

The next club meeting will be

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2016*

*in the Royal British Legion,*

*Common Road*

*Flackwell Heath*

*HP10 9NS*

*At 8.00 pm*

and will be

the ever popular

# Concourse Competition

**B**ring along those projects that you have been working on during the long winter months and let everyone admire them. You could even win a prize for doing so. Every year we hear people saying that they could have won, so come and show us. Remember "You have to be in it to win it." Entries can be finished or unfinished (although should be a bit more than just the kit in it's box), flown or un-flown. Members will use their impeccable judgement to decide the best in each category and the Committee members present will consult the runes to determine the overall Best in Show.

We are trying a few changes this year so there are five categories of model:

ARTF, Scratch Build, Own Design, Project and Club Winter Build.

Within the limits of the category definitions you can decide which category you wish to enter. If you are in any doubt then the Committee will determine the category for you.

Every member present is entitled to vote using their own criteria.

More details and rules are overleaf.

Last year's overall winner



The rules are basically the same as before but there are a few minor differences to accommodate helicopters and multi-rotor aircraft..

<b>Concourse Competition Rules</b>
Only paid up members may enter.
Last year's 1st place winning planes are excluded from competing in the same category.
ARTF models are defined as having the fuselage or body, and wings if appropriate, if built up, purchased already fully assembled and, if appropriate, covered or painted; foam models are ARTF; foam-winged aircraft bought with covered or painted fuselage are ARTF. All others are eligible for other classes and will be judged according to the design/building content and quality.
Incomplete aircraft are Projects.
Gliders with or without motor assistance are just aircraft as are helicopters and multi-copters.
Only models built as part of the Winter Build Project are eligible to enter that category.
Each model must have an information sheet detailing the proportion of constructional involvement by the entrant and any additional information that might affect the judging. A format has already been distributed and is also being sent out with this Newsletter.
The committee reserves the right not to award a trophy if, in their opinion, the standard of entries in a particular category does not merit an award.

Please come early enough to set up.

## **Driving on the Fields**

### **Flackwell**

**P**lease note that so long as it is not wet and soft you are allowed to drive down the path to the flying area at the Flackwell Field, but only to the end of the path. You must then unload, turn in as small an area as possible and return your car to the car park. Unfortunately we now have some tyre tracks running past the flagpole and then round in a loop behind the pilots box and back to the path. This is not a one time occurrence, it looks like 2 or 3 sets of tracks doing the same thing. They are fairly recent marks. Although there is no damage to the strip yet these things tend to get out of hand. Please stick to the Club Rules. Note that there is a special dispensation for our disabled or otherwise mobility impaired members and if you think that this may apply to you then please contact Steve Berry.

### **Chinnor**

**W**ill members please note that the car sign permitting cars to drive to the flying area is for **cars only** not vans full of equipment or other stuff. The farmer was justifiably upset recently when he had to tow such a van out of the way. The incident has also left a muddy mess in the gateway. Please do not put use of the facility at risk.

## Club Nights

Here are some details about future Club Meetings so that you can start preparing now. This is particularly relevant to the September meeting.

### August 2016 - new date Sunday 21st 3:00pm (time to be confirmed) - Chuckie Challenge

Back to basics for the August club meeting with a test of model design, construction, and flying with a chuck glider competition. Folk of my generation and earlier (*I'm much earlier - Ed.*) will be in with a shout of remembering traditional chuck gliders with a balsa stick fuselage and solid balsa wings and tail feathers. The challenge is to design, build, and fly one that will stay aloft longer than anyone else's. Timings are to be confirmed but it is anticipated that there will be an hour or so for designing, building, trimming and subsequently repairing the models followed by a thrilling series of head-to-head fly-off's which will determine the Chuckie Challenge Champion. The club will supply balsa strip for the fuselage and a sheet of balsa to cut the wings and tail from, cutting mats, modelling knives, glue, abrasives and nose weight will also be supplied - all you will ever need to create a mini soaring masterpiece. The design will be entirely up to each competitor, some or all of the supplied balsa can be used but no more. If all that wasn't enough you even get to keep your creation which you can take home to show off to your loved ones.



### September 2016 - HWDMAC Multi-Media Masters Photo and Video Competition

Showcase your camera skills and maybe get a trophy for your aviation photos and videos with the all new club competition. Displaying and judging will held at the September club night so there is plenty of time to get the camera settings dialled in to capture the

sheer majesty of model and full size aviation marvels.

Photos will be entered into separate categories for model and full size subjects, there will be a category for edited photos and further category for video clips. A full description of the competition and judging categories will be included in the next newsletter, in the meantime have fun with photography.



