



**Firebirds AGM &
Christmas Party**
**12th December at the
Hamble Club**

Happy Christmas everybody!

And I know it's still feels a bit early to say it, but this time next month we'll have already wished everybody a happy new year, time just goes whooshing by!

So although there isn't much to say at this time of year and stories of time spent down at the flying site are far and few between, there is one very important thing to remind everybody of.

So, I am going to write this 'important reminder' in really BIG red writing.

**** IMPORTANT REMINDER ****

12th December – Club **AGM** at 7.30pm & **Christmas Party** starting at 8pm. (Arrival from 7pm).

During the evening the club finances and proposed fees for next year will be presented by the committee, with an opportunity to renew your membership on the night. Remember you must renew your membership before you can fly from the 1st January 2024.

As in the past, the club have organised a buffet, but like last year, due to reduced club funds we are asking for a voluntary £3 per person donation to cover costs. Club finances will be discussed during the AGM.

The Christmas draw will be drawn at the Christmas party with draw tickets still being sold on the night.

As always Partners etc. Welcome.

Remember this is your club, please come along and be part of it.

Again, Merry Christmas.

Chris (Fisher)

Note: Hamble club's address is - 33 Beaulieu Rd, Hamble-le-Rice, Southampton SO31 4JL



RAFFLE TICKETS ARE STILL ON SALE FOR THE CHRISTMAS DRAW



Speak to Russell if you want some Tickets. Tickets will still be on sale at the AGM and Christmas Party prior to the draw starting.

Over £600's worth of prizes, including ARTF models, kits, glue etc.



Just some of the many prizes available for the lucky winners.

Fantastic odds of winning, buy your tickets at the AGM ready for the draw.

Thank you Russell

Russell did a wonderful job of fixing the mower when a weld broke on the steering column, saving the club a hefty repair charge, and it was all done on one of the coldest days of winter so far!





Remember last month?

Last month I suggested a Firebirds flying club “over and above” pedestal?

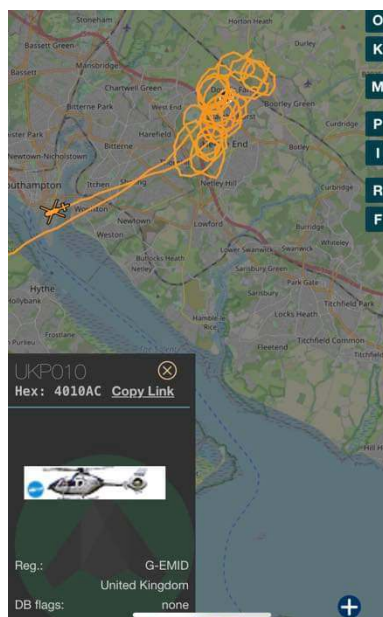
Following on from the previous news item re. Russell’s welding work, this month’s is an easy decision. Thank you Russell, well deserved!!



Who should sit on the Firebirds pedestal next month? Let me know (Ed.)..

Aviation Tracker / Flight Radar

Something happened in the sky over West End (Southampton) last month, I can’t remember what it was all about, or what date it happened but I kept this image of it... Anybody have any ideas?



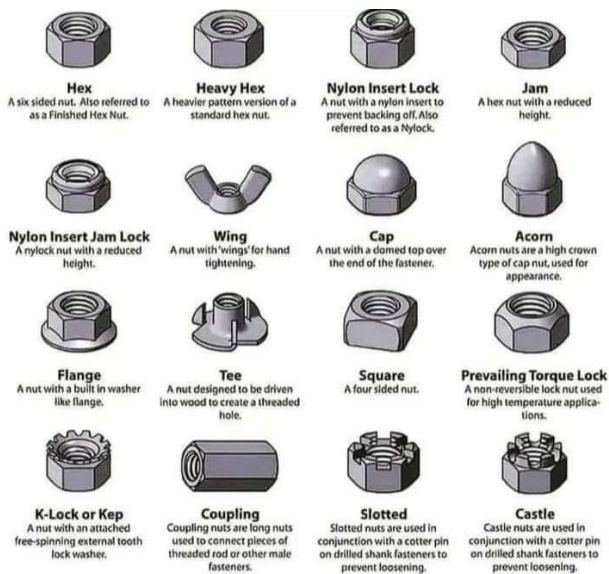


An 'Aide-mémoire'

As we get older and our memories can start to slip and we can't always find the right names for certain things, like our friends, our children or more useful things like K-lock nuts or wedge anchors..

