

Final Reminder:

*AGM is this Thursday
(the 19th) - starting at
8.00pm sharp*

Welcome....

As you probably know Geoff Scott our excellent newsletter editor for the last few years was due to work commitments unable to re-join the Firebirds this year, he will be sorely missed.

My Name is Chris Fisher and although a fairly new member, I have been asked to take over as Newsletter editor and I apologise in advance whilst I am not too bad with a computer my knowledge of Model Flying is still a bit basic.

Since becoming a member, this is my third year; I have been offered much friendship, kindness and knowledge by other club members and feel that it won't hurt to give a little something back.

Now that I have said yes to helping with the newsletter, my vision is that it can become more than just a newsletter and that on behalf of the members I can compile a monthly e-mail with interesting facts, knowledge, information and perhaps a few photos..

Dear Members

If you have anything interesting for the Newsletter... please e-mail it to me at firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com

Suggested items

Photos

Information

Things for sale

Editorial

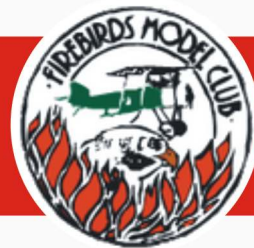
What's in my garage

Flying / Modelling Jokes



Thanks for reading and I look forward to seeing you at the field

Chris



Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

Christmas Party Thursday 8th Dec

The 2016 Christmas was well attended with lovely food and great raffle prizes.

Roger and his wife handed out the 2016 trophies.

Chris Fisher – Most improved beginner

Steve and Dean Newell – Safety award

Terry Paget – Most Supportive Member

Geoff Scott – Meritorious Service





2017 Subscriptions

The BMFA Subscriptions for 2017 will remain the same as 2016 i.e. £33 Senior and £17 Junior. After a vote taken at the Christmas Party, the club subscriptions will also stay unchanged i.e. Senior £72 and Junior £13.

To summarise the above, the 2017 subscriptions will be:

	Club	BMFA	Total
SENIOR	72	33	105
JUNIOR	13	17	30
FAMILY SENIOR	72	33	105
FAMILY PARTNER	72	22	94
FAMILY JUNIOR	13	13	26

Please remember that you must have paid before you fly for the first time in 2017!

Advance Notice

The February Club night is on Thursday 16th Feb when Alan Shergold will be presenting his video record of the the club's flying site activities in 2016. This was a great success last year so please give maximum support for Alan's hard work.

Down at the Field

Cliff Hall holding his 40 four-stroke powered Keil Kraft Super 60, which was designed in the early 1960s. Also shown is Terry Balm holding his electric powered Mini version of the same design.





Stuart Whittle holding his "Mustfire", an aerobatic design dating from about 1961. The original had a Merco 49, but Stuart's model, built from a Ben Buckle plan, is electric powered and performs beautifully



A foggy end to 2016.

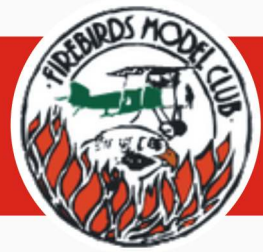


Safety Matters

Pits Etiquette. You are reminded that no models, no matter how small, can be taxied or launched from within the pits area. Even a tiny park flier could cause an accident if it went off course and hit someone starting an engine.

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

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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.

Temporary Contact for Fuel etc: Terry's Son Kevin on 02380 446980.

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

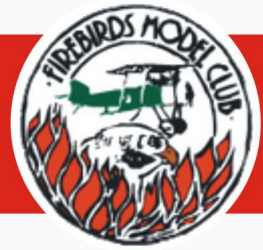
Club Meetings

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!



Firebirds Club Committee

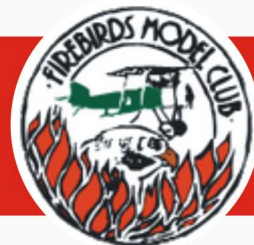
The following are the contact details for the Committee. Each has given permission for their phone number and email addresses to be included in this Newsletter.

Chairman	Pat Parsons	023 8056 2611	patrickparsons.parsons3@gmail.com
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Secretary	Roger Stanton	01489 784152	roger-stanton@sky.com
PRO	Peter Clark	01489 692881	psclark911@hotmail.com
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Membership Sec.	Roger Stanton	01489 784152	roger-stanton@sky.com



Remember...

Safe flying is no accident.



Flying Times

(Summer BST)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
QF ONLY	13.00 - 18.00 hrs				13.00 - 21.00 hrs		
ALL	18.00 - 21.00 hrs	13.00 - 18.00 hrs		13.00 - 18.00 hrs		10.00 - 14.00 hrs	10.00 - 13.00 hrs

Flying Times (Winter GMT)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
QF ONLY	12.00 - 18.00 hrs				13.00 - 21.00 hrs		
ALL	18.00 - 21.00 hrs	12.00 - 18.00 hrs		12.00 - 18.00 hrs		10.00 - 14.00 hrs	10.00 - 13.00 hrs

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.