

The next club meeting will be

Wednesday, 28th May, 2014

at the Flackwell Field

NOT the Royal British Legion

From about 7.30 pm onward

This is because:

- a. We had a trip out during the month that replaced the usual meeting at the Royal British Legion; and
- b. There is a little work to be done and we need some help.

Most of the work on the new club house has now been done or is in hand, but there are still a few jobs that need completing. The main job is to decide whether any of the old or spare items presently stacked in the club house are needed and if not to remove them to the tip. If you want to have any say in the matter then you need to be there at 8.00 pm on the 28th as anything not claimed or justified will be removed and disposed of. Some help may also be needed with laying out paving and moving and modifying the old shed to house the spare mower.

An updated schedule of the work is shown overleaf.

Are you good with lawns?

Those who fly from the Flackwell field cannot fail to have noticed that the strip has become rather uneven. This appears to be due to old plough lines and tractor ruts settling and leaving ridges. The Committee are keen to find some solution to the problem of restoring a level surface and we hope that a member has experience of green keeping or levelling lawns and can help with suggestions or even equipment. If you can help in any way, or have any suggestions, then please contact Alan Bristow or any Committee member.



Something like this will do nicely.

Flackwell to do list	By Who	Status
Clean chairs.	JQ	Done
Cleaning kit for mower.	JQ	Done
Cut hedge and replace flight markers.	AT	Awaiting quote
Extend paved walkway.	AB	Call Patsy
First cut of field.	JQ/SB	Done
Hang new pedestrian gate.	TP	AB to call TP
Install container vents.	JQ/AT	Done
Install First Aid equipment.	JQ	Done
Install ramp.	AT	Done
Install work top/kitchen unit into container.	AB	Done
Jack dent out of roof.	AT	In Hand
Lay paving in front of mower ramp.	AB	Call Patsy
Mower grease gun and grease.	JQ	Done
Obtain diesel additive for mower.	JQ	Done
Obtain gas bottle.	MC	Done
Obtain gas regulator and hose.	JQ	Done
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.	C'tee	28th May
Remove scrap from field.	JQ	Done
Repair main field gate.	TP	Work in progress
Re-site old shed and modify for Ransomes.	AB	Call Patsy

2014 Tri-Club Competition

Don't forget that the first round of the Tri-Club Competition takes place at Flackwell field on the 8th June (or 15th if weather is too bad). No entry requirements other than an "A" so if you fancy a go then turn up and give it a try. It's intended as a fun event.

Competition start time will be 12 noon, so please arrive by 11:30am or earlier to get your models ready and have some practise flights.

Sorry, no BBQ at Flackwell as we have not managed to replace it yet. If some catering arrangements can be made in time there will be a circular to let you know.

Details of the competition were in last month's Newsletter, but as a reminder the Wycombe round will consist of "Timed Touch & Goes" and "Cut the Streamer"

The rules and scoring will be explained in detail on the day of the competition, however brief guidelines are below –

Timed Touch & Goes

5 touch & goes will be attempted. A target circle will be drawn on the field, a touch & go within the target will score 5 points, land outside of the target and it will be minus 5 points. The exercise will also be timed such that if there is someone equal on points, the fastest to complete the exercise will win or be better placed.

Cut the Streamer

You will have 5 minutes from take-off to attempt to cut the streamer. Your success will be timed, so the faster you achieve it, the better placed you will be.

First conviction for illegal use of an unmanned aircraft.

Take warning from the following report

A man from Cumbria has become the first person in the UK to be successfully prosecuted for the dangerous and illegal flying of an unmanned aircraft. Robert Knowles was found to have flown the device in restricted airspace over a nuclear submarine facility, as well as allowing the device to fly too close to a vehicle bridge. Both offences breached the UK's Air Navigation Order. Mr Knowles, of Barrow-in-Furness, was found guilty on Tuesday 1 April 2014 and fined £800 at Furness and District Magistrate Court following the prosecution by the UK Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), who said the case raised important safety issues concerning recreational flying of unmanned aircraft. The CAA was also awarded costs of £3,500.

On 25 August 2013, the Court heard, an unmanned aircraft (UAV) was recovered from water near to a submarine testing facility in Barrow-in-Furness, operated by the defence company, BAE Systems. Analysis by the police of video footage taken from a camera fitted to the device subsequently revealed that during its flight it had skimmed over the busy Jubilee Bridge over Walney Chanel, well within the legally permitted 50 metres separation distance required. The UAV had also flown through restricted airspace around the nuclear submarine facility before it inadvertently landed in the water.

Mr Knowles admitted to building the device himself and operating it on the day in question. He was charged with:

- Flying a small unmanned surveillance aircraft within 50 metres of a structure (Article 167 of the Air Navigation Order 2009).
- Flying over a nuclear installation (Regulation 3(2) of the Air Navigation (Restriction of Flying)(Nuclear Installations) Regulations 2007).

The CAA said the conviction sent a message to recreational users of UAVs that the devices are subject to aviation safety rules.

