



**April Club Night:**  
**The Annual Steve**  
**Newell and Family -**  
**Quiz Night**

18th April – 7.30 for 8pm start...

Dear All

Welcome to the April 2019 Newsletter!

Just a real quick hello from me this time, as I've had a busy month including a few weekend visits away so not had too much time to spend flying or doing the newsletter ☹️.

And having missed the last 2 club nights at Hamble club I am desperately hoping to attend the Quiz night next week, although I am already preparing myself to be humiliated again. Douglas Bader's name will never leave my side.

How about an impromptu appeal... Let's see how many club members we can get to come to Hamble club on Thursday night !!

See you **all** then... ☺️

Chris.

P.S. Advanced warning this newsletter contains pictures of a naked model without make-up !



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Sorry to start on Sad News, but one of our long standing members has made his final flight.

Life member Joe Humphries (MBE) sadly passed away this month and will be greatly missed.

Joe was a dedicated member who also sat on the committee and produced the newsletter for many years.

The pictures above show Joe as we would wish to remember him... happy, smiling and most of all flying.

The Committee's thoughts are with Joe's family at this difficult time.

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## Committee News

Here's the latest from the committee room.

## PADMAC Site ' SOME NEW COWS'

The electric fence is now live.

Remember to close the gate after you enter and leave the field.

Please report any problems the cattle cause.

**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](http://www.padmac.info/PADMAC_flyingsite_rules.html)

## Woodlands school Flying site.

**\*\* IMPORTANT \*\* YOU MUST NOW LIAISE WITH PETE CLARK or ROB COPE BEFORE FLYING AT WOODLANDS, AS PERMISSION NEEDS TO BE GRANTED BY AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL \*\***

Flying times for this weekend - Subject to weather.

Saturday 13th April 10:00am to 3:30pm (or until last flyer leaves)

Sunday 14th April 10:00am to 3:30pm (or until last flyer leaves)

Saturday 20th April 10:00am to 3:30pm (or until last flyer leaves)

Sunday 21st April unavailable

### **The Schools address is....**

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

Toilet facilities are often available.

Note: Pete Clark has negotiated increased flying opportunities at Woodlands as the weather and day-light improves, to include some summer evenings and school holidays.

## Poorly club member

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



## **FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice**

April – 18<sup>th</sup> – 7.30 for 8pm start.

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

May –

Perhaps the First 2019 Barbeque, possibly in conjunction with PADMAC ? Let's all keep our fingers crossed.

June, July, August -

Hopefully perfect flying conditions and loads of Barbeques

## **'A' Certificates**

Another year has passed and we haven't had any members celebrate the achievement of their 'A' certificate, let's make this your year... While we are at PADMAC perhaps we could do a few training sessions in conjunction with PADMAC flyers? If you want to do your 'A' certificate let someone on the committee know and we can try and arrange. Taken exam? This link could be useful! <https://achievements.bmfa.org/mandatory-questions>

## **Bank Holidays Flying Times Reminder ...**

At PADMAC's site Bank holidays including Easter are normal flying times, "Happy days".

## **Did you know ... BMFA Bulletins are available on-line at this link ....**

<https://bmfa.org/Clubs/Club-Bulletins>

## **John Barker found some information about a mini-airshow at Popham**

Mini air show Popham 11 and 12 May 2019

<https://www.popham-airfield.co.uk/new-pageevents-2>

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Notice the Newsletter is a bit empty, less interesting?

Please e-mail items for the Newsletter to [firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com](mailto:firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com).

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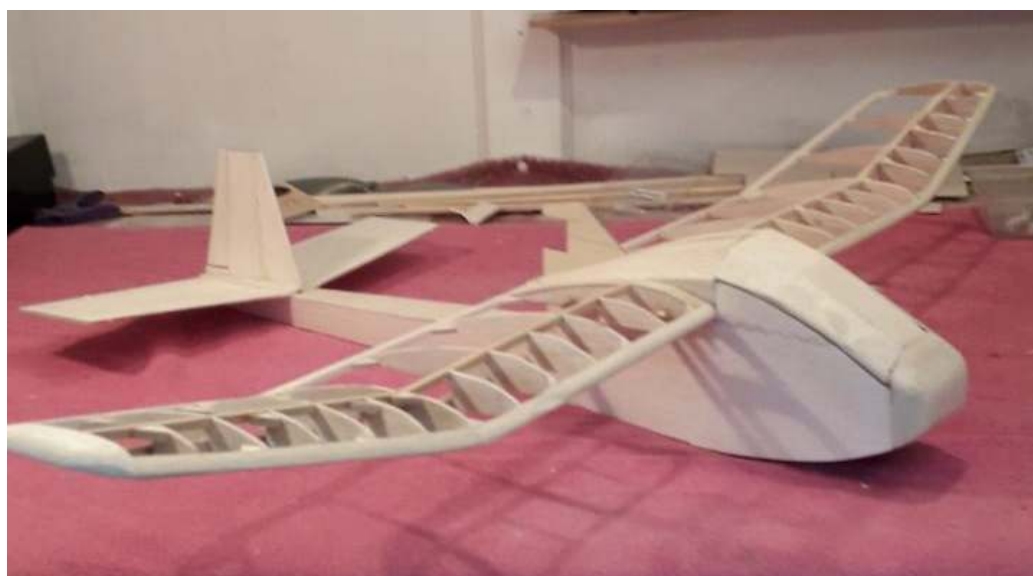


## The R6B – By Roger Stanton

Latest progress... She now flies....



