

**Dear Beaulieu Permit holder,**

**Flying !** I can't speak as I've been away in Australia and New Zealand recently, but I gather that the weather here in the UK has been it's usual mix of good and bad. I hope you've managed to get out and enjoy at least the good days.

**The BMFA certificate day** in August has proved quite popular. Thank you to all those flyers who have contacted us about getting an A or B certificate for RC fixed wing or heli, or a certificate of competence for small planes and drones. Getting an A-certificate is a good step forward for all flyers, and is required for many other flying sites. If you are interested, then please email me to register, or use the website contact form, and then read up on the requirements in the BMFA handbook ! (not to mention practising the flight test). The following message has been sent to all those who registered, but if you haven't registered and are still interested, here is the information:

This is the follow up information about the BMFA certificate day which the Beaulieu model flying committee is organising, and which was promised in the last newsletter. Thank you for registering an interest in this event, which will be held on Saturday August 20th, starting at 10am, at the Beaulieu Airfield. Please confirm by reply to this email that you are still intending to take your test.

In the event of unsuitable weather being forecast for the 20th the event may be postponed to the next day, August 21st. In that case an email note will be sent out a day or two in advance.

The BMFA A and B tests will be overseen by Peter Carter (BMFA Area Chief Examiner) who will be ably assisted by one or more BMFA assistant examiners. Tests typically take less than half an hour and a list of times will be available on the day. Please be ready to take your test when called.

Note that there is no charge for this activity. The BMFA examiners give of their time freely, which we appreciate. You must have BMFA membership and a Beaulieu permit, so please bring those documents with you on the day. Also, please check the requirements of the test you intend as listed in the BMFA handbook, and remember that the test now includes questions on Air Law, as described in a recent BMFA News article.

The Beaulieu Committee will ensure that the tests can take place without interference from the public and other flyers. If no test is taking place sport flying may be permitted, and when all tests are complete normal operations can commence.

If you wish to do a "dry run" with a BMFA instructor prior to the certificate day then please let me know. If you know of other flyers who are also interested but have not yet registered then feel free to pass this message on to them. If you require other information please let me know. and good luck, Richard (BMFC chairman) [bmfcchairman@aol.com](mailto:bmfcchairman@aol.com)

**Bad News now, Beaulieu Heath is a public area**, and it seems that that like other areas in the New Forest there is a concern over litter and anti-social behaviour. Of course, it's not us causing the problem, but we are impacted by it. I know several of you have been pro-actively collecting and disposing of litter - thank you very much ! We can all do our bit to keep the place clean and tidy for our own benefit, and also to help protect the forest. Also our sign has been defaced, and the police sign removed. I will be working to get these restored. If you see any anti-social behaviour please report it to me, or to the Forestry.

**Dates for your Diary:**

- **11th August** HMS Sultan heli will land and take off between 2pm and 4pm.
- **20th/21st August** BMFA certificate day (see description above)
- **28th August** New Forest Pony Drift - Beaulieu Heath closed in the morning, probably open later.

**Best wishes, and good flying! Richard.**

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