

The next club meeting will be

Wednesday, 26th March, 2014

in the Royal British Legion, St. Mary Street, High Wycombe

At 8.00 pm

and will be

***the ever popular
Table Top Sale
aka The Bring and Buy Event.***

This is intended for those items that you wish to sell off at generally less than £30.00 and you do the selling yourself. This is a good opportunity to dispose of some of those things that you found in the shed during the winter building sessions and no longer need (or cannot remember why you ever bought them in the first place). Please be honest with potential buyers; you can sell rubbish but do say that's what it is. Of course good quality items at a fair price usually sell well.

If you have things that you want to sell but are unable to get to either of the sales evenings then you can always advertise them in the Newsletter. Alternatively, you can let the Newsletter Editor have a separate advert as a document file and I will send it to all the Club members on the e-mail list. Your advert should include a description, a photograph if possible, the price and your contact details.

Membership Renewals

If you have not renewed your Club Membership by now then please note that you will have to pay a re-joining fee of £22.50 as well as the membership fee if you wish to continue to fly at the Club's fields.

Mike Winston, Membership Secretary

Committee Meetings

In an effort to improve communication and understanding between the Committee and Club Members we aim to provide a digest or appraisal of the points discussed at Committee Meetings. The following summary of the 5th March meeting has been provided by Steve Berry.

Here is a summary of the points discussed at the last Committee Meeting. Alan Bristow and I will share this responsibility throughout the year by making it available to Malcolm Connell for inclusion in the monthly newsletter. I will list the subjects as they were discussed –



1. **Flackwell Field Map** – last year we experimented with longer patches of grass to provide natural safety barriers between the pits and the strip. We plan to do something similar this year. As Training and Safety Rep' Jon Harper will draw up a new field map with clearly indicated strips, pilot areas and pits area.
2. **Training** – as Training Rep' Jon Harper will be proposing a “buddy” system to pair up beginners with experienced flyers for either instruction and/or just someone to supervise (i.e. pre A Cert). Jon will document this for inclusion in the next newsletter and also liaise closely with Mike Winston to make sure that new members know who to contact to arrange training. In addition to this, there are some that haven't achieved an “A Cert”, so Jon will arrange an examination day in May. Anyone wishing to get their “A Cert” in May should contact Jon and talk about additional training and subsequent success in getting their “A Cert”.
3. **Gas Turbine Safety** – we know that it isn't very often we see jets fly at Flackwell but it was felt that some safety guidelines should be included in the Club Handbook.
4. **Speakers for 2014** – we have come up with an idea, with the help of Gareth Hatcher, where we could possibly arrange a visit to the Police Helicopter facility at Waltham Abbey. Keep an eye out for further updates on this.
5. **Chinnor Field Mower** – the Chinnor / Towersey mower has been replaced as the old one had rusted and was becoming dangerous to use.
6. **Flackwell Club House** – If you visit the field, you will now notice a green metal container of which half is used to house the mower and the other half as a place of shelter or for kitchen facilities to make coffee / tea. Your normal farm gate key will give you access to the side door. There is a gas bottle, gas stove and kettle – if used, please remember to turn off the gas on the regulator. We have spent quite a bit of money on this project and urge everyone to keep it tidy, please don't leave any rubbish – take it home with you.
7. **Flackwell Field Hedges** – We are fully aware that the hedges need cutting and the markers made more prominent. Andy Travena is getting a quote with a view to getting it done immediately after the harvest.
8. **General Flackwell Field** – windsock replaced and currently investigating how we can begin to “iron out” the undulations on the strip which have been caused by ground sinking in to and along old plough lines.
9. **Competitions** – It is planned to have Tri-Club competitions again this year between HWDMAC, West London and Chesham. The competitions and locations have all been agreed, it's just a case of deciding dates. When finalised, the details will be sent in the April Newsletter and by a dedicated email.
10. **Website** – the Committee wish to develop a new website which is more easily kept up to date. A number of ideas have been put forward for this and Malcolm Connell will be working on this over the next couple of months. We would like to have this completed so that we can terminate the existing arrangement at the renewal date in June. If any of you have any ideas / initiatives for the new website then please feel free to contact the Committee.
11. **World War I Commemorative Display** – Discussions have taken place between the Committee and Flackwell Junior School about the possibility of using their field for the purpose of a show to remember WWI. Further news on dates, flying schedules (it will not be limited to WWI models) etc will be announced. At present, Alan Bristow is attempting to match up WWI models with B' certified flyers. More details will follow.
12. **Club & Committee Meetings** – it is becoming increasingly difficult to park at the RBL in High Wycombe now that they have opened up their car park with charges (£1.50) for anyone, including

Theatre goes. It was mentioned that parking at Flackwell Heath RBL is free and readily available. John Quelch will come back to the Committee when he has visited Flackwell RBL and supply all the information to Henry Hall.

