

Newsletters are sent to current permit holders for information only.

To all permit Holders: Welcome to model flying at Beaulieu ! Thank you to all those returning model flyers from last year and before, we hope you found the new streamlined permit application system improved. We have your contact details on file, and can check your BMFA status on the new bmfa.azolve.com membership system, but if anything has changed do let us know. Your information is safe on our GDPR compliant system.

And also a special welcome to our new permit holders who followed the longer route of filling in full information which we need for our records, we hope you enjoy flying at Beaulieu this year.

Drone news: A number of new flyers have said that you want to fly drones, so please take another look at our [drone policy](#) and do check [Regulation 13](#) before you fly. There is an interesting comment on the Gatwick Drone incident and its consequences in "Manny's Musings" page 4 of the latest BMFA News issue 152 February 2019. Relevant to drones and planes is on page 33: the Government consultation response (which we contributed to).

For everyone, please do remember to carry both you BMFA membership card, and your BMFC permit with you when you fly at the airfield as you may be asked to show them, either to a committee member, or to the Forestry Keeper, if asked.

The state of the access track is now very good. As a result of our contacts with the Forestry, and some lobbying, we were able to get the track re-graded this month and it is in a reasonable state at the moment. It will degrade of course as it is only "hoggin" rolled down. This deteriorates with weather and use but is all that the current environmental controls will allow. We can help by driving slowly over the first 400 yards, and encouraging the general public to do the same.

On the subject of legal changes to model flying, you should know by now that the situation for "conventional model flying" of planes and helis less than 7kg in uncontrolled airspace (i.e. where we are) is basically the same as it has always been, but drones are restricted to fly below 400ft, whereas planes are not. However, Beaulieu Airfield now appears to be a busy way station or reporting point for full size light aircraft which may be at 1000ft. or above. Sometimes they are lower and can legally descend to 500ft. ***I strongly recommend that no one flies models above 1000ft at least for now.*** This will impact glider operations, and F3A aerobatic flying, but the last thing we want is an Airprox incident, so I appeal to you all to be aware and fly within these limits.

Some of you have noticed I've been scarce at the field recently! The reason is that I have been staying in New Zealand (it's summer there) with my family, but did get to go to a great air display on Armistice Day. It would be good to see a re-creation of some of these at Beaulieu - who's up for that ?

DH Mosquito rebuilt doing engine test



Fokker triplane put in a spectacular show



Fokker triplane and SE5 in combat



The BMFA Achievement scheme is going to become important this year. It looks as if some of the legal concessions for model flying may depend on gaining an achievement certificate, so now there is a really good reason to do that A-test soon! There's nothing difficult, just a practical test of basic ability. There will also shortly be a BMFA video on what to do, which could be a useful start for those not familiar with the tasks. Duncan McClure has an interesting article on the Achievement Scheme changes in BMFA News issue 152 Feb 2019 pages 50-52 which is worth a read.

Contact me when you are ready and we can set up a dry run, or a test. I will be running A and B test sessions at Beaulieu in support of the BMFA so come along and get up to speed !

All the previous newsletters are now loaded on the website in the members area, in case you want to remind yourself of what happened and some of the information on drones, and other subjects.

Best wishes for a successful flying season in 2019 !

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