

Inside This Month

- Notice of AGM;
- Members passing tests;
- Offer of helicopter for sale.

Also any other news as it comes.

**NOVEMBER**  
**2018**

The next club meeting will be

*Thursday, 29th November, 2018*

*At 8.00 pm*

*in the Royal British Legion, Common Road, Flackwell Heath*

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**and will be the**

**Club Annual General Meeting**

The Agenda and further details are inside.

As an incentive to encourage attendance there will be a free raffle for a 1 year club membership. Collect your ticket as you come in.

Or perhaps you may prefer the free buffet after the formal meeting.

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Remember that this is your opportunity to have your say on how the Club is run and decide who is going to run it next year.

For a list of the reduced Committee positions please see overleaf.

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### The Last Day at Flackwell

The last day of our tenure at Hard to Find Farm is Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2018. This would have been our annual Hamper Competition, but the competition will not take place this year as we have to make sure that we have cleared from the field all the items that we wish to retain. Instead it will be a general fly-in and social day.

Hopefully the BBQ will be available, if it has not been stuffed too far back in the Club House, should anyone want to toast something.

## **Agenda for HWDMAC Annual General Meeting 2018**

- Item 1 Confirmation of Quorum (20% of members minimum)
- Item 2 Review of year and Committee Members' Reports
- Item 3 Financial report and setting level of membership subscriptions for 2019
- Item 4 Review of Committee posts and proposal of appropriate Constitutional changes
- Item 5 Election of New Chairman (A volunteer will temporarily take the chair)
- Item 6 Election of New Committee
- Item 7 Any other business.

After close of formal business - Presentation of trophies.

Followed by Refreshments, general chat and payment of subs.

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As explained elsewhere it has become difficult to maintain a full Committee and there is also a lack of support amongst members for social events and other meetings. Consequently we are proposing a reduction in the number of Committee members to just those needed to manage the Club. These will be Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Communications Representative. Field Representative posts will be filled by volunteers and can be shared by more than one person although one person will be the nominated representative. They will have the same status as committee members and be expected to keep the committee updated on field conditions. They will be welcome to attend committee meetings and contribute to the administration of the club if they wish to, but there will be no obligation to do so.

As Officers of the Company that is the Club the first three of these posts must be filled. We are a democratic club so although some of the appropriate existing Committee members have indicated that they are prepared to serve for another year there is no reason why the Membership (you) cannot nominate an alternative, or you can even volunteer and seek nomination on the night. Any paid up member may nominate another for any position on the Committee. The person nominated must be seconded by another paid up member and must agree to stand according to the Club Rules.

Because of the loss of the Flackwell field, and since we have not yet found a replacement, we are proposing to reduce the full membership fee for the coming year to £55. This will remain the sum payable for next year even if we find a new field. Unfortunately the BMFA fee has gone up slightly but we cannot do anything about that. The schedule of fees proposed is:-

Senior: Club £55, BMFA £38

Family partner: Club £55, BMFA £25

Junior: Club £16, BMFA £17

Family junior: Club £16, BMFA £13

The Proposal for appropriate changes to the Constitution are set out on the attached document. This is simply a revision to take account of the reduction in Committee size.

**As a small incentive to attend the AGM we will be holding a free raffle with the prize being free Club Membership for the coming year. Of course you have to actually be a current member and attend the meeting to be eligible to win. We will also be providing some food after the meeting is over.**

We hope that most of you will continue to be members of the Club and make use of the remaining facilities and will be happy to pay membership fees for the coming year.

Even if you decide to not renew your membership for next year we propose to retain your contact details for at least one year and keep you up to date with the Club's position. If you do not want this to happen then you have the right to request that we forget you and we will then remove your details from our records.

## Another Maiden at Towersey

On a breezy afternoon at Towersey Pete Rodwell took Dave Bunker's Me262 for its maiden flight. Well... more like a 2nd attempt at a maiden flight as on the first attempt (a month or so ago) it was debatable as to whether or not you could call it a flight because she pitched up, stalled, and rolled in. Despite doing countless pre-flight checks (CG, trim, rates etc.) the flight was rather hairy and the loop merely a practical way of getting the nose down. For our entertainment (and a little memoir) Dave filmed it and you can stream a version (slightly edited for language)



from <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-P2YoxM72qhsK2PDd3ioRUiAj0NgpAs4/view?usp=sharing>

Well done to Pete for his quick thinking, entertaining flying and piloting skills and to Dave for entrusting Pete again with his new, yet recently repaired, model and sharing the video with us.

Happy Landings (and Take-offs)

Brian

## T-Rex for sale

Align Trex 550E helicopter for sale in excellent condition.

Complete with Spektrum DXI controller

Overlander battery charger

Stabilizer kit

Spare electronic parts

£480 ovno

Owner bought on impulse from friend after a demo flight but has never flown due to lack of expertise or time to learn.

Dave Norman 07887 844131 or [dgnorman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dgnorman@hotmail.co.uk).



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Jim Richardson who took and passed his BMFA A-Certificate test on 21<sup>st</sup> October.

Interesting how many members are using WOT4s for the test. Must be some sort of recommendation.



Also to Raph Edouard for passing his CPT on 17<sup>th</sup> November. The wind was a little tricky but he coped well and managed to pass.

I was going to include Stuart's winning Chuckie Challenge design with this Newsletter but there is so much other paper already attached that I am holding it over for yet another month and it will be included with the grand Christmas issue. Well, it will be grand if I can find something to write about - any offers gratefully received.

## More YouTube Time Wasters

You will by now have worked out that I waste far too much time wandering round YouTube and watching strange videos. I do manage to confuse the recommendation system as it now offers me a very confused mix of stuff from accident investigation through stop-motion Lego (see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfBaMM9bdck>) to wood turning. However, here are a couple of flying related links.

A James-Bond-style takeoff from Courchevel airport in the French Alps - over the edge of a massive cliff. Not the time to suffer an engine failure.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfBaMM9bdck>.

Stunt kite team iQuad performs their Bohemian Rhapsody synchronized kite flying routine at the Southern Oregon Kite Festival. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q5I5svj7F8>.

Not flying related, but have you ever had to change a wheel and wished for some help? Wish for these people - 4 wheels changed in under 2 Seconds  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8CvRc3\\_NjM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8CvRc3_NjM).

## Committee Members for 2018

Office	Name
Chairman	Stephen Berry
Deputy Chairman	Daren Brand
Treasurer	Malcolm Connell
Secretary	Guy Pickett
Membership Secretary	Mike Winston
Events Organiser	
Training Rep	Jonathan Harper
Flackwell Rep	Ron Spencer
Chinnor Rep	Brian Seymour
BFMA & Safety Rep	Mitch Mabbutt
Newsletter Editor	Malcolm Connell
Web Site and Communications	Malcolm Connell

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My thanks to those members who have contributed to this and other Newsletters recently.  
 Have you got something that you could contribute?

## Meetings and Events in 2018

Date	Day	Event	Location
29 November	Thursday	AGM and Subs payment	RBL
2 December	Sunday	Social Fly-In - Last day at Flackwell	Flackwell