



*Season's Greetings*



*The Committee wish all Club Members  
the very best for Christmas  
and a Happy New Year.*

Please note that there is no club meeting in December or January.

**T**he next Club event will be the traditional

**NEW YEAR'S DAY FLY-IN**

at the Flackwell field. Come along from late morning and try out that nice new plane that you got for Christmas. Or if you haven't actually built it yet just come along and brag about it anyway. Why not bring your wives, husbands, girlfriends, boyfriends, partners or friends (does that cover it?) and work up an appetite for later. There may possibly even be a barbeque, some mince pies, soup maybe and tea and coffee available.

**Subscriptions Are Due**

The subscription rates for the coming year are set out below:



	Club Subscription	BMFA Fee	Total
Senior	£78	£33	£111
Junior	£16	£17	£33
Family Junior	£16	£13	£29



**Remember that if your BMFA subscription has not been received by 31st December then you will not be insured to fly from 1st January, 2016. If, therefore, you have not yet paid your subscriptions then please send them directly to the Membership Rep, Mike Winston at the address below, as soon as possible so that he can send them on to the BMFA.**

Make cheques payable to HWDMAC and include an A5 stamped addressed reply envelope, as you will also receive the new Club Rules book, and a note of your e-mail address if you have one.

**Send to: Mr M Winston, 22, Disraeli Crescent, High Wycombe, Bucks. HP13 5EJ**

If you decide you do not wish to renew your membership then please let Mike know and return your Flackwell gate key so that we can refund your deposit.

### Future Club Meetings

Formal Club meetings will continue to be at the Royal British Legion, Common Road, Flackwell Heath next year. Meetings will generally be on the 4th Monday of the month except in March, when it would coincide with Easter, and except for the on-field meetings will start at 8.00 pm. The dates are shown below and the programme will, as usual, be printed on the back page. Note that there is no meeting planned for January or December, 2016.

February	22nd	Thursday not Monday
March	24th	
April	25th	
May	23rd	Flackwell Field Chinnor Field
June	27th	
July	25th	
August	22nd	
September	26th	
October	24th	AGM
November	28th	

The Committee will also be meeting at the same location and will generally be meeting on the first Monday of the month except in May and again will not be meeting in January or December.

Committee meeting dates	February	1st	March	7th	April	4th
	May	9th	June	6th	July	4th
	August	1st	September	5th	October	3rd
	November	7th				

There is plenty of free parking at or near the British Legion, but remember that Common Road is one way.

### Drones for Presents

Dear fellow aviators,

Christmas is nearly upon us and no doubt lots of you (or maybe family or friends) will be thinking of buying a 'drone' as a present.

Those of us who fly model aircraft will already be aware of how dangerous propellers are and that having an aircraft with many rotors is even more dangerous!

In response to the rapid increase in drone sales, the BMFA and the CAA have just launched a new website called <http://droneaware.org/>

Please take some time to visit this site and read up on the laws concerning the use of drones even if you don't intent to fly one yourself. The reason that I'm asking you to do this is that if you are asked, you can at least pass on some useful information so that we don't have any accidents like the one that happened to 18 month old Oscar Webb:-

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-34936739>

With people buying drones for Christmas, it is important to bring the message to everyone's attention. So please, fly safe, don't be an idiot and know the rules!

Here also is a leaflet that you might want to keep a copy of. Just in case :- <http://droneaware.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Drone-Aware-Leaflet.pdf>

Regards,

Mitch.



## Hamper Championships 2015



Despite rescheduling the competition due to bad weather, the glorious blue skies with graceful wafts of air from the West that make the Flackwell strip a joy to fly were still a long way from the damp and foggy conditions that greeted us. Luckily there wasn't much in the way of wind but what there was came from the South East. The new competition format includes a spot landing discipline so a landing direction had to be defined and, despite the tail wind, most folk decided that landing uphill was still preferable to landing downhill.

The aim of the competition this year was to fly two sets of two circuits in identical times and then perform an accurate landing. There is plenty of assistance with a timer and a caller stood next to the pilot and two flag men, one at each end of the circuit.

First up was Glyn flying his Venus 40, to the delight of the crowd he was making his turns at the ends of the circuit by performing a spilt 'S'. All was going well until the 2nd run when, at the West end, the Venus skewed right with a high speed tip stall which, although skilfully recovered whist dodging the trees, added precious time to the run. Glyn's woes didn't end there as the same thing happened on the following turn at the East end, although no tree dodging was necessary, and an aborted landing meant that there were no landing points to be had.

Graham was up next with his Wot he made the turn at the end of the allow for a re-launch between runs landing Graham made his 2nd run a second. A nice landing gave him 2 suitably high.



