



*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 some mince pies, soup maybe and tea and coffee available.

### **Subscriptions Are Due**

The main 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 <i>Child of a senior member</i>	£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, 2017. 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 a stamped addressed reply envelope for your membership cards, 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

There will continue to be an organised meeting every month next year. However, as explained at the recent AGM, there will not be as many at the Royal British Legion as in previous years since they are clearly becoming less popular. More meetings will, therefore, be held at the flying fields. The dates of arranged meetings and events are shown below and the programme will continue to be printed on the back page of the Newsletter. Note that there is no meeting planned for January, 2017 other than the New Year's Day Fly-In.

### Field Meetings.

Date	Location	Competition ?	Theme
1 <sup>st</sup> January	Flackwell		New Year's Day Fly-in
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Flackwell	Yes	Fun Fly Events
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Flackwell	Yes	Scale Competition
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Flackwell		Flackwell Field Meeting
30 <sup>th</sup> July	Towersey	Yes	Chuckie Challenge
20 <sup>th</sup> August	Flackwell		Gala Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Flackwell	Yes	Hamper Competition

Just because a competition is shown does not mean that there will be no general flying. If you want to fly but not join in the organised event then come along regardless and you will surely be able to fit in. You may even decide to join the event anyway.

### RBL Meetings

Date	Competition ?	Theme
27 <sup>th</sup> February		Talk
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Yes	Concours
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Yes	Photo/Video Competition
23 <sup>rd</sup> October		Talk
27 <sup>th</sup> November		AGM

The Committee will also be meeting at the Royal British Legion 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	6th	March	6th	April	3rd
	May	8th	June	5th	July	3rd
	August	7th	September	4th	October	2nd
	November	6th				

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

## AGM Minutes

Distributed with this Newsletter are the Minutes of the Club Annual General Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November. Following the business of the AGM there was a buffet, collection of 2017 Subs and presentations of trophies.

## A Low Pass

Found by Jon, this flight is clearly over the pilot's box <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPtYo7pYUyY>. Now you know the Russian for "What the \*\*\*\* was that?" Watch the chap on the far side of the strip.

There's another selection of Russian nutters here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v1-QRF4kMxI> and they're not all in the aircraft! This one's interesting <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xb9rcMjiCPM>. I'd like to see them do that on the M40. Yes, I know it was done on the M1 once but that was a Harrier and long ago before the days of central crash barriers, 5 mile road works and pot-holes.



## 2016 HWDMAC Christmas Hamper Competition

Well what a lovely day. The sun shone on the 2016 hamper competition, which meant the Sun was directly in front of the pilot's box down at Flackwell – you just can't win can you! From 11.30am to 12.30pm planes were being set-up and tested with pilots using a mix of the provided bomb drop units and some with their own, with six competitors taking part from the start with a seventh joining in for the last two rounds.

After discussion with the pilots and due to the low winter sun it was agreed that the target would go directly in the middle of the strip in front of the pilot's box. With your approach being above the sun you would be at the agreed bombing height of approximately 40 feet. The target comprised of a 3-ring target. The inner ring of 4m diameter scored 5pts, the middle ring scored 3pts and the outer ring scoring 2pts. The wind was easterly which was good as it meant bombing runs could take place easily down the length of the strip, and although breezy the wind was fairly consistent.



The competitors were alerted to the start of the competition with the sounds of the Dam Busters Theme wafting across the flying field – a

nice touch if I do say so myself! - So, with the running order agreed Graham Stone was first to go but missed the target. David Von Gerard was next and scored 2pts with his bomb landing in the outer ring. Mike Winston followed with his bomb almost landing in the next field, then Jon Harper landing his first bomb into the outer ring getting himself 2pts as well.

Next was Daren Brand who must



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have misread the title of the competition as Kamikaze Dive Bomb Christmas Hamper Competition. Sadly, although his bombing run scored him a worthy 3pts, so good a bomb drop was it that he watched the bomb and forgot his plane which crashed in monumental style and would not fly again.



*Gone*

Brian Seymour was last to fly in round 1 and released his bomb too early scoring himself 0pts.

The second round was flown in the same order with the only pilot to hit the target being Jon. So at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round Jon led with a total of 4pts and, despite lacking an airframe from which to release another bomb, Darren was still holding 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 3pts, David was 3<sup>rd</sup> with 2pts and the rest yet to score.

It was at this point we decide to take a break, to be followed by a further two rounds, and warm ourselves with the soup and bread kindly provided by John Quelch and his wife. You can't beat some good old Tomato soup to warm yourself up and greatly received it was too.

Unfortunately, during the break Graham carried out a test flight and damaged his under carriage on landing so was also unable to continue in the competition, however numbers had increased as well with the arrival of Mark Seymour who was able to fly in the last two rounds.

Round three saw Jon and Brian score points with another 2ps for Jon and a great run seeing Brian get 3pts. So with only the final round left Jon maintained his lead with 6pts, Brian and Darren were now drawn on 3pts for second with David now in 4<sup>th</sup> with 2pts.

The final round only saw Jon score with his accuracy improving and getting 3pts for hitting the middle ring which also meant that only having flown once Darren was still in a podium position!



Not that it ultimately made much difference this time but it had been stated that if we were able to fly 4 or more rounds the worst score would be dropped so the final placings were ....

