



"AGM"
Hamble club
Thursday 17th Jan.
8.00.... prompt.

Dear All

Welcome to the First 2019 Newsletter!

Happy new year everybody, it is going to be a wonderful year (fingers crossed) with great weather a new flying site and a successful Barbeque (or 2). Great news from the committee that we have had a good numbers of members renew, especially considering the situation with the flying field. Proof to what I said in November that the Firebirds is more than just a model flying club!

I haven't been sent any Christmas prezpie photos yet? Didn't anybody get a model for Christmas?.. I did see picture. →

The Heli should be OK for flying down the Hamble club and the Max Thrust 'Rucas' has had good write-ups and is sold as the follow on for those that learnt to fly with the Max-Thrust Riot, which of course I did. How my wife knew what to buy I simply don't know (Russell?).



There has been a slow uptake for members creating a KIK account (a method for keeping in touch with other members) but it has been a success for those that have joined, please grab me if you see me at the field and want some advice.

As it's winter flying opportunities are a bit sparse, but now the days are slowly starting to get longer it shouldn't be too much longer before we can all get out flying again.

See you at the AGM

Chris.

P.S. Just in case nobody remembers at the AGM – I just wanted to say Thank you to the committee for keeping the club together particularly during these difficult times.



Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

AGM 2019

The Club's AGM will take place at 8.00pm on Thursday 17th January 2019 at the Hamble Club. An Agenda and Minutes of the last AGM have been circulated separately. The Agenda includes a vote to elect the 2019 Committee please contact a current committee member if you wish to stand.

Other items for the Agenda must be forwarded in writing (an email will do) to the current committee by the 10th January 2019 at the latest. Only items on the Agenda will be discussed at the meeting.

Firebirds club fees for 2019

At the December committee meeting the decision was made to reduce the club membership fees for members re-joining under the current circumstances. The fees will include continued access to woodlands school, the PADMAC site and social events.

At the rates proposed (subject to renewal numbers) the club may run at a slight loss during 2019, then relying on its reserves.

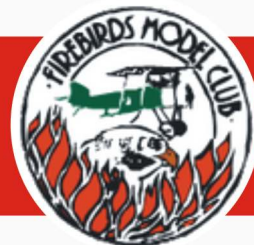
The committee are still actively looking for an official / permanent site and it is therefore proposed that the membership fee will be reviewed when a new flying site is secured. Any increased fee would only affect new / lapsed members, those members already joined / re-joined will not pay any revised fee until 2020.

Due to the reduced amount proposed there will be no option for 2 payments (post-dated cheque for half of the fee) as in the past.

Important - Members that have not renewed cannot fly at our sites. Any member not paying their membership before the 1st April will be considered as a having not re-joined and have to re-apply to join the club.

2019 Subscriptions are confirmed as follows

The BMFA Subscriptions for 2019 have gone up for a senior this year to £38 and but a Junior stays the same at £17.



The committee made the following club fees recommendation (below) at the Christmas Party and a vote was taken, the motion was carried.

The 2019 subscriptions will be as follows:

	Club*	BMFA	Total
Senior	£35	£38	£73
Junior (under 18)	£13	£17	£30
Family Senior	£35	£38**	£73
Family Partner	£36	£25**	£60
Family Junior (under 18)	£13	£13**	£26

* Note as agreed in a vote by members present at the 2108 Christmas party, the club fee may be increased for members who renew / join after a new flying site is found.

Please remember that you must have paid before you fly for the first time in 2019!

Those who join the BMFA as Country Members, or via another club, must show proof of 2019 BMFA membership to the Secretary / a committee member.

BMFA Notes ...

'FULL INDIVIDUAL CLUB MEMBERSHIP' as a senior is available to all model flyers 18 years of age or over, on the 1st January of the year of membership, who are members of an affiliated club. Those younger than this are called Juniors but have full membership status.

** FAMILY MEMBERSHIP is available to families living at the same address.

To qualify for Family membership, one full Senior member must register as Head of Family; a spouse/partner and all children under 18 years old can then register as Family members at a reduced fee.

If you want to send your membership cheque, please post to...

Firebirds Model club
c/o 6 Maytree Close
Locksheath
Southampton SO31 6NQ

**** You can pay at / before the AGM if you bring cash or your cheque book ! ****



PADMAC Site

Our ongoing thanks to PADMAC for keeping us flying..

PADMAC Cows, Sheep and electric fence...

Apparently there were a few sheep in the PADMAC field during the month but they have already been moved. it is expected that the field should now be without animals (sheep or cows) until March and the electric fences should be left off. PADMAC will inform us when this changes.

PADMAC flying times (once initial introduction done with a principle / committee member).

	Power	Electric/Silent
Mon to Sat	10:00 to 18:00	10:00 to Sunset
Sunday	11:00 to 18:00	11:00 to Sunset

PADMAC rules can be found here. http://www.padmac.info/PADMAC_flyingsite_rules.html

Woodlands school Flying site.

Flying times for this weekend - Subject to weather.

Saturday 12th January 10:00am to 3:30pm (or until last person leaves)

Sunday 13th January - unavailable

The Schools address is....

Woodlands Community College / School. Minstead Avenue, Harefield. SO18 5FW

Toilet facilities are often available.

SAFETY NOTE.

The grass slope at the woodlands school site can be a bit slippery when wet, be careful.

Poorly club member

Continuing thoughts and good wishes from the committee to all poorly members.



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2018

Yet again the firebirds Christmas Party was a huge success with plenty of members coming along for a beer, a chat and a wonderful buffet.

