



Affiliated to the British Model Flying Association
Club No. 561



CLUB NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2018

NEWS FROM THE COMMITTEE

AGM Update

Thank you to those members who attended the Annual General Meeting held on 7th November 2018. At the meeting, the incoming Committee was confirmed as:

Nick West, Chairman
Ken Norman, Vice-Chairman
Ian Smith, Treasurer
Gitta Horan, Secretary
Paul Horan, Committee Member
Danny Bloomfield, Committee Member

If any other member is interested in joining the Committee please contact the Chairman who will talk through with you what is involved. At the AGM, there was a presentation of club activities/events organised through the year and discussion of proposed rule changes. The updated Constitution document is available on the Club Website.

Subscriptions

It was agreed at the AGM that the 2019 BRFC membership fee will increase from £60 to £65. The BMFA full membership fee has also increased from £34 to £38. The field maintenance levy will continue at £15 per member and will be used to replenish club funds following installation of the new rabbit proof fencing and other improvements to the field in 2018.

The preferred method of payment for this year's subscriptions is via bank transfer, followed by cash and lastly cheques. Online payment details are available on the renewal form, or from the Club Treasurer or Secretary. We hope you will agree that this is a much quicker, easier and more efficient way to pay your membership fee.

Please remember that you will need to pay both your BMFA and BRFC fees **by 31st December 2018** if you wish to continue to fly at the field on and after 1st January 2019.

Permits to Fly

Well done to the following members who obtained their permit to fly card this year

- Matt Stevens
- Bjorn Collins
- Rod Durrant

Indoor Flying

The next indoor flying session will be held on:
Saturday 8th December 2018
Venue: Brighton Aldridge Community Academy
Time: 7.15pm – 8.45pm
Cost: £6 per flyer; free for spectators
Further dates will be notified for the New Year.

Thanks and acknowledgements

A lot of members have helped with various events and activities through the year and this has been very much appreciated, particularly following the field vandalism in April 2018. Without your help it would no doubt have taken a lot longer and would have been left to a few people to rectify. In particular, special thanks should go to Allen Houghton and Peter McFarlane for their continued support and commitment to maintain the field. We are sure you will all agree that we now have an outstanding, well maintained facility that we can all enjoy. Thank you everyone.

Field Layout

At the AGM a proposal was put forward to alter the field layout/walkways, however, a majority vote was not reached. It was agreed that the Committee would review the field layout and the updated plan will be trialled and monitored for 6-8 months. The plan you received via e-mail on 4th December clearly shows the correct routes to be used to access the strip as well as the pilot standing areas. A copy will be displayed in the club shelter. The Committee discussed this at length, taking into consideration comments made at the meeting and after monitoring how the walkways and pilot areas had been used over the last few months, as well as safety issues. We hope that you will agree this is a good compromise, and will give your support.

Sound Testing

Any member who requires a powered model to be sound-tested, please contact a member of the Committee to make arrangements.

Club Survey

We are running a Club Survey to find out what members want from the Club. If you have not already completed the survey, please take a few minutes of your time to tell us what you think. It would be helpful if all responses could be returned to the Committee by **31st December 2018**.

Club Meetings

Finally, it was good to see so many members at the Christmas social event on 5th December, which was a very successful and enjoyable evening. If you did not renew your membership at the meeting, please send your completed form and confirmation of payment by BACS to the Secretary so that it can be processed.
E-mail: Secretary1@brfc.bmfa.org

Incident Report Form

It is everyone's responsibility to promote the safe and responsible use of club facilities. However, there will be occasions when untoward incidents or accidents may occur at the field and it is important that these are recorded and reported to a Committee member as soon as possible following the event. Types of incidents may include:

- Accident or injury to members or other persons, however caused.
- Equipment that is broken or not fit for purpose
- Unsafe practises taking place at the field that could pose a risk to other members.
- Any infringement of club rules

A supply of incident report forms is available at the field (in the first aid box in the shelter) for members to use. Please help the Committee help you, by reporting any incidents that may occur. We will then be able to take action to remedy the situation and make it a safer environment for all members.

**The next club meeting will be held on
Wednesday 6th February 2019 at 8.00pm
Patcham Community Centre**

The Committee wish all our members and their families a Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2019