4, no dramas on the first run but as run his engine cut. The rules do and following a nice dead-stick with a time difference of little over bonus points which set the standard

Next to fly, and for the first time in Bristow with a Uno Wot. The pace only graceful and elegant but bang on the money scoring a maximum 3 bonus points.

a while, was former chairman Alan was steady but the landing was not

Daren took to the pilots box flying a nicely finished white model with purple trim which, at the ends of the circuit left just the purple trim visible. This clearly didn't do him any harm as he set a time difference of 0.37 seconds and he also picked up a bonus point for landing.

Emil wasn't going to let poor visibility deter him from taking the challenge with his P47 but an engine cut on the climb out sent his chances of winning up the swanee. Despite the gentlest of landings the ploughed field took a heavy toll on the undercarriage and the P47 would have been a bit tricky to hand launch.

I was up next with the trusty electric Acro-Wot and despite my best efforts I couldn't beat Daren's time.

Glider competition veteran Guy chose to take the challenge with his electric Wot-4 rather than one of his trusty gliders. Despite the West end flag marshal not seeing the plane on the 2nd lap an almighty time difference of 0.06s was posted, all he needed next was to ace the spot landing, sadly, an over enthusiastic approach angle left the landing to be deemed a "Face Plant" with the undercarriage departing the airframe.



Bruce was the only competitor to take the challenge with a glider and fair play, from the West end flag I had enough trouble spotting the predominantly white airframe approaching. The other tricky point with using a thermal glider is that the throttle is on a switch and they are designed to climb with the power on and there wasn't anything visible beyond 100' altitude so Bruce employed a series of motor bursts to get the glider round.

The favourite, as usual, was Jonathan with his Escapade. His laps were completed at a very respectable pace with crowd pleasing high yo-yo turns. Landings were made tricky by the fog shortening the approach and the tail wind landing pushing the planes up the strip and the Escapade wafted on a bit but not too far for a landing bonus.

With the flying over it was time to get the calculators out, the new format of including a landing bonus really added an extra dimension to the competition bumping some pilots up the order and others down. The scoring left a tie for first place and a tie for third place and following lengthy discussions, influenced by the fog closing in ever more tightly, it was decided to leave the tie breaker to a coin toss. The prizes on offer were excellent with high quality food and beverages, each of the hampers could easily sustain a family of four for a week in fine style. Thanks to Malcolm for putting them together. *[I suppose that means I have to do them again next year. Ed.]*



Overall it was a nice Winter get-together at the field with weather giving us the opportunity for a flight in conditions which most of us wouldn't normally consider flying in. Most of us brought our planes home without damage and those that did suffer won't have too much trouble getting the planes airworthy again. To top it all off we had delicious soup and bread to sustain and warm us.

Well done to all of the competitors, thanks to Daren for getting us organised, the volunteer flag men and callers for saving us from losing our planes in the fog. Special thanks to John Quelch and his wife for the bread and soup.

**Brian Seymour**

Position	Pilot	Time Score	Landing Score	Total
1st	Guy	10	0	10
2nd	Daren	9	1	10
3rd	Brian	8	1	9
4th	Graham	7	2	9
5th	Alan	5	3	8
6th	Jonathan	6	1	7
7th	Bruce	4	1	5
8th	Glyn	3	0	3
9th	Emil	DNF	DNF	0



2nd Place -Daren



1st place - Guy



3rd Place - Brian



*Grateful thanks to Roger Aslett and Ian Scottow for providing the photographs. Ed.*

## 2015 Annual General Meeting Report

(Note: These are not the Minutes of the AGM, those will be published with the January Newsletter.)

This was the first AGM to be held at the new meeting venue so things were a bit experimental. Being greeted at the door by John and immediately asked to sign in and then being given our free raffle ticket and list of dates for 2016 worked well. The food was tempting but John guarded it from avaricious hands. The seating arrangements could be better but at least the tables provide somewhere to put beer glasses.

Steve Berry opened the meeting and confirmed that we had a quorum and then gave us his review of the year which was all very positive. His report also covered notes from the Secretary as Andy could not be with us. He was followed by John Compton with a review of the Club finances which again was suitably positive. There were cheers when John announced that there would be no increase in Club fees for 2016 although BMFA fees were going up by £1. However, this was thought to be acceptable considering the improved insurance service.



Mike Winston flooded us with statistics about membership, but basically the Club now has 2 more members than last year, a total of 127, despite 18 not rejoining. Most of the 20 new members were leads from the web site.

