

Firebirds Model Club

Newsletter August 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.

Christmas Draw

Ticket sales are going quite well with nearly £300 sold so far. However, Pete is always happy to relieve you of another few quid as the more we take in advance of the Christmas Party the more prizes we can buy. When you buy your tickets please take care to fill in the right number of boxes on the board as currently we have £7 less in takings than the number of tickets sold.

Rubbish Bins Etc.

Unfortunately it has been necessary to give a one month suspension to a member who dumped some old models etc in one of the Farm's yellow containers. The Farmer's sons were extremely annoyed and THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN AGAIN! Bearing in mind that the sons will be our Landlords one day, it is vital that we keep on good terms with them. As mentioned previously, our bins are for normal rubbish, eg cans, plastic bottles etc, so take your old/wrecked models to the tip!

Caravan Cleaning

The caravan needs a thorough clean and Dave Hoppe and Russell Lewis will be taking the lead on this. However, they would welcome as much help as possible so if you see them giving it a good scrub please offer your assistance.

Roughay Farm Barbeques & Fly-Ins

Once again Mike Watts has been kind enough to offer two dates for barbeques and fly-ins at his full-size flying strip at Roughay Farm (location details at the end of this section, after 'Future Club Nights'). Both events will start at 2.00pm and are on **Sat 20th Aug & Sat 10th Sep**. All types of model can be flown, including those big petrol jobs! Please bring your own food and drink. If the weather looks doubtful, check your emails as it may be possible to slip the event to the next day or following weekend.

Chairman's Column

Here's Pat's next instalment on the history of the club.

One of our first sites was down Woodhouse Lane, right opposite a pair of

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bungalows. The field was prepared for turf cultivation.

Of course I knew the owner and asked him what was the possibility of a few of us using the field, permission was granted, so WOW! we had a field to fly models in.

This was the site where we taught the two Arabic trainees (mentioned in the last article) from Hamble Air Service training. I think there are a few of the current members of Firebirds who might remember this field. The rent was a bottle of whiskey, a bit different from our current rent.

Another of our sites was Fairthorne Manor. I managed to get permission to use this site because my second hat was OIC of Botley Fire Brigade. We regularly did premises inspections, and helped to install the flag post and relocate the flags.

The glory of Fairthorne was no grass cutting, and NO charge. The only problem was trees all around, and of course models seemed to be drawn to them. Naturally, the models always landed at the top of the trees. The fire hose drill night then was at Fairthorne, with water drawn from the lake, a well-aimed one inch jet at 150 psi soon brought model down!!!!

We were at Fairthorne for quite a time, this was where Jack Anderson and his sons came on board. Jack designed his own models. His two sons were excellent pilots and were very interested in pylon racing, the finish on their aircraft was a sight to see. I think Alan H might remember this site.

I will just get back to the site at Woodhouse. As a member of the Fire Crew at Botley, we were called to a plane crash at Bursledon. We found the crash site in a garden and the engine from the crashed Chipmunk was still smoking. We started to dig it out but underneath we found body parts. The area then became a police matter. We didn't see our foreign friends any more, draw your own conclusion.

Another site we had, was at Chapel Lane Curdridge. I will give you details next month, this site was something else!!!! Pat.

Future Club Nights

Thursday August 18th - Barbeque and Quiet Flight fly-in starting at 6.00pm (normal flying allowed from 1.00pm until that time). The last one in July was very successful so bring your own food and drink and have some fun. If the weather is poor the event will be slipped to Friday 19th, or if necessary to Saturday 20th. CHECK YOUR EMAILS if the weather looks doubtful.

Thursday September 15th - Probably another barbeque with arrangements as for July and August.

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Thursday October 20th - Bring and Buy Sale. Usual format with Russell as the Auctioneer. A great opportunity to find a bargain or to offload unwanted models and equipment.

November - Probably the BMFA Southern Area Balsa Brain Competition - date to be confirmed.

