



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

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

The 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. Or bring your own and use the Club House facilities.



### Subscriptions

The subscription rates as agreed at the AGM for the coming year are set out below:



	Club Subscription	BMFA Fee	Total
Senior	£78	£34	£112
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, 2018. If, therefore, you have not yet paid your subscriptions then please send them directly to the Membership Sec. Mike Winston at the address below, as soon as possible so that he can send them on to the BMFA. If you pay your BMFA subscription direct then please confirm this when you pay your Club fee.**

Make cheques payable to HWDMAC and include a C5 (A5 size) stamped addressed reply envelope for return of your Membership card and other papers.

Please include a note of your e-mail address if you have one.

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



## 2017 Christmas Hamper Competition

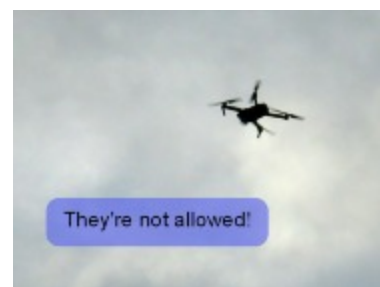
Well the weather forecasts had been predicting good weather for Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> December and the Hamper Competition, yet as I was packing the car to head down I was doing so in fine drizzle! At that same point Jon called to see if it was still a go. Hoping that the forecast would come good I said yes, we will push on and if need be make a decision at the field if the weather did not improve.

A quick e-mail sent to confirm that the event was going to go ahead did cause a small bit of confusion as the start time was said to be 1.30pm when it was actually 12.30pm as previously advertised – however most of those taking part arrived during the set-up time from 11.30 to 12.30 and with the weather improving rapidly we actually got the competition underway at 1.00pm.



It proved to be the correct call as the reserved date would have found the strip under several inches of snow!

With a North-West wind coming in from behind the pilots box the main battle was not letting your plane get pushed away from you as you attempted to fly over the target. As the early arrivers Graham and I were getting some practice runs in and for one of Grahams runs I watched, from a safe position, his run head on. It was amazing to see how much the plane was pushed off track with the crosswind, but interestingly, the bombs themselves were not being too badly affected once released.



So in the end we were seven competitors, Brian, Roger, Andy, Mike, Graham, Jon and myself taking to the skies with our payloads ready.

As last year the target comprised a 3-ring bullseye. The inner ring of 4m diameter scored 5pts, the middle ring scored 3pts and the outer ring scoring you 2pts. It was agreed that we would fly four rounds with the worst score being dropped.

I will say from the start that all planes flew all rounds with NO damage being sustained by anyone! *(There was of course a notable absentee from the flyers this year. Ed.)*

Round One saw the only bomb to hit the target coming from Grahams plane, and scoring himself a healthy 3pts.



With Round Two pilots were getting closer with Andy landing himself a good 3pts to level with Graham before Graham took another 3pts himself with another well-placed shot. As for the rest of us, well ‘must try harder’! Following the completion of the second run we stopped for a warmly welcomed cup of hot soup.



Going into Round Three Graham had a commanding lead but Brian, who got the round going, now had his veins full of hot tomato soup so he could feel his fingers scored 2pts. Roger who was up next was short by a matter of a few feet and was constantly improving. Mike and Andy failed to score but Graham hit the target once more, only scoring

2pts though, but was now looking like the favourite to win. Jon, last year’s winner, finally found the target and scored himself 3pts. I was rubbish!

Going into the forth round Graham did appear to be untouchable in first place, with Andy and Jon joint second with 3pts and Brian in third with 2pts. However, it was at this point it started to get exciting with Brain on his last run hitting the bullseye and



scoring himself 5pts propelling him to within 1pt of Graham's score. Andy also hit the bullseye and suddenly he was level with Graham on 8pts. Graham did not panic and hit the target for the fourth time scoring himself another 2pts.

So ultimately the scores were very close for the top three positions and in fact with the worst round dropped it did see Graham and Andy tied for 1st place. Due to this the 4th round scores were brought back into play, and with Graham being Mr Consistency having scored in all four rounds he took a well-deserved win.

The final results were

1st – Graham Stone with 10pts (from four rounds count back)

2nd – Andy Hatch with 10pts (from four rounds count back)

3rd – Brian Seymour with 7pts

4th – Jon Harper with 3pts

Joint 5th – Roger Aslett & Mike Winston with 0pts

And bring up the rear, myself with 0pts

This was my last official event as Competition Rep as I move into my new role as Club Secretary and all that is left for me to say is thanks to Malcolm for providing the fantastic hampers and bottles of wine for the prizes and to John Quelch and his wife for running the essential soup kitchen. So have a very Merry Christmas and see you in the New Year.

Guy

The winner - Graham

2nd - Andy

3rd - Brian

4th - Jon

Joint 5th - Roger & Mike





## Draft Programme for 2018

Here is the proposed programme of events for 2018. Most of the dates and events are fixed and will take place as shown although some in the middle of the year may yet move or be altered. Watch your Newsletter for further information and changes.

<b>Club Events for 2018</b>	
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2018</b>	<b>New Year's Day Flyin.</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018</b>	<b>Winter Build + TBA (SGCC)</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018</b>	<b>Winter Build + F117a Build (SGCC)</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018</b>	<b>Winter Build + Bring &amp; Buy (SGCC)</b>
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018</b>	<b>Talk - TBC (RBL)</b>
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar 2018</b>	<b>Spring Flyin. (Flackwell)</b> <i>Reserve Date 08/04/18</i>
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018</b>	<b>Concours. (RBL)</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>	<b>Scale and Aerobatic Competition. (Flackwell)</b> <i>Reserve Date 03/06/18 – Run as part of the Gala Day</i>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jun 2018</b>	<b>Gala Day. (Flackwell)</b> <i>Reserve Date 17/06/18</i>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jun 2018</b>	<b>Club Evening Field Meeting. (Flackwell)</b>
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018</b>	<b>Chuckie Challenge. (Towersey)</b> <i>Reserve date 29/07/18</i>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2018</b>	<b>Possible Summer Flyin. (Flackwell)</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018</b>	<b>Photo Competition (RBL)</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2018</b>	<b>Talk - TBC (RBL)</b>
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018</b>	<b>AGM &amp; Subs. (RBL)</b>
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2018</b>	<b>Hamper Comp. (Flackwell)</b> <i>Reserve Date 09/12/18</i>

## Committee Members for 2018

<b>Office</b>	<b>Name</b>
Chairman	Stephen Berry
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Membership Secretary	Mike Winston
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**The post of Competition or Event Rep was not filled at the AGM. Why don't you volunteer?**