Position	Pilot	Total points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jon Harper	7
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brian Seymour	3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daren Brand	3
4 <sup>th</sup>	David von Gerand	2
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Winston	0
6 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Stone	0
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Seymour	0

For those paying attention, although Brian and Darren scored equally, Brian was given second due to flying out all rounds.

Mr Consistency was Jon who scored in all four rounds, however the Determination Award goes to David, not only damaging three props during the rounds, but on his third bombing run his plane went dead-stick on approach, but did he panic? No he didn't, and in fact he continued with the run, releasing his bomb only just missing the target, and performed a more than acceptable dead-stick landing.

Overall it was a good fun competition and although it would have been nice to have more take part, all those that entered (on time!) walked away with a prize and we had a good turnout of spectators to watch the fun unfold and share in the banter so all in all a good day was had by everyone. Those who did take part said how much they enjoyed it with one or two taking a bomb drop unit away with them for some practice. Considering future events I will be looking to run this event at one of the Fun Fly-In's or Summer Gala coming up in the new year so watch this space for further details.

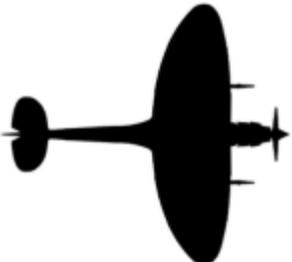
So all that is left for me to say now is, thanks to Malcolm for providing the fantastic hampers and bottles of wine, John Quelch and his wife for running the essential soup kitchen and have a very Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year,

Guy





**A little quiz for Christmas.** In each case identify the aircraft silhouette. Steve Berry  
Answers on back page.

<p><b>1</b></p> 	<p>a. Bristol Beaufighter b. Supermarine Spitfire c. De Havilland Hornet</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> 	<p>a. Hawker Hurricane b. Hawker Tempest c. Hawker Typhoon</p>
<p><b>3</b></p> 	<p>a. B-17 Flying Fortress b. B-29 Superfortress c. B-24 Liberator</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> 	<p>a. Curtiss P-40 Warhawk b. Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-3 c. Messerschmidt Bf-109</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> 	<p>a. Handley Page Halifax b. Avro Lancaster c. Vickers Wellington</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> 	<p>a. Messerschmidt Bf 110 b. Junkers Ju-88 c. Lockheed P-38 Lightning</p>
<p><b>7</b></p> 	<p>a. Bristol Beaufighter b. Northrop P-61 Black Widow c. De Havilland Mosquito</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> 	<p>a. Hawker Tornado b. Hawker Typhoon c. Hawker Tempest</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> 	<p>a. North American P-51 Mustang b. Grumman F6F Hellcat c. Vought F4U Corsair</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> 	<p>a. Heinkel He-112 b. Focke-Wulf Fw-190 c. Grumman F4F Wildcat</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> 	<p>a. Lockheed Ventura b. B-26 Marauder c. B-25 Mitchell</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> 	<p>a. Yakovlev Yak-9 b. Mitsubishi A6M "Zero" c. Mitsubishi J2M "Jack"</p>
<p><b>13</b></p> 	<p>a. Junkers Ju-87 b. Junkers Ju-88 c. Junkers Ju-86</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> 	<p>a. Gloster Meteor b. Messerschmidt Me-262 c. Lockheed P-80 Shooting Star</p>



**Quiz Answers.** Sorry, no prize, but if you got them all right you can have a real feel good moment.

1 Supermarine Spitfire	2 Hawker Hurricane
3 B-17 Flying Fortress	4 Messerschmidt Bf-109
5 Avro Lancaster	6 Lockheed P-38 Lightning
7 De Havilland Mosquito	8 Hawker Typhoon
9 North American P-51 Mustang	10 Focke-Wulf Fw-190
11 B-25 Mitchell	12 Mitsubishi A6M "Zero"
13 Junkers Ju-87	14 Messerschmidt Me-262

**Field reminder**

Please note that the field is not suitable for driving cars down the path until the ground dries out. Use common sense here - If there is a large pool of water prior to the field to negotiate, it is not safe or appropriate. Likewise, if it's been raining for the previous 3 days, it's likely the ground is water-logged. **Note that if you get stuck, the Farmer will not pull you out** (well probably not without a sizable incentive). Additionally, it ruins the grass on path and in the pits. The Club tries to maintain the field to as high a standard as possible, so please consider other Users (and the man who cuts the grass). Action will be taken with offenders ( I hope you know how to sow grass seed) *Jan*

**Committee Members for 2017**

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Chairman	Stephen Berry
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Membership Secretary	Mike Winston
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Flackwell Rep	Ron Spencer
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**Meetings and Events in 2017**

Date	Day	Event	Location
1 January	Sunday	New Year's Day Fly-In	Flackwell
27 February	Monday	Talk - Speaker and subject to be advised	RBL
26 March	Sunday	Fun Fly	Flackwell
24 April	Monday	Concours	RBL
21 May	Sunday	Scale Contest	Flackwell
26 June	Monday	At Flackwell Field	Flackwell
30 July	Sunday	Chuckie Challenge	Towersey
20 August	Sunday	Summer Gala	Flackwell
25 September	Monday	Multi-Media Masters	RBL
23 October	Monday	Talk - Speaker and subject to be advised	RBL
27 November	Monday	AGM and Subs payment	RBL