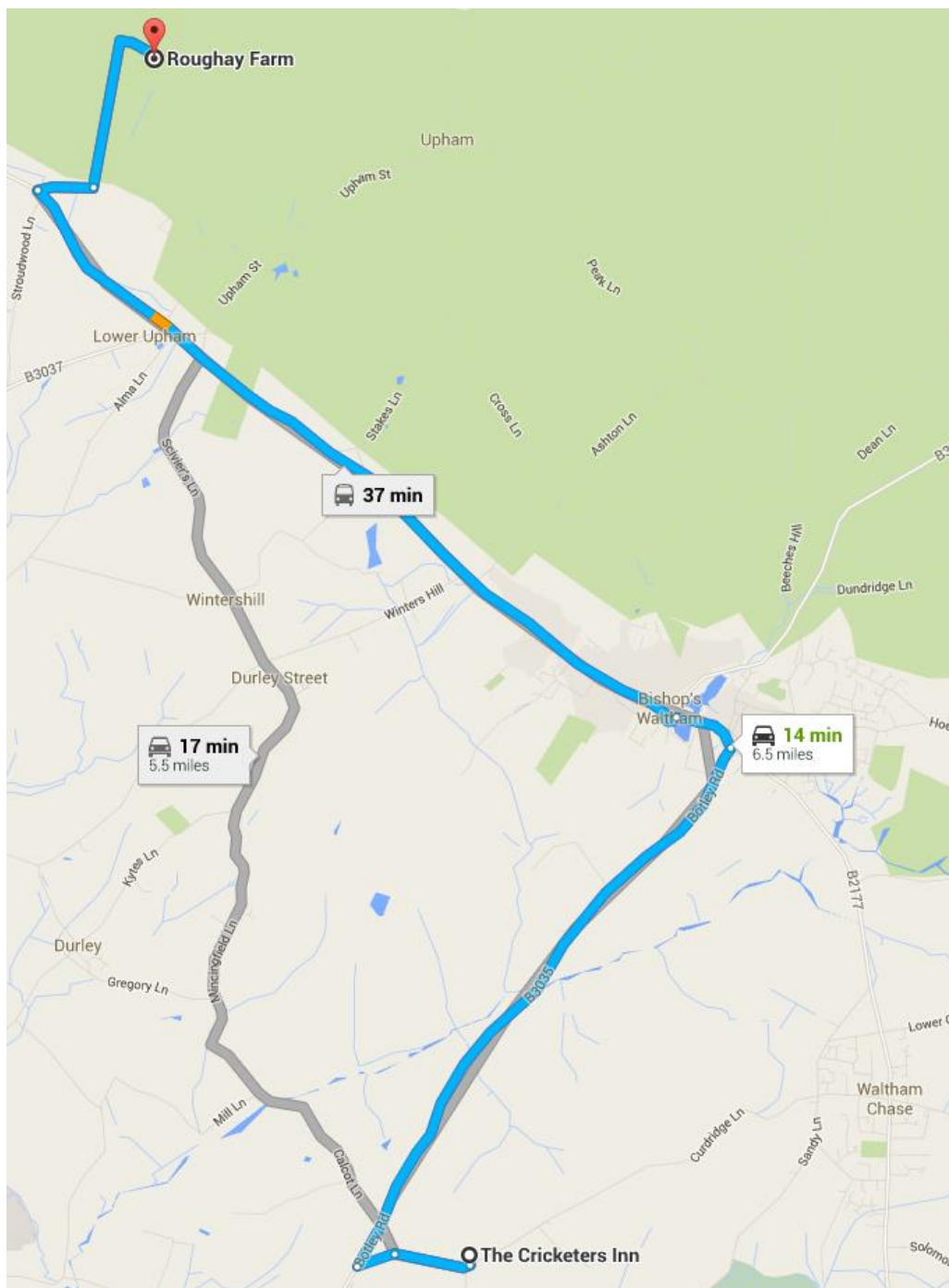
Thursday December 8th - Club Christmas Party, with free buffet, annual Prize Draw and Trophy Awards.

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[Roughay Farm \(click here to see it on Google Maps\)](#), Southampton SO32 1JP

Here is a picture of a route from the Cricketers pub near Poplars. See also the text directions below the picture.