The food was beckoning so we now started to trot through some of the remaining reports. Jonathan confirmed that the Training Policy was now in place and was working with the new flyers although formal syllabuses had still to be developed. He also drew attention to the yellow label facility for pilots approaching their "A" test who, under certain limited conditions, were allowed to practice without direct supervision. Jon then mentioned the Winter Warbird Build where several members were building similar kits and sharing experiences. Brian confirmed that the Flackwell field was in good shape although still a bit bumpy despite the use of the heavy roller. There was no formal report on the Chinnor field. I said that very little feedback about the Newsletter was forthcoming although when asked almost everyone confirmed that they read and enjoyed it. Ian said much the same about the web site and other communications and had a similar response.



Daren was now dragged from his chair to report on competitions and other events. He apologised for the shortage of events during the year, reminding us that the weather was not helpful, but promised more activity next year. Daren was very clear that flyers thinking that they were not good enough were wrong and everyone, if they could fly, was good enough to have a go and hoped to see many more doing so in future.

Mitch reported on his first year as the BMFA Rep. This was a lively few minutes covering, amongst other things, the ongoing saga of the National Centre and the rise in interest in multi-rotor aircraft. John Quelch then rounded up this part of the Agenda and moved us on to the next item.

The next item was the presentation of trophies from the Concours competition earlier in the year. This was covered at the time so I am going to skip over it now. We must not, however, skip the most important presentation of **Club Member of the Year** who this year was **Ken Beachus**. Ken, along with his wife Loraine, had provided very good catering at Club events and those of us who enjoyed them were very grateful.

And so on to the election of next year's Committee. Most of the outgoing Committee Members had agreed to stand again for election and were duly voted back in. However, we did have to find a new Secretary and Chinnor Rep. and after a plea for volunteers Brian and Gavin stepped forward and were duly elected. The full list of Committee Members is on the back page.

This ended the formal part of the evening and we were released to enjoy the food and convivial chat. Many thanks to all those who worked to make the evening a success.



Malcolm Connell

### Karting Night Winter 2016

Following the last episode of fun, calamity & exhilaration of heading into a hairpin downhill at 60mph with your backside 2" off the ground, we have provisionally booked the next karting night on Tuesday 9th February. Race format will be 5min qualifying & 45min dash to the line on the full 2 tier track, price is £44 (discounted 20% from £55) and includes pizza and drinks after the race. To get your name on the entry list email Jonathan carosel43@hotmail.com or Brian b.s.toolbox@btinternet.com.



For a write-up on the previous event see the November Newsletter.

### Winter Warbird Build

It has been a few weeks now since the article on the winter warbird build went out and we received a fair bit of interest at the AGM with 2 more confirmed participants bringing the confirmed total up to 8 with 3 or 4 more still on the fence . We have also received our first batch of kits which have been collected by their excited owners who promptly disappeared into their kit boxes for a good nose around.

For all those still undecided on which model they would like to make, or if they wish to participate at all can I please have final decisions and orders (if you want a warbird replicas kit) by **Friday 18th December** so we can get our orders placed and the kits manufactured to ensure that they are ready for collection by early January. If you feel you need more time to consider what you want to do then that is no problem as building is not likely to start until February and there is no deadline for joining. Please be aware however this is the last opportunity to receive the 10% discount as the kit manufacturer can only afford to do this if we order kits in batches.

Our two new participants are Simon Knight and Charles Ward. Both have gone for the 57" La7 from Warbirds which will go together well with the Yaks ordered by Brian, Guy and Graham. During the build we plan to communicate to make sure we all have unique paint jobs, and with the variety of versions of the Yak and La7 (or La5) there are plenty of choices. For those feeling more patriotic the Spitfire and Hurricane are also excellent choices.

If anyone wishes to contact me my email is carosel43@hotmail.com (please title the email 'winter build' so my junkmail wont eat it) and my mobile is 07958 051464.

Jon Harper

### Space wanted

Daren would like to hear from anyone in the High Wycombe area with space in a garage that could house a motor bike for the winter, or longer, and would be prepared to rent it to him. If you can help please call Daren on 07732 229762 or email brand.daren@gmail.com.

### Committee Members for 2015

Office	Name
Chairman	Stephen Berry
Deputy Chairman	John Quelch
Treasurer	John Compton
Secretary	Brian Seymour
Membership Secretary	Mike Winston
Competition Rep	Daren Brand
Training Rep	Jonathan Harper
Flackwell Rep	Ron Spencer
Chinnor Rep	Gavin Compton
BFMA & Safety Rep	Mitch Mabbutt
Newsletter Editor	Malcolm Connell
Web Site and Communications	Ian Scottow



### Meetings and Events in 2016

Date	Event
22 February	Talk - Speaker and subject to be advised
24 March	tba - <i>Note: Date is a Thursday</i>
25 April	Possibly Concours
23 May	Talk - Speaker and subject to be advised
27 June	At Flackwell Field
25 July	At Chinnor Field
22 August	tba
26 September	tba
24 October	Talk - Speaker and subject to be advised
28 November	AGM and Subs payment

