

Firebirds Model Club

Newsletter March 2016

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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.

Flying Times

Don't forget that after the clocks go forward on Sunday 17 March, weekday flying start times will move to 1.00pm for the summer months.

Catch Fence

We have a new catch fence installed to protect pilots on the flight-line and just to prove it works, here it is catching a plane.

I have been sent a couple of photos of the club award ceremony at Christmas party, which although late, is quite handy because I'm lacking in pictures this month.



The award for most improved beginner went to Ashley Ridge. Here we can see his dad Gary collecting the award.

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For his video coverage of the club's activities throughout the year, the award for the most supportive member went to Alan Shergold.

The Meritorious Service award went to Terry Jacobson. I guess he was not at the party.

I received the Safety Trophy but I was also not there for the presentation.

Apologies to the two ladies whose names I do not know.



Future Club Nights

March 17th - Alan Shergold will be showing his video diary of the activities at Poplars Farm in 2015. Alan puts a lot of effort into this and it was a great success last year so please give your support. Most of you will feature in the video at some point. He will also bring some other aviation related recordings to show if there is time left at the end.

April 21st - Will be a "bring your new/interesting model" night. There will also be indoor flying for small helis and drones etc and we will hold a table top sale as well. We won't be holding a Bring and Buy sale until later in the year so this will be a good opportunity to offload unwanted models etc.

May 19th - Quiet electric model evening fly-in at the site with a barbeque. If the weather is poor, it will be slipped to the following evening. Further barbeques will be held in June/July/August, some of which will be at Mike Watts's airfield - dates to be arranged.

June/July/August – Barbeques on either the third Monday or Friday of the month, depending on the weather. If both days are poor, then there will be an informal gathering at the Hamble Club.

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Down at the Field

Well we finally got a break in the weather on 12th March. It was sunny and calm and



ideal for flying.

There was plenty of training going on. In the top left picture, Russel's friend Chris got a few flights in and was progressing well. Here we have Nigel heading to the patch with Justin. Nigel also did very well and bagged his first landing.



John's Extra/MX climb's out after take-off



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Alan's cub taking off. The calm winds really favoured this light little plane. Some of the larger machines were struggling to slow down for the landing.

Pete was sporting a P38 Lightning recently acquired from the Romsey auction. It flew nicely from the first launch.



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Alan was up and flying with his Majestic Major.



Safety Matters

No Safety Matters article this month.

Fly Past

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External Events

The following events have been gleaned from the BMFA website. I've picked out events that are either in Hampshire or its neighbouring counties (except for a couple of the larger events which are further afield).

There may be other events that I've either missed or are not on the BMFA calendar. I shall include these as-and-when they come onto my radar.

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

April

4/04/2016 - BMFA Free Flight London Gala

Wiltshire

10/04/2016 - Ash Park MFC Auction

Devon

24/04/2016 - BMFA 1st Space Meeting

Wiltshire

May

14/05/2016 to 15/05/2016 - Old Warden Model Flying Weekend

Bedfordshire

June

05/06/2016 - Farnham Model Helicopter Club Open Day

Surrey

25/06/2016 - F3K BMFA League - TVSF 1

Berkshire

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25/06/2016 & 26/06/2016 - Wings and Wheels Model Spectacular

Essex

Location: North Weald Airfield, Essex, CM16 6AR, England

Time 9.30am - 5.30pm

Full details at: <http://www.wingsnwheels.net/>

Email: admin@wingsnwheels.net

Phone: 01242 604126

July

17/07/2016 - BMFA (South) eSoaring League

West Sussex

24/07/2016 - Helipad Scale Fly In 2016

Hampshire

30/07/2016 - F3K BMFA League - TVSF 2

Berkshire

August

20/08/2016 - BMFA Free Flight Southern Gala

Wiltshire

September

04/09/2016 - BMFA (South) eSoaring League

West Sussex

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17/09/2016 - Farnham Model Helicopter Club Open Day

Surrey

24/09/2016 - BMFA Stonehenge Cup Free Flight International

Wiltshire

25/09/2016 - BMFA Equinox Cup Free Flight International

Wiltshire

25/09/2016 - BMFA 4th Space Meeting & Team Trials Reserve

Wiltshire

October

01/10/2016 - Reserve date -F3K BMFA League – TVSF

Berkshire

09/10/2016 - BMFA Free Flight Team Selection Reserve Date

Wiltshire

09/10/2016 - BMFA (South - Reserve) eSoaring League

West Sussex

Regular Open Meetings

In addition to all the above there are regular monthly open meetings at the following venues:

Waltham Chase Aeromodellers Indoor R/C Small Models

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Wessex Soaring Assoc. monthly slope fly-in

Wiltshire

FLITEHOOK Indoor Free Flight Meeting

Hampshire

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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 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.