

Newsletters are sent to current permit holders. Permit renewal is underway. Only permit holders can fly.

To all permit holders: At last conditions are improving, the light is brighter, the temperatures higher, the winds less cold and so on. I think we are all looking forward to serious flying from Easter onwards. Now that more modellers will be getting out please everyone remember to be aware of others, take turns flying if it's busy, watch out for other people/dogs/ponies, etc. Don't be afraid to ask others if in doubt. Also, a special request to our drone fliers and others, please read the Regulations and follow them ! Well done those who already have ! Separation of activities is the way to avoid conflicts.

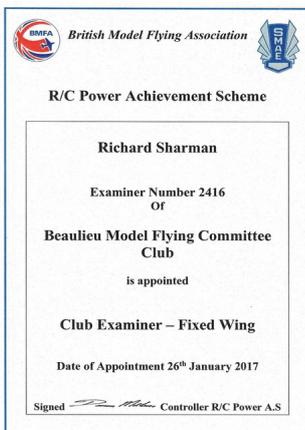
The state of play. Please be aware that the access track has developed at least two serious potholes. If you have a low road clearance vehicle then you will be well advised to drive slowly at these points. We hope to have these holes repaired by Easter. The weather has not been kind to us these last few weeks with low cloud and high winds. But now April has started with fine weather there will be lots of people out and about in the New Forest.

Clean-up Day. The **Great British Spring Clean** (organised by "Keep Britain Tidy") was at Beaulieu Heath on *Friday 3rd March*. Thank you to all those who turned up to help ! Mostly we collected food wrappers and bottles, but we did also find propellers, spinners, batteries, wheels, etc. None in any state to use, though. However, we were complimented on having one of the cleanest areas in the New Forest ! Which, unfortunately does underline the fact that the New Forest does have a problem with some people not respecting its natural beauty. *If you see something which shouldn't be there - it shouldn't be there !*

Spring Clean Certificate, March 3rd



My BMFA Examiner Certificate



BMFA achievement scheme. I talked about this last time (see newsletter #25) and I've had a lot of interest from various members. If you are a keen model flyer you really ought to think about getting an A-certificate - it proves you are safe, serious and sensible and helps you if you fly at other sites. BMFA "country members" can have problems finding an examiner - but here is your opportunity. We can do A tests on demand, and B tests with a bit of notice. Do look at our website for more information, links to BFMA, documentation and so on. <http://www.beaulieumodelflying.org.uk/bmfachievementsscheme.html>

SMAC is hosting some introductory meetings to talk about the theory side of the scheme, so please look at <http://www.beaulieumodelflying.org.uk/news.html>
The advantages of getting a certificate are (1) personal satisfaction, (2) entry to other clubs, fly-ins, and competitions, and (3) helping raise the skill level of flyers at Beaulieu. We are a public site and have a duty to show the general public that we are responsible flyers, operate safely and we are aware of other forest users.

In Memoriam: We heard the sad news recently that one of our longest serving members, Dennis Cross, has died recently. Dennis was a prolific builder and flyer and just generally a very nice chap. We will all miss him very much. There is a short note on our website at <http://www.beaulieumodelflying.org.uk/news.html>

This month's featured model: So many interesting models appear at our flying site it's impossible to record them all, but here is a great example. Designed and built by Graham Taylor it's a scratch design "sukhoi" with a Magnum 150 4-stroke. Flew beautifully, of course !

Featured model: Graham's "sukhoi"



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