

Newsletters are sent to current permit holders for information only.

To all permit Holders: Well, I hope you have enjoyed it - the model flying season is nearly over ! For most of us it's the period from Easter to Summer Bank Holiday that is the main model flying time in this country. The BMFA Nationals are always at the Summer Bank Holiday and that also pretty much signifies the end of most "serious" UK model flying activities. Actually, this summer we've had some scorching sunny days, and probably our share of rainy and/or windy days, so it's been a fairly typical year.

Of course, we can continue all year round at Beaulieu, with our unique all weather runway, but from now on every "good" day is a bonus. Well done to everyone who has been out and I hope you have made good use of it. Ian and I spoke to our local Forest Ranger recently who is very satisfied with our activities and is very supportive. They've agreed to repair the track again, and repaint the signs so that is all good news.

To prospective permit holders: It has been our custom to reduce the cost of the permit by half from September 1st for the short period up to the end of the year. Permits will be available via the internet permit system or in person at the field as usual. If you have problems or queries then send in an email and we will sort it out for you.

Next Year, always comes around sooner than you think ! 2020 permits will be required from 1st January 2020, and insurance will also be required. Because we have a contractual condition imposed on us by the Forestry for the right to fly at Beaulieu, **that all pilots are adequately insured**, it makes most sense for us to stay in step with the BMFA. So, for next year it's the usual method - *renew your BMFA membership for 2020 to get the insurance, then apply for your permit.* The BMFA membership renewal is actually easier now that the BMFA has its membership system online at bmfa.azolve.com - just login there and you can renew it directly.

The BMFC permit renewal will be at <http://www.beaulieumodelflying.org.uk/permits.html> as usual. New permits will be available when the permit page is labelled "2020" and you will be able to renew and pay directly as usual. You will now be able to download your temporary 2020 permit card, and all the relevant documents, thus eliminating the wait for the proper card to arrive in the post, which it will do later. Do remember to carry both your BMFA membership card, and your BMFC permit with you when at the airfield.

On the legal changes to model flying: see [newsletter #44](#) and [newsletter #45](#) for the story so far. At the moment of writing we do not know what will happen to the pending "Drone registration" law in parliament. It seems more than likely it will die with the end of the session and may or may not be in the next Queen's Speech. If not, then the *de facto* law is the current EASA initiated laws as implemented by the EU. What happens to our BMFA negotiated exemptions with the CAA is not clear. The BMFC has negotiated local agreements with Southampton and Bournemouth ATC which ensures our continuity for now.

A Site Clean-up day is planned for Saturday 28th September, rain or shine, 10am to 12noon. The purpose is to have a wide-area scan for lost planes, components, whatever, and general tidy up. Bags and tools will be provided. Flying will be halted until the area is clear. Come and help if you can.

The BMFC Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held at the St Andrews Centre, Beaulieu Road, Dibden, SO45 4PT on the **24th October at 7:30pm**, finishing by 10pm. All permit holders are welcome. The agenda will cover changes to the law on model flying (pending government policy), changes to Forestry conditions on our licence (if required), and changes to our standard flying regulations (if any). If you have other points you wish to raise please send them to me at the email address below by September 30th. The AGM is an opportunity for permit holders to "bring and buy" entirely at your own risk. Space is limited so please only bring small items.

Newsletters are on the website in the members area. There is also information there on drones, Achievement Scheme and other subjects. Otherwise, while we have good weather, enjoy some flying !

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The Acces track as it should be



New warning signs for the public