The evening kicked off with a few words from our very own Pat Parsons who returned for his first visit since moving 'up North'. Pat had prepared a small list to help him remember 'see picture for the length of his notes!' he recited a few Pam Ayres 'style' poems that he had written and then asked us to pause for a moment to think of those that were sadly absent. Great to see you Pat (Ed.).



Club chairman (Russell), discussed the club fees for next year on which the members voted and then presented the club trophies for 2018, ably assisted by his sister Maxine (my Wife Ed.)...

Awards

Terry Jacobson – Honorary membership

Bob Farr – Meritorious Service

John Graham – Most improved flier (...in 2018!)

Cliff hall – Safe flier (not present)

A special award was also made to Roger Stanton and his wife Val for their many years of support for the club (Roger Stepped down as Membership secretary in 2018).





Dave and Pete then started the popular annual draw which this year offered many wonderful prizes (see picture above) including RTF models, balsa models, batteries, chocolates and bottles of wine. All in all, a total prize fund estimated at over £650. Well done to Pete and Dave for organising the draw on behalf of the club, I am sure they will start selling tickets for next year's draw really soon.

Final job for Russell was to declare the buffet officially open, the buffet was funded from club funds and prepared by the Hamble club staff... Thanks to the Hamble club for a wonderful spread.

Many members chose to renew their club membership on the night and being his first year as Membership secretary Keith was assisted by Roger. Keith has already taken renewals from over 30 members.



FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

January – 17th

AGM – Please let a committee member know in advance if members would like to any specific items discussed.

February – 21st

A 'Double bill' Pete will be doing a discussion / demonstration on Depron Models and we will also have Alan's much awaited 'movie night'.

March – 21st

"Show and Tell" night for your latest model, together with a Table Top Sale for any spare models/engines/tools etc. Indoor flying with small helis etc should also be possible.

April – 18th

The much awaited (now) annual 'Steve Newell and family Quiz Night', this was a really good evening last so year please support.

May –

Perhaps the First 2019 Barbeque ? Let's all keep our fingers crossed.





Pat Parsons won a Cub



Those of you that attended the Christmas party will remember this item as one of the prizes and the lucky winner was our Pat Parsons.

This 4 channel RTF high wing trainer, with stability assistance came complete with a transmitter, Lipo Battery and a USB charger ...

Pat already has ideas for improvement, I received the following e-mail.

" Hi Chris,

Happy New year, I decided to get the new Cub out of the box and try the controls. I thought the Centurion gear box was a bit noisy so took the front of the plane off and found all the fixings loose, so I have decided to fit an outrunner, also didn't like the ESC and receiver (see photo), but the rest is brilliant. I'll let you know what the results are.

Regards to all members

Pat "



YOUTUBE VIDEO - Some of what this 'chap' says we are all thinking – Re. Gatwick Drone

Click this link ... <https://youtu.be/TRHJkvuQPG8>





More blasts from the Past – courtesy of Pat Parsons

Pat, Tony Knight, Lee Fryer John Graham.... I think ? (ed).



The following photo included the following text from Pat... *"a number of us went to Dortmund model show, brilliant few days, model's all fantastic, it's been a while ago though, worth another visit? go on someone organise one! Pat. "*





Pat was trying to test me with the next photo, he wrote...

"Hi Chris, took photo while on Fire Service duty at Farnborough, t's a Big Big Big plane!"

Now those that know me will know that I can't even tell the difference between a Spitfire and a Hurricane, so had little chance of identifying this plane, even though it's shape should be easily recognisable and it's name iconic.

So... Not to be beaten I cheated.... I used Googles 'image search' and found that the 'Big Big Big Plane' was in fact a Boeing B-52 Stratofortress, the Stratofortress being an American long-range, subsonic, jet-powered strategic bomber.

Just wish I could use Google for The Newell family quiz in April.



Notice the Newsletter is a bit empty, less interesting?

Please e-mail items for the Newsletter to firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com.



This month down at the field

These are the last 2018 photos I have... Woodlands school Saturday 22nd December



Lee Fryer with his – ‘mini’ WOT 4 that he won at the Christmas draw.



Paul Mason – struggles with the controls of his new drone.. I cannot tell you here what he was struggling with, but do ask him... and Paul check out the video clip earlier in the Newsletter! 😊



Dave's Zaggy look-a-like (but much quieter) ideal for Woodlands school flying and Pete's home made depron 'vampire' look-a-like, which wasn't 'in the mood' on this particular day ...



HAPPY NEW YEAR ...

Were these members the first to fly in 2019 ? Saturday the 5th January ?.. If they look cold, then it was probably because the in car thermometers were reading between 2 and 3 degrees! Which was good as the weather forecast predicted just 1 degree.... Hardy fliers that's what the hobby needs!



Firebirds Model Club

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Club Information

This section gives a summary of club services and contact details.

Glow Fuel, Glue and other bits and pieces available

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

Russell Lewis

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russell@pilot1.co.uk

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!

External Events

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



Firebirds Model 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	Russell Lewis	023 8056 1397	russell@pilot1.co.uk
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Secretary	Roger Stanton	01489 784152	roger-stanton@sky.com
PRO	Peter Clark	01489 692881	psclark911@hotmail.com
Flying Site Rep.	Keith Warwick	07887 486040	keithw11@hotmail.co.uk
Safety Officer	Geoff Griffiths	023 9265 5931	gcgriffiths@hotmail.com
Membership Sec.	Roger Stanton	01489 784152	roger-stanton@sky.com

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.

Firebirds Constitution and Rules.

The Firebirds constitution and rules document can be found at the bottom of the 'about us' section on the web-site or by clicking the following link.

<http://firebirds.org.uk/onewebmedia/FIREBIRD%20CONSTITUTION%20%26%20RULES.pdf>.

Remember... Safe flying is no accident.