

Newsletters are sent to current permit holders for information only.

To all permit Holders: You will be pleased to hear that the permit issuing process has been working well at the start of 2019 and we are well ahead of the normal numbers at this time of year. This is largely due to everyone being helpful by getting their BMFA memberships sorted out first, and then using the online permit renewal process (which we have simplified). The new BMFA membership system at bmfa.azolve.com is working well now and that does help us check everyone is up to date.

To new permit holders: thank you for your interest in Model Flying at Beaulieu and we hope you soon get used to the local way of operating models and enjoy your experience at what is one of the best model flying sites in the south. If you have any comments or suggestions we would like to hear them, so please email them in.

For everyone, please do remember to carry both your 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 fairly poor again. The Forestry did a temporary re-grading in January at our request, but that has quickly degraded, so be careful as you go if you want to use it this week.

However, the time has come for the proper re-grading of the track which usually takes place around Easter, but this year will be from **4th March till 22nd March**. At this time the main gate on the Lymington road will be locked and cannot be used. Access to the flying field via the Hawkhill gate (Brockenhurst Road) has again been approved for use.

The gate has two padlocks on it, joined by a "pin". If you have a Forestry key (Free Flight fliers) you can open the Forestry padlock (on the right). Otherwise you can open the gate using the BMFC combination lock (on the left). The code for the combination lock is the same as last year. Be sure to replace the locks as you find them, and make sure both are fully closed.

After entry at the gate, please proceed carefully to the normal flying sites, keeping your speed low on the track (which is a national cycle route and popular footpath). **Only Cars are permitted - no large vehicles, large vans, or camper vans are permitted.** The path is not suitable for larger vehicles and the Forestry does not want us to do anything which might degrade it.

On the subject of legal changes to model flying: You may have heard from the BMFA that the UK Government is bringing forward the Drone legislation to be active from 13th March. This seems to apply to **both drones and model aircraft**. It seems to **limit all flying to below 400ft**. While it gives relief to larger models this does NOT apply to us as we are still bound by the Forestry 7kg restriction. Beaulieu Airfield is now an official VRP (visual reporting point) for full size light aircraft which may legally be as low as 500ft. We are seeking clarification via the BMFA but in the meantime **I strongly recommend that no one flies models above 400ft**. 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. I have installed an altimeter on several of my planes and am checking the actual flight level via telemetry - you may choose to do the same as it is sometime hard to tell exactly what height a model is.

Pete Marsden's scratch built Meteor EDF



Seen Recently at the field: A rather splendid scale model of the Gloster Meteor in composite fibre construction by Pete Marsden, with retracting undercarriage with moving doors, and twin EDF power. Very nice, and we look forward to seeing it in the air.

All previous newsletters are on the website in the members area, in case you want to remind yourself of what happened recently. There is information on drones usage, Achievement Scheme and other subjects.

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Hawkhill Gate as you should find it



Two lock system on the gate