Brian Seymour

## Did you see...

Every month RCM&E are awarding a cap to the owner of a model on their Pilots' Pictorial Epage. Brian Seymour's Macchi c.202 appeared in the April issue but did not win. Very nice picture by Jon though.

Our Chairman has been testing the quad-copter that he has built and some video shot on an early test flight showing nice views of Chinnor Hill Quarry (!) Can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nK4RjF7i4Mw> . Nice aerial selfie.



## Club Competition Representative

Regretfully Daren Brand has had to step down from his position on the Committee as Competition Rep' due to pressures of work and not being able to spend as much time as an active Committee member as he would like to. So, as this is mid-term and not wanting to burden everyone with an EGM to nominate and elect a new representative, I wondered if there were any volunteers amongst you that would like to contribute in this way.

The task will not be too difficult because the dates for events this year are already in the diary, but your involvement would mean the following-

1. Attendance at Committee meetings, the first Monday of the month, starting at 8pm and normally over by 9:30pm
2. Setting a "relaxed / informal agenda" for the event days, which Jon Harper and I can help you with.

Therefore the challenge isn't difficult, just some time and thought needed and if you enjoy this involvement, then you could make a decision as to whether you want to remain in post by election at the next AGM.

Please respond to me directly at [steve9pr@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:steve9pr@yahoo.co.uk) should you be interested.

Thanks & kind regards

Steve

## And Now for Something Completely Different!

So you have spent Sunday morning at the field and enjoyed a couple of hours flying and comradely exchanges with like minded friends. And now your partner, children, girl/boy-friend wants to know how you are going to entertain them for the afternoon.

Well, how about a visit to a local water mill? On the 15<sup>th</sup> May Pann Mill on the Rye will be having an open day in association with the High Wycombe Society.

This is the only working mill on the River Wye and was restored from the remains of the old Georgian mill demolished in 1971. It is fully working and, water levels and machinery permitting, will be producing stone ground flour from locally grown wheat.

There will be book, bric-a-brac and other stalls in the mill garden and refreshments are available. Come and see a bit of local heritage (there has been a mill on the site for over 900 years) and be lulled by the gentle rumble of some old Victorian machinery. It probably produces a bit more power than a Laser 240.

If you cannot get to our mill then, as it is National Mills Weekend, many other mills will also be open; try Lacey Green Windmill.

Malcolm Connell



If you are involved with an alternative organisation that is holding a special event that needs publicity then feel free to contact the Editor. His decision on what to publish is absolute and will be subject to space being available, possible interest to Members and the size of bribe offered. 😊

## Coming Up

We had hoped to have a visit in May from Warbird Replicas, the company who provided the kits for the Winter Build project. Unfortunately this will not be happening and an alternative entertainment will be organised. However, if you would like to see how some of the builders are getting on then go to

<http://www.modelflying.co.uk/forums/postings.asp?th=114217&p=1> and be amazed. Better still come to the next Club Meeting and see some of the results in reality.

Note that the meeting scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> July at the Chinnor field has been cancelled and replaced with the Summer Gala. More details in a future Newsletter.

Apart from it being a Tuesday, the inaugural Warbird Wednesday of 2016 went very well with the breeze dropping just nicely for us. It was certainly a treat to see Graham's Bronco, Jonathan's LA doesn't disappoint and, although not strictly a Warbird, Roger's Middle Phase 2 Twin engine conversion had a few nifty bits and flew very well. The light was excellent until ~7:30pm when a cloud obscured the Sun but that didn't stop Jonathan flying until 8:00pm - well past visual o'clock for me.

Roll on the next Warbird Wednesday which is Wednesday 4th May. Official UK sunset time will be 8:30pm so it should be good for a couple of hours flying. Brian

## Committee Members for 2016

Office	Name	E-mail	Telephone
Chairman	Stephen Berry	Data removed for Web publishing	
Deputy Chairman	John Quelch		
Treasurer	John Compton		
Secretary	Brian Seymour		
Membership Secretary	Mike Winston		
Competition Rep			
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
10 (or 17) April	Spring Fly-In
25 April	Concours Competition
15 (or 22) May	Fun-Fly, Skills and Tricks
23 May	Talk - Speaker and subject to be advised
27 June	At Flackwell Field
17 (or 24) July	Summer Gala
21 August	Chuckie Challenge at Flackwell Field
26 September	Photo Competition
24 October	Talk - Speaker and subject to be advised
28 November	AGM and Subs payment