13. Rent – rent has been paid at both fields.

14. BMFA Soaring Event – the BMFA would like to use the clubs Chinnor field for this purpose, more details to follow but the event will be held on a Saturday but currently the date is unknown.

15. Membership – currently 103 members are fully paid up.

To conclude, a lot of the Committee’s time has been spent on the club house, lawn mower storage and the maintenance of the lawn mower – we did the first cut on Sunday 9th March and it did a really good job. We all hope it will be looked upon positively.

Another initiative was to invite club members to the Committee meetings. At this meeting Tony Paddison attended. Tony has subsequently sent us a thank you message for inviting him and his feedback was very positive. We plan to continue to invite a member to the meetings throughout the year. Previous to this, Darren Brand has attended.

Hope you found this useful,

Steve Berry

Deputy Chairman.

Clubhouse Progress

A lot of work has been done to the new club house at Flackwell but there are still a few jobs to do. If you can help with any of the following tasks that are not marked as “Done” then please talk to John Quelch. Our thanks to all those who have already helped.

Alan Bristow

Flackwell to do list	By Who	Status
Clean chairs.	JQ	
Cleaning kit for mower.		To be defined
Cut hedge and replace flight markers.	AT	Awaiting quote
Extend paved walkway.		
First cut of field.	JQ/SB	Done
Hang new pedestrian gate.		
Install container vents.	JQ/AT	Done
Install First Aid equipment..	JQ	Done
Install ramp.	AT	Done
Install work top/kitchen unit into container.		
Jack dent out of roof.	AT	
Lay paving in front of mower ramp.		
Mower grease gun and grease.	JQ	Done
Obtain diesel additive for mower.	JQ	
Obtain gas bottle.	MC	Done
Obtain gas regulator and hose.	JQ	
Obtain gas stove.	SB	Done
Obtain/install Co2 detector.	SB	Done
Obtain/install fire blanket	SB	Done
Obtain/install fire extinguisher.	SB	Done
Overhaul aircraft pit retainers.	MW	Done
Paint end of container.	SB	Done
Remove remaining rubbish from container.		
Remove scrap from field.	JQ	Done
Repair main field gate.	TP	Work in progress
Re-site old shed and modify for Ransomes.		

Instructor and Examiner Directory

		Instruction			Contact	
		I/C Plane	Electric Plane	Helicopter		
Alan	Bristow	A			Details removed For web site	
Dick	Edmunds	A & B				
Roger	Gillett	A & B				
Gareth	Hatcher	A & B		A & B + E		
Kevin	Hitchen	A				
Andy	Hopper	A & B + E				
Glenn	King	A & B				
Neil	Rice	A & B		A & B		
Graham	Stone	A & B				
Ian	Thompson	A & B + E				
Andy	Trevena	A & B				
Stuart	Whitehouse	A & B + E	A & B			
Mitch	Mabbutt	Instructs in FPV flying				

+ E = also examiner.

Committee Members for 2014

Office	Name	Telephone
Chairman	Alan Bristow	Details removed For web site
Deputy Chairman	Stephen Berry	
Treasurer	John Compton	
Secretary	Henry Hall	
Membership Secretary	Mike Winston	
Competition Rep		
Safety and Training	Jonathan Harper	
Flackwell Rep	Andy Trevena *	
Chinnor Rep	Nick Thomas	
BFMA Representative	Ian Thompson	
Newsletter Editor	Malcolm Connell	

Meetings and Events in 2014

Date	Event
26 March	Table top sale (Items less than £30)
23 April	Concours
28 May	Talk - Speaker and subject to be advised
24 June	WW1 Flying Event at Flackwell
5 July	Possible Gala at Flackwell
23 July	Scale flying at Chinnor
27 August	Possible public show
24 September	Auction (Items mainly £30 or more)
22 October	by Sean Bannister – Subject to be advised
26 November	AGM and Subs payment
6 December	Hamper competition at Flackwell

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