

**\*\* Club Meeting \*\***

**Hamble club**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb.**

**See you at 7.30 ish ☺**

Dear All

Welcome to the February 2019 Newsletter!

Two for the price of one this month you should also receive in your e-mail a second attachment, the Firebirds Newsletter from December 1986, a truly interesting read, somethings have changed so little in 32 years !! Thank you to Paul Mason for digging this out.

So back to 2019, it is being a long winter for some of us, (including myself) and this last month I am sad to say that I ceased to be a model airplane pilot and it isn't doing me any good, I really need to start flying again! I miss it!

I can't wait until we get a clear weekend, where the sun shines, the wind is calm and the grass is dry so we can get back to a flying field, drink coffee, talk rubbish and perhaps fly our models for an hour or two.

There has been a slow uptake for members creating a KIK account (a method for letting other members know when you are going flying) but it has been a success for those that have joined, please grab me if you see me at the field and want some advice. (My Kik address is contained in the e-mail sent with this newsletter).

Unfortunately, I can't make the meeting next week and this was one I was really looking forward to, please do support the evening as Alan and Pete have put loads of effort into the evening.

See you all soon.

Chris.

P.S. I was talking to Russell earlier in the month and I think he and I are going to go to the Weston Park model flying show again this year, last year a few other members met us up there, perhaps this is your year? <http://www.westonparkmodelairshow.co.uk/>



## Committee News

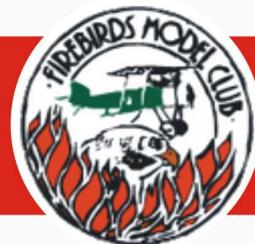
Here's the latest from the committee room.

### AGM 2019

The Club's AGM took place at 8.00pm on Thursday 17th January 2019 at the Hamble Club. A vote was held for a new committee, other than Roger the existing members said that they were prepared to stand again and Rob Cope offered to stand as Rogers replacement, the members duly voted for this committee. Roger has kindly offered to assist the committee whenever he can.



Our 2018 committee about to retire.... Thank you for your work over the last year.



## 2019 Subscriptions

**Important** - Members that have not renewed cannot fly at our sites. Any member not paying their membership before the 1st April will be considered as a having not re-joined and have to re-apply to join the club.

The 2019 subscriptions will be as follows:

	Club*	BMFA	Total
Senior	£35	£38	£73
Junior (under 18)	£13	£17	£30
Family Senior	£35	£38**	£73
Family Partner	£36	£25**	£60
Family Junior (under 18)	£13	£13**	£26

\* Note as agreed in a vote by members present at the 2108 Christmas party, the club fee may be increased for members who renew / join after a new flying site is found.

Those who join the BMFA as Country Members, or via another club, must show proof of 2019 BMFA membership to the Secretary / a committee member.

If you want to send your membership cheque, please post to...

Firebirds Model club  
c/o 6 Maytree Close  
Locksheath  
Southampton SO31 6NQ

## PADMAC Site

Our ongoing thanks to PADMAC for keeping us flying..

**PADMAC flying times** (once initial introduction done with a principle / committee member).

	Power	Electric/Silent
Mon to Sat	10:00 to 18:00	10:00 to Sunset
Sunday	11:00 to 18:00	11:00 to Sunset

PADMAC rules can be found here. [http://www.padmac.info/PADMAC\\_flyingsite\\_rules.html](http://www.padmac.info/PADMAC_flyingsite_rules.html)



## Woodlands school Flying site.

Flying times for this weekend - Subject to weather.

Sorry, not available at time of sending.

## **The Schools address is....**

Woodlands Community College / School. Minstead Avenue, Harefield. SO18 5FW

Toilet facilities are often available.

## Poorly club member

Continuing thoughts and good wishes from the committee to all poorly members.

## FUTURE CLUB NIGHTS - Advance notice

February – 21<sup>st</sup>

A 'Double bill' Pete will be doing a discussion / demonstration on making Depron Models and we will also have Alan's much awaited 'movie night'.

March – 21st

"Show and Tell" night for your latest model, together with a Table Top Sale for any spare models/engines/tools etc. Indoor flying with small helis etc should also be possible.

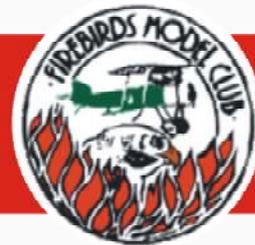
April – 18th

The much awaited (now) annual 'Steve Newell and family Quiz Night', this was a really good evening last year so please support.

May –

Perhaps the First 2019 Barbeque ? Let's all keep our fingers crossed.





