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Also any other news as it comes.

The next club meeting will be:

Spring Fly-In and Social Afternoon

and will be on

Sunday, 25th March, 2018

Starting at 11.00ish

at the Flackwell Field

(If the weather is too bad then we will postpone the event for a couple of weeks until 8th April.)

Nothing formal, just a social afternoon now that the weather is starting to take a turn for the better when you can show off that nice new plane that you got for Christmas.

With luck there may be a couple of models from the Winter Build being tested.

There will be tea and coffee available in the clubhouse and if anyone is feeling keen (or cold) there is always the BBQ that can be fired up.

A change of days (part 2)

Due to operational changes at the Royal British Legion we are no longer able to use their facilities on Mondays so for the coming year meetings will generally be held on Thursdays.



The March meeting was held last week and was a very interesting talk about the role that High Wycombe furniture factories played in aircraft manufacture during both World Wars and how the town was involved with aviation between the Wars.

Unfortunately the attendance was not great and the Committee would like to know if this was due to the different day or some other reason. Please tell a Committee member what you think or drop an email to the Editor who will pass on your comments.

The Month at the Fields

It has been suggested that we start a regular item about what has been happening at the flying fields in the last month, including pictures and possibly links to videos. This is a great idea and I appeal to you all to let me have something to print. Items should obviously be, at least loosely, related to what has gone on at the Club fields, but anything that even mentions aircraft or flying will be considered. Of course, I reserve the right to edit items to make them fit or remove libellous or inappropriate comments. If there is something that you want to say but don't want to write too much, do not worry, just let me have some notes and I will convert them for you. (No, that's not a money laundering offer!) The general deadline for any particular issue is 10.00 pm on the Wednesday of the week before the next meeting, but this is sometimes open to negotiation. Contact details are on the back page.

We can start with a note about the Towersey field where Brian and Neil have been tending to the grass strip now that it is starting to dry out (well, it was before the recent snow) and have produced something akin to a bowling green. The Flackwell strip, meanwhile, still has a few bumps so we are looking for a heavy roller to hopefully move the humps into the dips so that the mower can do its job.

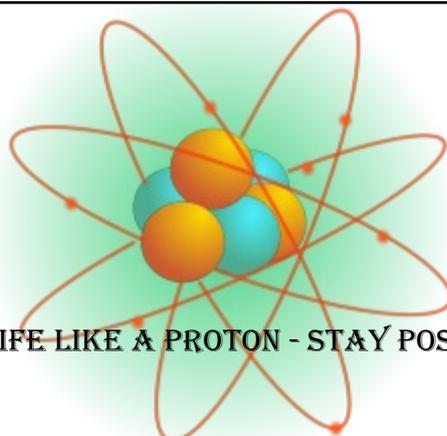
Concours Evening

This regular and enjoyable evening is fast approaching and this year will be on Thursday 26th April. Although it is a contest you do not actually have to enter; you can just come and show off. However, if your model is that good then why not enter it as you may actually win and get a trophy to keep and a cup to also show off for a year.

There will be a small change to the categories this year to avoid the "guaranteed win" situation that has developed over the last few years. There will be two classes, Scratch Built (which will combine the previous Own Design and Scratch Built classes) and ARTF, both of which will cover all types of models within those groups. There will be no separate Scale or Sport categories; such models will just go in whichever group is appropriate. If it started as a box or bundle of balsa bits it is a Scratch Built. If it started as a recognisable pre-built wing/fuselage then it is an ARTF even if you have lavished 100 hours to make it look better - but that is how to win.

There will also be a 'Best in Show' mark which will be picked from all the Scratch Built and ARTF models entered on the night. The winner of this will hold the Concours Cup and the model will appear on next year's membership card.

There will also be a Project category which will not carry prizes but will offer members the chance to bring along builds to show what is in the 'pipe-line' for next year's competition. Worthy projects may feature in the Newsletter and be followed for a write-up.



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First Aid

Your Committee has recently been thinking about the possible need for some first aid training, or at least awareness, among members. An item in the April BMFA News also draws attention to the subject and highlights an event put on by the Retford MFC entitled "What Happens Next?". Considering the hazards involved with model flying we have been very lucky to have experienced few serious injuries or emergencies. However, should one occur would you know what to do? It would be very nice to provide training for all members, but that is not practicable. However, we will be doing something.

So are you a first aid trainer or have significant knowledge or expertise that you could pass on in the form of a training evening? If so the Committee would very much like to hear from you.

Meanwhile members may like to look at the PowerPoint presentation that was used at Retford which can be found at <https://onedrive.live.com/view.aspx?resid=2FD4231D94B2688D!14166&ithint=file%2cpptx&app=PowerPoint&authkey=!Anmrfg2vbgrqp78> Warning: contains graphic scenes of injuries.

If you do not want to view the whole thing then you should at least look at the St. John Ambulance videos dealing with severe bleeding at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NxO5LvgqZe0> , What To Do If Someone Has A Seizure at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ovsw7tdneqE> and How to do

CPR on an Adult at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BQNNOh8c8ks>. If you use a smart phone the SJA produce a helpful app that will give useful advice when you need it.



Winter Build 2018 LIVE!

We have had three very instructive evenings building the Hornet kits and most people have reached the stage where covering needs to be applied and radio and other bits need to be installed. The 4th and last building evening will take place this coming Sunday, 25th March, again at the Saunderton Community Centre. With some effort we should see several models get to a stage where controlled flight is a distinct possibility. Feel free to come along and admire the workmanship. We will be there from about 5.00pm and refreshments will be available.



Our mentors, Guy and Brian, have completed their models and flown them several times and report them

GREAT. Some inevitable adjustments and fettling have been needed such as adding air vents to stop motors over-heating together with some



experimenting with the CG. Sets of transfers are now available to customise the look of the models and the name can be Outlaw or Gangster or whatever you like if you do it yourself.



Come to the Concours evening to see some of the models on display.

Tree Sawing and Hedge Trimming

Now that the weather is improving and more members are considering flying it is also time to consider taking the top off the hedge at Flackwell where it has grown since last year. We have a couple of tools for the job so if you are there when a work party assembles please be prepared to stop flying for a while and help with the work. You will find that it is a worthwhile task as the landing path is much improved.

One day we will have to see about borrowing one of these to get a nice square gap. It's 10 circular saws suspended from a helicopter. I seem to remember it appeared in a James Bond movie some years ago. The video is at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pla06PO6Odk> .



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The post of Competition or Event Rep was not filled at the AGM. Why don't you volunteer?

Please note that events at the Royal British Legion previously listed for a Monday have been moved to generally the following Thursdays. This is due to the RBL no longer being available on Monday evenings.

Meetings and Events in 2018

Date	Day	Event	Location
25 March	Sunday	Spring Fly-In (<i>Reserve date 8 April if necessary</i>)	Flackwell
26 April	Thursday	Concours Competition and Display	RBL
20 May	Sunday	Scale & Aerobatic Contest (<i>Reserve date 3 June + Gala</i>)	Flackwell
3 June	Sunday	Summer Gala Day (<i>Reserve date 17 June</i>)	Flackwell
25 June	Monday	Club Evening at Flackwell Field	Flackwell
22 July	Sunday	Chuckie Challenge (<i>Reserve date 29 July</i>)	Towersey
19 August	Sunday	Summer Fly-In	Flackwell
27 September	Thursday	Multi-Media Masters Photo Competition	RBL
25 October	Thursday	Talk - Speaker and subject to be advised	RBL
29 November	Thursday	AGM and Subs payment	RBL
2 December	Sunday	Hamper Competition (<i>Reserve date 9 December</i>)	Flackwell