Fastener Basics

Common Fastener Types





Down at the field

I haven't been down the field much recently, but when I did, I met 2 new members with their models, including a rather unusual 'scratch' built, slightly stubby, EDF, V-Tail model, which luckily, (in view of the foggy conditions) was covered in bright orange film.



Although It was a particularly cold and foggy day, I did try my best to remember their names and for a change succeeded! Above see Rod Ashton on left and Charles Dhenin on the right.

I do remember this guy's name, that's Pete Clark and I think I remember seeing the model before, it's a 3D printed one and he took it to the October get-together at the Hamble club..



You can't fool us Pete, by painting it a different colour!



Meeting down the Hamble Club

Most members say that an important part of club membership is the social side, and the club's committee listened so, with the long nights of winter setting in it has again arranged a monthly get-together down at the Hamble Club.

These meetings are only ever going to be what the members make it, so please, if you can, bring yourself, your wit, your wisdom, your ideas and your models along. Surely it's better than watching EastEnders!?

So, although I couldn't make November's meeting, I was sent these pictures of a 3D printed wing section. Unfortunately, I can't remember who sent it to me, or whose plane it was but it does look very impressive.



Also there was this, is it the same plane? The same owner? ... Oh, I wish I could remember!



What about this model ? Any ideas, is it yours?



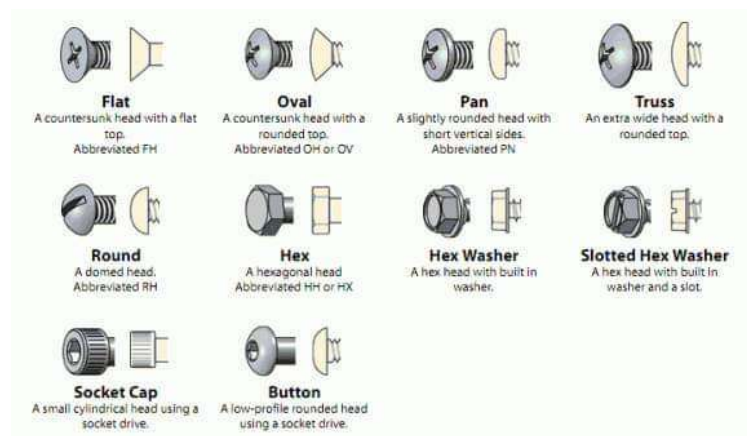


Another Beautiful model

Any ideas? I think I recognise the Garden table, could it be Russell's? And the 'in-flight' picture below, I think it might be the same model? I am sure somebody told me what it was and who was flying?



Oops... nearly forgot this image





Indoor Flying to continue through the Year

As reported in October's newsletter Waltham Chase club are organising indoor flying throughout the year, speak to our Paul Brown if you want to get involved. And, sorry but I am not sure, but these planes Chris (I think that's Chris Hard holding them) surely they are indoor models? Ask Paul for details!



And Finally..

... for anybody who hasn't noticed the subtle hints throughout this slightly shorter than normal Christmas newsletter...

**** DON'T FORGET ****

THE AGM and CHRISTMAS PARTY

On

TUESDAY THE 12TH DECEMBER

Merry Christmas everybody, Normal Newsletter's will resume in 2024. If anybody has anything for the next Newsletter please let me have it.

Firebirds Model Club

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Flying times : (from December 2021) correct at time of newsletter publication

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<i>Quiet / Electric</i>	<i>Electric & I/C</i>	<i>Electric & I/C</i>	<i>Electric & I/C</i>	<i>Quiet / Electric</i>	<i>Electric & I/C until 2pm then Quiet / Electric until 4pm</i>	<i>Electric & I/C</i>
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:

<i>Quiet / Electric – NOW everyday of the week</i>		
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

<i>Electric & I/C – Five days a week</i>		
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

Winter events TBA and, 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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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.