

*Newsletters are sent to current permit holders for information only.*

**The Site Clean-up day** on Saturday 28th September went very well, and my thanks to all those who turned out and helped - it was very much appreciated, and we did some good work tidying up the bank, car park and pits area. We also had one of our local Forest Rangers on site to help and advise, and we had some good information exchanges. We want Beaulieu airfield to be a pleasant and effective place to fly from, and the Forestry want this area of the Forest looked after, so we have mutual interest there.

**The BMFC Annual General Meeting (AGM)** was held at the St Andrews Centre, Beaulieu Road, Dibden, SO45 4PT on the 24th October at 7:30pm, finishing at 9pm. A good turnout of permit holders heard reports on this year's activities. The [chairman's report](#) is now on the website if you missed it and want to catch up. A number of issues were discussed, most importantly the new changes to the legal position of model flying (see below). It was agreed that the permit fee stays at £10 and the current committee is willing to stand for one more year. However, nobody is here for ever, so if you think you would like to get involved in helping run affairs then please get in contact with any member of the committee and see what you can do.

**Changes are coming:** The BMFC is working hard on your behalf to understand, and come to terms with, the DRES (Registration and competence) requirement announced by the government in 2017 and due to become law on 30th November 2019. There is also the "Drone Bill" which will probably become law in 2020 and will further affect us as we operate on crown lands in an area well visited by the general public. We have no choice but to comply with the law, and it is in our interest to show we are doing so. *We are trying to do this with as little impact on you as possible, but your help and support will be much appreciated.*

**DRES:** Things have been moving quickly since I last reported, with letters to MPs, meetings between the BMFA the CAA and the DfT with the intervention of Government Minister Grant Shapps. As a result of DRES you are now required to have a CAA FlyerId and pass the CAA competence test (unless you only fly models under 250grams, or only fly control-line models). If you have renewed your BMFA membership, and have a BMFA Achievement Scheme A-certificate or better, the BMFA can automatically register you with the CAA and exempt you from taking the competence test (this should be done before the end of January 2020). Otherwise you will have to register with the CAA yourself, and pass the CAA online certification test, before a permit can be issued.

Under DRES **each model that you fly must carry an identification label** containing at least your name, CAA FlyerId and contact details. The label should be easily visible on the model, but for scale models may be inside the model, for example inside the battery box.

**The forthcoming Drone Bill (2020)** will give the Police new powers to inspect flyer's credentials and be able to issue offenders with a Fixed Penalty notices. Since we operate at a public site which is regularly visited by the Police for other law enforcement reasons it is imperative that you carry your CAA registration details with you at all times when you have it.

**The BMFC permit renewal process** is being revised at the moment to take account of these recent changes and will be at <http://www.beaulieumodelflying.org.uk/permits.html> as usual. You can look at the start of the permit process now, and comments are welcome. However, the process is not fully open as yet since we are still waiting for details on how the CAA registration site is going to work, and exactly how the BMFA will handle the bulk registration that they can do on our behalf. Please read the notes on the website.

**2020 permits will be required from 1st January 2020.** If you have renewed your BMFA membership (£32) AND have at least an A-certificate AND have asked the BMFA to get your CAA FlyerId (£9) then the process is easy and you can get your permit as normal. Otherwise there could be problems, so please read the information on the website and follow the recommendations there. We are doing everything we can to help make it easy for you.

**To all permit Holders:** Well, I hope you have enjoyed it - the 2019 model flying season is nearly over !  
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*A recent fly-in at the airfield*



*A new venture for me: Ttrex 450L*

