

Firebirds Model Club



MERRY CHRISTMAS

newsletter December 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 Party Thursday 8th Dec

Don't forget that the Christmas Party will take place on Thursday, i.e. 8th Dec, 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. This is a family affair so please persuade the missus/girlfriend/boyfriend/kids to come along.

There will be a buffet supper at no charge, but bring some money for a last flutter on the raffle! There will be over £600 worth of prizes, including several models, a couple of engines and various tools and accessories. There will also be bottles of wine and tins of biscuits etc. After supper the Trophies for 2016 will be presented, followed by the Christmas Draw.

2017 Subscriptions

The BMFA Subscriptions for 2017 will remain the same as this year i.e. £33 Senior and £17 Junior. A vote will be taken on Firebirds subscriptions at the Christmas Party where the committee will be recommending that these also stay unchanged i.e. Senior £72 and Junior £13.

To summarise the above, assuming the Committee's recommendation is accepted at the Christmas Party, the 2017 subscriptions will be:

	Club	BMFA	Total
SENIOR	72	33	105
JUNIOR	13	17	30
FAMILY SENIOR	72	33	105
JUNIOR	13	13	26

Roger Stanton will take renewals after the vote is taken at the Christmas Party and please remember that you must have paid before you fly for the first time in 2017!

Firebirds AGM 19th Jan 2017

The 2017 AGM will take place on Thursday 19th January, where the new committee will be voted in. Any volunteers to take on a committee post should contact the Secretary by 10 January. Items for the agenda should also be given to the Secretary no later than 10 January.

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Planes for Sale

Tony knight (knight@kanthony41.orangehome.co.uk) has the following planes for sale.

Seagull Harmon Rocket

'E' Assembled using quality components i.e. Pletenburg, Jeti-Hacker, Hitec etc. This plane is a 54" aerobatic one that flies so well on a 4s LiPo pack.

Total cost to build originally over £375 but will accept offers over £120.

Excellent condition and as new. Can include 35Mz Futaba Tx & Rx if wanted.



Mercury Aeronca Champ

(Built by Roger Stanton many moons ago.) Converted to electric using Mega motor. Add 3s LiPo to fly. Span is 64" and is 3 channel.

Sold with or without electrics. Easily converted back to IC. Offers or consider swap with foamy type.



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Down at the Field

Well I haven't been down the field since the last newsletter so nothing to report I'm afraid.

Safety Matters

There's no safety matters this month

Fly Past

No Fly Past this month.

External Events

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

Regular Open Meetings

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

See <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar> for more details.

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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.

Discounted 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.