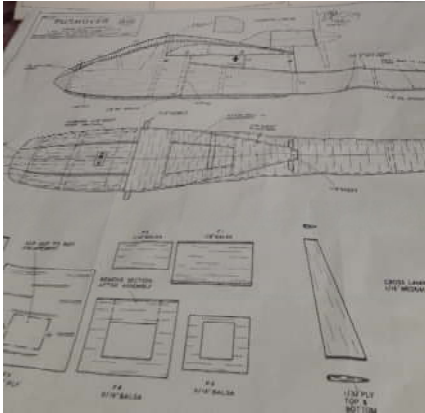
Photograph courtesy of Dave Hoppe



A naked model without her make-up! (she's a bit of a pushover!) Thanks for the build-up Pat (Parsons).



## Pat's Latest Model the Pushover from Sariks models.



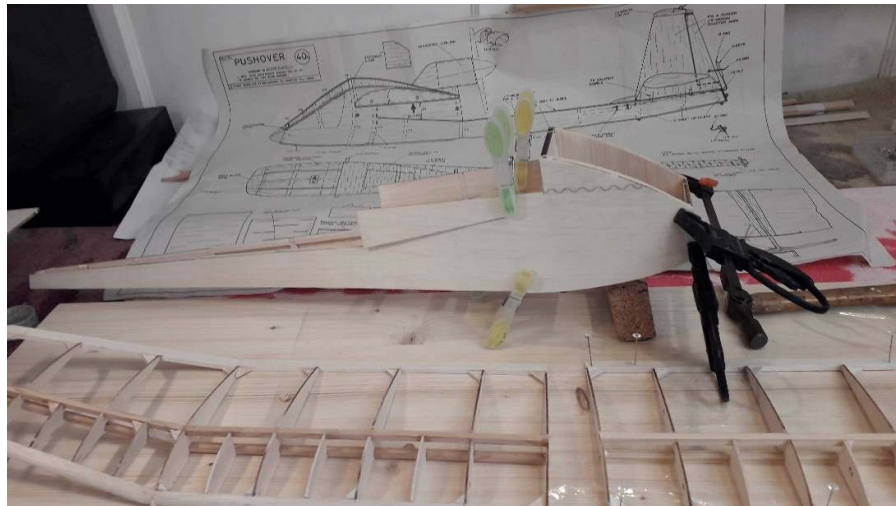
Everything has arrived, all go now Pat

## Pat Parson's is also getting noticed by his new club....

The following is taken from John Payne's newsletter, John Payne is the secretary of LMAC – (Leicester Model Aero Club) <http://www.leicestermodelaeroclub.org.uk/>

*"I have also been contacted by Patrick Parsons and he told me that the model I showed last month is the Flycatcher and he is now building another small model from an RCM&E free plan. I have included a photo below, showing some very nice balsa work. Always glad to include photos of new builds.*

*Nice one Patrick."*





## Poetry section ...

### A Mellow Yellow Man-cave by Pat parsons

The weathers been fine for many a day  
so I thought my cave I would spray  
I cleaned it down with a hard wire brush  
then popped down to Wickes in a ruddy blush  
The other day some paint I had seen  
A pretty shade of grassy green  
so there and then my cave was sprayed  
I looked at the door it looked a bit bare  
and being an industrious fellow  
I painted it in a nice primrose yellow  
and in the near future a photo will follow  
Apologies to Pam Ayres

And the photo :- ) →





## Medstead Rotorfest 2019

Ian Budgen from the model shop in Medstead has asked us to tell you about Rotorfest 2019

Displays will include:

Fixed Wing – Trainers, Scale, Gliders & Aerobatic

Rotary Wing – Helicopter (Scale & 3D)

Night Flying Saturday Night – “Off The Peg” limited to 3 planes at anyone time

Radio Control Cars

[ian@themodelshop.net](mailto:ian@themodelshop.net) - <https://themodelshop.net/>

## Medstead RotorFest 2019

**Saturday 3rd Aug & Sunday 4th Aug**  
**Camping from Midday on Friday 2nd Aug**

### Weekend of Radio Control Models For the Family & Enthusiast

Lower Soldridge Farm, Soldridge Road, Medstead, Hampshire, GU34 5JF  
<https://goo.gl/maps/JDjCPRMNLZ32>

Helicopter, Fixed Wing & Drone Demonstrations	On Site Camping with OnSite Toilets
Cars & Trucks	BBQ & Licensed Bar
Have-A-Go Driving & Flying	Ice Cream, Light Snacks & Jacket Potatoes
	Trade Stands

**Camping £25 for the Weekend (Access to Show Extra - Campers £5 for Weekend Ticket)**  
**Show Entry £5 per Adult PreBooking Now Being Taken Via Paypal (Ticket numbers emailed then wristbands collected on arrival)**  
<https://www.paypal.me/TheModelShop>  
<https://www.facebook.com/medsteadrotorfest>  
Persons 18 or Under Free - With Accompanying Adult

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**Christmas Draw tickets on-sale NOW!**





## Some photos from the past –



Poplars before the container and a much younger Russell Lewis ...



In the distance Geoff Griffiths prepares his Giro-Copter...





## 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

023 8056 1397

[russell@pilot1.co.uk](mailto: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>.

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# Firebirds Model Club

News, Views & Information - April 2019



## 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	<a href="mailto:russell@pilot1.co.uk">russell@pilot1.co.uk</a>
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## 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.**