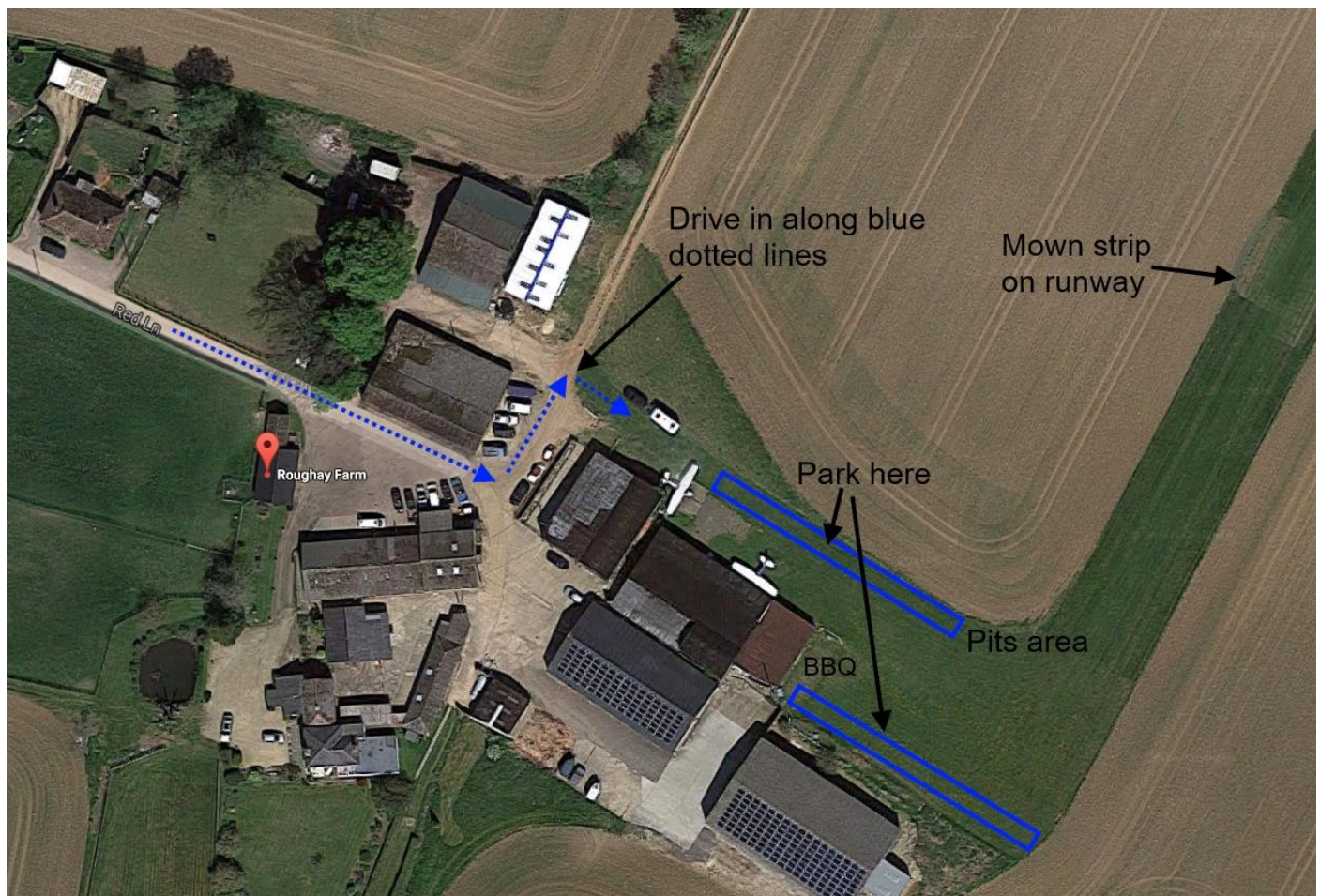


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1. Start at The Cricketers Inn, Curdridge Lane, Southampton SO32 2BH, United Kingdom
2. Head south-west on Curdridge Ln towards Lockhams Rd for 0.3 miles
3. Turn left onto The Plantation for 0.1 miles
4. Turn right onto Botley Rd/B3035 for 2.2 miles
5. At the roundabout, take the 1st exit onto B2177 for 0.2 miles
6. At the roundabout, take the 3rd exit onto Winchester Rd/B2177, continue to follow Winchester Rd for 2.9 miles
7. Turn right onto Hatchley Ln for 0.2 miles
8. Turn left onto Red Ln for 0.6 miles, destination will be on the right

Once you get to the farm, here is the way to the car park.



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Down at the Field

Sorry, no pics this month ☹.

Safety Matters

No Safety Matters article this month.

Fly Past

No Fly Past article this month.

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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>.

August

20/08/2016 - BMFA Free Flight Southern Gala

Wiltshire

September

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

West Sussex

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

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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

Hampshire

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 Meetings

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.