## **A YOUTUBE VIDEO – From our Cornish Correspondent !!**

Back in September our 'Cornish correspondent' ex member Nigel reported on one of his current builds, he wrote....

*“ I’m continuing to build and the latest completed (but as yet unflown) model is a ¼ scale Grunau Baby 2 glider. My dad did national service after WW2 and flew one of these in Germany so I have modelled a ‘spoils of war’ GB 2 as I think they were pretty much stolen from the civilians who owned them and used by the army (after they had painted over the swastikas with roundels).”*

And to follow up he wrote this month....

*“I finally got to fly Grunau Baby 2 just before Christmas and this vid (see link below) is the second flight. Despite the title it is actually 1/4 scale so about 12 foot wingspan. best wishes to all my old friends in Firebirds and here is wishing you a great new site in 2019. Nigel (Argall)”*



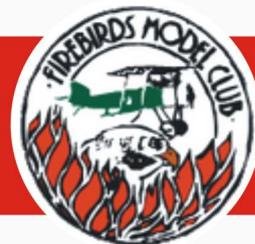
Click this link ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=77MQA8UuZXA&t=101s>

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Notice the Newsletter is a bit empty, less interesting?

Please e-mail items for the Newsletter to [firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com](mailto:firebirdsmodelclub@outlook.com).

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## A Poem from Pat...

Pat sent me one of his poems.. it is perhaps a reminder to make the most of everyday, focus on the good things and always look forward to tomorrow ... or at least that's how I read it.

*He wrote.... Hi Chris,*

*as promised a bit of Poetry for the Newsletter, apologies to Pam Ayres.*

Now 2018 has been and gone  
we had some rain the sun also shone  
a lot of flying was enjoyed  
but other things made us annoyed  
it seemed horses made more money  
our flying site went down the swanney

so let's get on our bikes  
and try to find a flying site  
and let's remember in the past year  
those we lost who were so dear

Pat

## Correction

In Pat's entry in the January Newsletter I wrongly quoted Pat as saying that the centurion gearbox was very noisy... but what Pat was actually saying was that he thought the cub's brushed motor / gearbox setup was, in comparison to a now common place brushless motor 'as noisy as a centurion tanks gearbox !!



He wrote ....

*Hi Chris, I have just read your last newsletter and noticed the bit about the noisy gearbox, ooops.. I was comparing the noise of the CENTURION TANK gearbox to the Cub gearbox, so sorry all, my utmost apologies. Oh, by the way the Centurion gearbox is about the size of a small car, 5 forward gears, two reverse gears one fast and one slow ...*

*...more from Wigston later and with luck some photos too.*

*Best Regards Pat*





## Club Information

This section gives a summary of club services and contact details.

## Glow Fuel, Glue and other bits and pieces available

Fuel is available through the club and supplies are held by the club. All grades of fuel are available to order. Russell holds many other useful items: glo-plugs, propellers, glue, fuel tubing, wing bolts etc.

Russell Lewis

023 8056 1397

[russell@pilot1.co.uk](mailto:russell@pilot1.co.uk)

## Club Meetings

Our meeting venue is the Hamble Club at this address:

Beaulieu Road  
Hamble  
Southampton  
Hampshire, SO31 4JL



The Club requires each member to sign in at every arrival using the book usually kept at the bar. There is a way round this and that is to join the club. This is not expensive, particularly for OAPs who pay £8.00 for the first year, and if you live locally it provides a cheap night out!

## External Events

If you need more details on any particular event, then go to <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar>.



## Firebirds Model Club Committee

The following are the contact details for the Committee. Each has given permission for their phone number and email addresses to be included in this Newsletter.

Chairman	Russell Lewis	023 8056 1397	<a href="mailto:russell@pilot1.co.uk">russell@pilot1.co.uk</a>
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Membership Sec.	Keith Warwick	07887 486040	<a href="mailto:keithw11@hotmail.co.uk">keithw11@hotmail.co.uk</a>

## Regular Open Meetings

There are regular monthly open meetings at the following venues:

Waltham Chase Aeromodellers Indoor R/C Small Models Hampshire

Wessex Soaring Assoc. monthly slope fly-in Wiltshire

FLITEHOOK Indoor Free Flight Meeting Hampshire

See <https://bmfa.org/Contests-Events/Contest-and-Event-Calendar> for more details.

## Firebirds Constitution and Rules.

The Firebirds constitution and rules document can be found at the bottom of the 'about us' section on the web-site or by clicking the following link.

<http://firebirds.org.uk/onewebmedia/FIREBIRD%20CONSTITUTION%20%26%20RULES.pdf>.

**Remember... Safe flying is no accident.**