The conviction of Robert Knowles follows the recent case of a photographer from Lancashire accepting a caution for using a UAV for commercial gain without permission. The photographer had sold footage of a school fire taken from his quadcopter to media organisations, even though he did not have authority from the CAA to operate the device commercially. Anyone using unmanned aircraft for 'aerial work' requires a 'permission' from the CAA to ensure safety standards are being adhered to and the operator is fully covered by indemnity insurance.

Civil Aviation Authority - 2 April 2014

(There is a lot more on the use of UAVs in the current BMFA News)

Mike Winston

Concours Competition 2014 Results

	1st	2nd	3rd
Scale (Frank White Cup)	Graham Stone - Mosquito	Charles Ward – Auster AOP.9	Jon Harper – Nieuport 17
Sport	= 1 st Iain Hodgson – GB Racer	= 1 st Alan Bristow-Chippy	Mike Winston – Capiche 50
Project	Guy Pickett-Jones – Focker D.VIII	Jon Harper - Sea Fury	Mitch Mabbutt – Super Cub
ARTF	Ken Beachus - SE5A	Daren Brand - P-47 Thunderbolt	Brian Seymour - Hurricane
Glider	Dick Edmonds - Pterodactyl	Guy Pickett-Jones – 2m Electric Glider	Roger Aslett – Number 9
Helicopter	Roger Aslett – Number 9	-	-

Concours Competition 2014 Results (continued)

Junior (Pete Ward Trophy)	Luke Chadbone – Focker D.VII		
Best Model in Show (Concours Trophy)	Graham Stone – Mosquito		



Free Model

The club has been given a nearly completed Cessna-152 model, made from a Pilot Kit. Wingspan is 55” and it includes an OS25 2 stroke engine with in-cowl exhaust. The fuselage needs covering and probably the wing. It is pretty much complete although one spat is missing and the engine will need some freeing up.

Model is offered free to the first person to contact me and collect it.

Mike Winston 07545 229996



WWI Flying Display

I am pleased to announce that we are going to have a WW1 flying display at Carrington Primary School playing field on August 17th this year.

Your committee is starting detailed planning in the next few days and we hope that all club members will help us make this a memorable event. I will give you more detail next month.

Alan Bristow

RC Model Holidays

We recently received the following and thought that it may be of interest. It's a very nice part of the Country but otherwise we know nothing about the offering.

My name is John Gibbs and I'm based on a farm in Derbyshire. I have had over 30 years of experience in most aspects of rc modelling.

My wife, Sue, and I have also offered holiday accommodation on the farm for over 20 years. Last year we decided to combine our skills and experience and offer holidays in Derbyshire with additional flying tuition to novice flyers.

I am insured with the BMFA and I am also a member of Amber Valley Flying Club where I am an instructor. Last year we had a number of bookings and everyone who stayed seemed well pleased with their holiday. Promoting what we have to offer is proving more difficult so we thought a brief email to a few flying clubs may be a way of letting others know where we are based and what we can offer. I enjoy helping newcomers into the hobby and feel I have sufficient experience to help with both technology and skills.

I have a designated flying field with large mown runway and regularly offer lessons to local flyers on a buddy lead system. The field is moderately close to housing so we only allow electric flying. All our details can be found on rcmodelholidays.co.uk and brunhouse.co.uk

First and foremost we want to offer a good value holiday in Derbyshire to couples or singles and to achieve this we are offering a discount on our list prices as follows:

Room only for up to 7 nights with self service breakfast- £250 (Double occupancy) -£200 (Single occupancy)

Accommodation is in a spacious en suite room (king size bed) in the main farmhouse, which was fully refurbished in 2012. Guests also have their own dining room which is equipped with a fridge, kettle, toaster and microwave oven.

Flying tuition will be on a 'pay as you go' basis (£10 per hour)

More experienced flyers are also welcome to stay though flying is restricted to hours when I can be in the field also.

Alternatively, if you prefer not to stay, I also offer day courses for complete beginners and improvers. A place on one of the day courses costs £60 and includes all refreshments and lunch.

Please check out our websites for more details and feel free to contact us with any queries or questions.

We are happy to provide genuine testimonials from previous guests, if required.

Kind regards,

John Gibbs

(Tel: 07984 770419) bookings@brunfarm.co.uk

Visit to Met. Police Air Support Unit

A report on this very successful visit will appear in the next Newsletter. Grateful thanks to Gareth for arranging it.

Exam Day at Flackwell Heath

To all of you who have been meaning to take your A test but never quite got around to it – now is your chance! On June 1st, weather permitting, we will have two examiners at Flackwell Heath eager to conduct A tests in both fixed wing and helicopter. With 2 examiners present they should also be able to conduct B tests. There are a number of you who are experienced fixed wing or helicopter A flyers who should be capable of passing the B test so why not take that extra step and give it a go.

For further details contact Jonathan Harper on 07958 051464.

For information about the A and B tests see <http://www.bmfa.org>

Mike Winston / Alan Bristow

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				
Jonathan	Harper *	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. *Club Training Co-ordinator

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	Vacant	
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
28 May	Work and Play Evening at Flackwell
24 June	WW1 Flying Event at Flackwell
5 July	Possible Gala at Flackwell
23 July	Scale flying at Chinnor
17 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