agreed unanimously on the night. As I said at the AGM our senior (adult) membership fee works out at just £1.88 a week or £8.16 a month, have a look on Google for the costs of joining a golf club, health club or even a men's shed... our flying club is still amazing value for money.

So finally I would like to Thank you all for your friendship this year and wish all members the very best Christmas and New Year possible.

See you in the New Year.

Russell



## **FIREBIRDS MODEL CLUB FEES 2023**

The committee recommends the following club fees for 2023. Please note this does not include membership of the BMFA.

### **Firebirds Fees 2023**

Senior - £98  
Junior - £33  
Family Senior - £83  
Family Partner - £83  
Family Junior - £33

It is a requirement of flying with our club that you also have BMFA membership (below).

### **BMFA Fees 2023**

Seniors - £42  
Juniors - £20  
Family Partner - £29  
Family Junior - £15

For most members that renew their BMFA membership through the Firebirds the following totals apply.

### **Firebirds and BMFA membership**

Senior - £98 + £42 = £140  
Junior - £33 + £20 = £53  
Family Senior - £83 + £42 = £125  
Family Partner - £83 + £29 = £112  
Family Junior - £30 + £15 = £48

NOTE: The above excludes the CAA licencing charges, which like last year the club recommends members do directly with the CAA, and remember your 2023 renewal could be very soon for many.

**\*\* See below for how to pay \*\***



## 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

### NOTICES.

You must have paid your fees to be able to fly after the 1st January.

Members not renewing by April 1st 2023 will be considered as not renewing and need to be considered as new members and subject to any joining fee or membership cap then in place.

Please contact a comitee member should you have any questions.