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The next club meeting will be -

Club Annual General Meeting



and will be on

Thursday 28th November, 2019

At the Studley Green Community Centre

Wycombe Road (A40)

Studley Green, HP14 3UY

Starting at 8.00 pm.

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.

Please note that tea and coffee and probably fruit juice or squash will be available, but nothing alcoholic.

If you want anything like that then you are welcome to bring your own. Glasses will be available.

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We will also have a visit from Andy Symons, BMFA Club Support Officer who will give a short explanation of the current position with the

CAA Drone and Model Aircraft Registration and Education Scheme (DRES)

Hopefully he will also have some helpful comments on the proposed new flying field.

Agenda for HWDMAC Annual General Meeting 2019

To be held at 8.00pm on Thursday, 28th November, 2019, at the
Studley Green Community Centre, Wycombe Road,
Studley Green, High Wycombe, HP14 3UY

- Item 1 Confirmation of Quorum (20% of members minimum).
- Item 2 Chairman's Report and summary of the year.
- Item 3 Treasurer's Report & presentation of Accounts.
- Item 4 Other Reports concerning Membership and Communications.
- Item 5 Review of Search for a new flying field including recommendation of proposed site, costs and subscriptions for 2020.

The Committee Members now resign their positions.

- Item 6 Election of New Chairman (*A volunteer will temporarily take the chair*)
- Item 7 Election of New Committee
- Item 8 Any Other Business proper to an AGM

This ends the formal AGM.

We will now welcome guest speaker, Andy Symons, BMFA Club Support Officer, to give a short talk on getting the new field up and running and the CAA Model Aircraft Registration Scheme.

We follow on with Raffle Draw, Refreshments, General Chat and Payment of Subs.

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We are a democratic club so although some of the 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.

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.

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 a little food after the meeting is over.

“So long and thanks for all the fish” *

Well maybe not quite, but the sentiment is right. On the 21st November we finally severed connections with the Flackwell site, where we had been flying for around 50 years, when our clubhouse was craned onto a lorry and removed to a storage site in Radnage. We are grateful to Ron for arranging the transport and Brian for being there to make sure it all went well. We should also be grateful to the memory of the late Lord Carrington whose influence on the Carrington Estates Ltd allowed us use of the premises for so long. It is just unfortunate that our sport does not fit with the views of the current company. Still, the future beckons and is as they say an undiscovered country.



* From The Hitchiker's Guide to the Galaxy - message left by the dolphins as they left Earth just before it was destroyed.

Field of Dreams

OK, that film was about turning part of a farm into a somewhat different sports arena and was rather difficult to follow at times. However, it is appropriate as we are now hoping to turn a small part of a farm into a field for our sport.

Those of you who were able to come and see the field a short while ago were generally impressed by the potential. At present it is a field sown with wheat and is very rough. However, if we agree to take on a part it will be flattened and sown with grass and a hard path and hard standing for the container prepared. The field is in Cadmore End adjacent to the B482 Marlow-Stokenchurch road although our part will be a minimum of 275 metres from the road. Our patch will be roughly triangular with sides 100 metres and a primary runway almost north-south. The flying area to the west is vast.



Panorama to the west and north

Unfortunately there is a hedge along the southern edge but that will be cut down to about 4 ft. It will be kept to provide a safety barrier to a footpath.

Several members have put a lot of effort into trying to find a site not too far from High Wycombe and have mainly found there is not much available. This site has fairly easy access and great potential for flying.

Please come along to the AGM and we will explain what is on offer and what it will cost.

The Sub-250gm Route

Don't want to join the CAA's new club? It can be done and not just with small multi-copters either, although that is the easiest off-the-shelf route.

Mitch has just taken delivery of a Dart 250 flying wing. Apparently with modern FPV gear installed it is expected to weigh around 150 gms. As Mitch says "Put a couple of 3500 mAh li-ions in it and it can stay in the air for around 1-1.5 hours". Not sure that I would want to stand around for that long if I wasn't being paid for it. Mitch continues "These Chinese manufacturers are getting very connected with their customer base. It's actually a very clever design based on feedback from the forums, testers and other models that they have made. It's almost on par with a multiplex kit (scary thought!)" (Note: other brands of cider are available.)



Of course there is nothing intrinsically wrong with a registration scheme, other countries have had them for some time. And it's an EU Policy so we have little choice for now. It's just the rather heavy and cack-handed way that it was introduced. At least the registration charge has been reduced to a slightly more realistic level thanks to the considerable efforts of our negotiators. However, there are still some anomalies. For instance if you are under 18 you can obviously own models and qualify to fly them, but

you need an adult to register as the operator. If you want to own some models but not fly them yourself do you need to register? The answer seems to be yes and I did find somewhere deep in the CAA web site where you can do just that. Isn't bureaucracy wonderful?!

Of course, if anyone thinks that a registration system will deter those out to cause disruption with drones they are sadly mistaken. Such people will certainly not be registering and to think otherwise is somewhat naïve.

Ah well, since I don't have a BMFA achievement yet I'm off to see how many goes at the CAA test I need before I can get a Registration Competency Certificate.

There has to be something from YouTube



If you have ever wondered what it actually means to an aerobatic pilot when they "Put the sticks in the corners" watch Svetlana Kapanina, one of the World's top female aerobatic pilots, as she demonstrates her amazing skill during a show. She almost takes off inverted!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hsrw80w3sl0>

Committee Members for 2019

Office	Name	
Chairman	Brian Seymour	<i>Data removed for Web publishing</i>
Treasurer	Malcolm Connell	
Secretary	Chris Pearson	
Membership Secretary	Mike Winston	
Newsletter Editor	Malcolm Connell	
Web Site and Communications	Mitch Mabbutt	
Chinnor Rep	Neil Rice	

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

Meetings and Events in 2019

Date	Day	Event	Location
12 October	Saturday	Indoor flying event	Wycombe Sports Cent
2 November	Saturday	Indoor flying event	Wycombe Sports Cent
28 November	Thursday	AGM and Subs payment	Studley Grn Com Cen
14 December	Saturday	Indoor flying event	Wycombe Sports Cent