

# Firebirds Model Club

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## Poplars Flying Times

### Summer (BST):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
13:00-18:00 QF	13:00-18:00 All		13:00-18:00 All	13:00-21:00 QF	10:00-14:00 All	10:00-13:00 All
18:00-21:00 All						

### Winter (GMT):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
12:00-18:00 QF	12:00-18:00 All		12:00-18:00 All	12:00-21:00 QF	10:00-14:00 All	10:00-13:00 All
18:00-21:00 All						

[Note 1: 'QF' means Quiet Flight. That is gliders and electric models.]

[Note 2: Finish times are either as stated above or at sundown - whichever comes first. No night flying is permitted.]

## Bank Holidays

For all days except bank holiday Mondays, flying times are the same as normal (see above tables). On bank holiday Mondays, Saturday hours apply i.e. 10am to 2pm. The reasoning behind this is to avoid annoying our "neighbours" when they may be relaxing in their gardens. These times were also declared to Winchester Council when we were granted our Lawful Development Certificate, which is effectively planning permission for our model flying. The only other bank holiday anomaly is Christmas Day when no flying is allowed, whichever day of the week it falls on.

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## Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

### Noise

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we must ensure our models are not too noisy. The club rules are based on BMFA guidance which sets a limit of 82dBA at 7 metres. If the committee suspect a model is over this limit it will be tested. In most cases, relatively simple measures can be taken to get a model under the limit, such as fitting a slightly larger, well balanced, good quality prop. To emphasise the importance of this subject, it has been confirmed that the Aldershot club have lost their site following a 4-year legal battle over a noise complaint. The BMFA has legal insurance, but having paid out over £250,000 so far, the Insurers have refused to fund an appeal against the judgment. It is worth noting that the Aldershot Club had a Lawful Development Certificate like we have, but this did not save them.

### Christmas Draw

Christmas Draw ticket sales are very slow. We can't have great prizes unless enough money is raised so bring some cash to the site and club events and make Pete Clark a happy man!

### For Sale - Seagull Harmon Rocket

Seagull "Harmon Rocket" 54" w/span. Electric conversion using top quality components, and built to high standard.

- Motor:- Pletenburg Orbit 30-10 (780 kv) with shaft mounted cooling fan.
- Esc:- Jeti advance 70 amp. opto.
- Servos;- 5 Hitec high torque HS 635HB
- Prop.:- 13x6.5 APC-E
- Battery isolator and rx battery state indicator in cockpit (with of course a pilot)
- (Requires an 4s x 5000mah flight battery)

Note;- A Sanwa RD 800 Tx c/w Rx and xtl's will be included if required This plane has low air miles and is in excellent condition. It is a bit to fast for me at my age now, and I don't want to break it! it's too good.

Cost of it when assembled new was in excess of £375 so make me a reasonable offer if interested. Telephone **Tony Knight** on **01489 575876** (Mobile: **07817 572502**)

### Future Club Nights

**August** - A barbeque will be held at Poplars Farm on Saturday 22nd August. As usual flying will start at 10.00am and the barbeque will be flashed up at about 2.pm. After that time the flying of genuinely quiet electric models (ie no I/C or noisy electric models) will be allowed until 6.00pm. It is hoped that we will be able to borrow the Car

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Club's Ladies Toilet that afternoon. As usual members should bring their own food and drink, but the club will provide the barbeque facilities. If the weather forecast is poor (it currently looks OK), the event will be slipped to the following day or Monday evening.

**17<sup>th</sup> September** - Talk on gliding and Slope Soaring.

**15<sup>th</sup> October** - Bring and Buy sale.

**November 20<sup>th</sup>** - BMFA Southern Area Balsa Brain Competition (one day later than our normal meeting night). Firebirds will be defending their title of BMFA Southern Area Balsa Brain Champions. Supporters will be welcomed and a free buffet supper is provided.

**December 10<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Party/Raffle/Trophy presentation evening. Please note this is a week earlier than our normal club night.

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## Down at the Field



Thank you to Rob who supplied me with some action shots of himself and Paul down at the field.

I don't know whether the camera was automated in some way because here's a shot of them both flying and I thought they were the only two there.



Paul with his mini-Hype. Really Paul should get wheels fitted on both sides of the plane because it spends at least as much time in this orientation as it does the right way up.



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Alan's newly acquired trainer. I cannot remember what this is but as you can see, it's a "Majestic Major" type plane. It flew beautifully and we had a good potter around the sky with it.



Steve and Dean enjoying one of our better days at poplars.



Alan had a lovely example of a pre-war German gull-wing sailplane.

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Geoff's magnificent piper cub.



Pete has recently purchased a 3D printer from HobbyKing, At least one other club member has been producing 3D printed parts too. These are great for making custom parts for the hobby.

So far I've seen folding hoods for FPV screens, custom battery trays, wing tip skids (pictured in red) and colour coded battery connector covers to indicate what's been used and what is charged and ready to use.

Pete has just done a club talk on his experience with the printer.



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## Safety Matters

No Safety Matters to report this month.

## Fly Past

I've got no article here this month.

## External Events

This section details events in Hampshire (or further afield if they are significant events) that might be of interest to club members.

### **Bournemouth Air Festival - 20th-23rd August**

OK it's not a model show but we don't have many local air shows so I thought it worth a mention. Find out more on their website: <http://bournemouthair.co.uk/>

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## Club Information

This section gives a summary of club services and contact details. Apart from the “Future Club Night Programme” most of the info here is fairly static.

### Cheap Glow Fuel

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

**Contact: Terry Jacobson on 023 8040 2080 or see him at the field.**

### Club Clothing

A number of items of club branded clothing are available from a local supplier. The current prices are:

Sweatshirts	£14.25
Polo shirts	£12.50
T shirt	£ 8.50
Caps	£ 7.95

All shirts are Fruit of the Loom and available in all sizes up to XXL & most colours. There is also a huge range of quality outwear that can be embroidered with the club logo.

**Contact Justin on 07572 613190, email [windgyber@hotmail.com](mailto:windgyber@hotmail.com) or see him at the field.**

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! The entrance to the club is on Hamble Lane and the club looks like this:



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## Firebirds 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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**Remember...**  
**Safe flying is no accident.**