

# Newsletter



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We wish to record with great sadness that Arthur Hobkirk passed away on the 9th November 2011. He was a founder member of the club in 1973 and for a number of years was our Chairman. We send our condolences to his family.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE 38<sup>TH</sup> AGM.

We have continued to offer to our membership a range of events and activities throughout the year based on a unique set of sites and facilities that we have available to us. We are most fortunate to be able to use not only the Malvern Hills and Fish Meadow but this room and hall and The Elms School all at a most reasonable cost.

I should remind you that our continued use relies on your responsible approach to their use and all of us maintaining good working relationships with the Malvern Hills Conservators, Peter Surman - our landlord at Upton and Alastair Thomas, the headmaster of the Elms School. We have had no problems this year, but we must continue to fly responsibly and safely.

I did not attend the BMFA AGM this year but their annual report indicates that they continue to represent us in the national forums concerning radio frequencies, restrictions of the recreational use of land and the airspace above it. They also provide all of us with insurance cover, the cost of which depends on all of us maintaining the low number of claims. We have had an excellent safety record this year but we must remain safety aware at all times.

I must thank all our elected officers for all they have done in the past year, for the excellent way David, our treasurer, has controlled our expenditure and encouraged new members, our secretary and of course the contest organisers ably led by John Freeman.

We seem to have embraced electric powered soaring with enthusiasm and this has been a highlight of this year. This encouraged us to run our first open electric event at FM on October 8th and this attracted a reasonable entry for an inaugural event. Sufficient, I believe, to consider repeating it in 2012.

Two of our members, John Cubberley and Ken Humphries, have been giving lectures by invitation to pupils of Colwall Primary school. The school invited them to give guidance in how to establish a children's model club and how best to start young enthusiastic children in the hobby. They were very impressed with the school and its pupils. Such a venture should be in the interest of all MSA members because these children are the future and are worthy of our attention. As a result we have recruited a talented new junior member (and his younger brother).

Another event which was most enjoyable was our pre-Christmas fun "indoor chuckie cum F3B" evening last December, the brainchild of David Laycock, who has agreed to do the same this year on Friday 16th.

I am retiring as Chairman at this meeting as I feel it is the right time for a change. Old age creeps up and climbing the hills gets harder and the cold winter weather less easy to endure. I am also spending more months away from Malvern. It was three this year and may be more in 2012. I believe you will be better served to have a chairman who is at least sometimes in the country. I am not sure how long you have put up with me in one capacity or another but I think it was sometime in the late 70s so I feel I am due for release.

I will volunteer to act as website and newsletter editor and continue to liaise with the owners or managers of the flying sites we use for some time yet, if that is what the next chairman wants.

We are very fortunate to be members of arguably the best soaring association in the country with some of the finest facilities for all types of silent flight on our doorstep and at the lowest cost. I look forward to enjoying them hopefully for many years to come.

### **NEW CHAIRMAN ELECTED.**

Steve Hannon has been elected as the new Chairman of the MSA following the retirement of Nick Neve. Steve, a member for over 20 years, has great knowledge and expertise in all branches of RC soaring and indoor electric. A consistent winner of MSA events over the years, the picture shows Steve receiving the MSA Championship cup at this year's AGM. Steve is 56 years old and has been married for 33 years with a daughter aged 28 and a son aged 24. He has worked in the paint industry all of his working life in various positions, currently as a Senior technical coordinator with a European troubleshooting brief.

His model flying interests started at the age 15 building Keil Kraft balsa and tissue rubber powered models then college, marriage and children got in the way until his interests were rekindled when he discovered model gliding. His first glider was a Veron Impala slope soarer which he built in 1985. He has lived in Bromsgrove all of his married life and with the Malvern Hills quite close by he decided to join the MSA and has been a member since 1986. Steve says "The joys of building with balsa, ply and glue always appealed to me until I discovered the performance available with modern moulded gliders. The performance of these modern machines never fails to surprise me".

### **ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2011.**

David Toye, our Treasurer, presented the accounts at the AGM. A summary of the year's income and expenditure is shown below.

<b>Payments</b>	<b>£.p</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>£.p</b>
BMFA affiliation	1353.00	MSA subs	799.00
Rent for Fish Meadow	500.00	BMFA	1330.00
Xmas Gift to farmer	24.48	Profit from auction	78.45
Rent - Colwall Village Hall	76.00	Interest	0.29
Donation to Elms School	100.00		
Claranet - website host	30.62		
Stationery	53.64		
Postage	24.58		
Surplus	45.42		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>2207.74</b>		<b>2207.74</b>

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.** It is that time of year again. The BMFA has increased its fees this year to: Seniors:£31, Junior:£16, Family Senior:£31, Family Partner:£20, Family Junior:£12. Membership year runs from January to December. Our MSA fees have remained the same at Senior £12, Junior - free. The best way to renew is to download a form from the MSA website at:

[http://www.malvernsoaringassociation.co.uk/form\\_2012.html](http://www.malvernsoaringassociation.co.uk/form_2012.html)

and follow the instructions on the form. Remember that your insurance expired on 31<sup>st</sup> December. You are covered from the time David Toye receives the renewal. A form is enclosed for those not on email.

**BRIDGE WORKS IN UPTON UPON SEVERN.** The bridge will be closed in both directions overnight from Monday 27th February to Friday 2nd March from 8pm to 6am. This is for resurfacing works. During these times, a diversion will be in place. There will be a full closure from 9pm on the 2nd March until 6am on Monday 5th March. This is for resurfacing works. During this time, a diversion will be in place.

**CALENDAR 2012. [All competitions start at 10.30 am.]**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>January</b>		
Thursday 5th.	Club night [doors open 7.30 pm]	Jean Simon room, Colwall Village Hall
Friday 6th.	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School
Friday 27th.	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School
<b>February</b>		
Thursday 2nd.	Club night, 7.30 pm	Jean Simon room, Colwall Village Hall
Friday 17th.	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School
Sunday 19th.	Slope 1 - Loops and Landings	Malverns - Table Hill area
<b>March</b>		
Thursday 1st.	Auction: Doors Open 7:30 pm, Auction starts 8:15 pm.	Colwall Village Hall
Sunday 4th.	Thermal 1 - 3 Flight Aggregate,	Upton - Fish Meadow
Friday 9th.	Indoor Flying	Elms School
Sunday 18th.	Thermal 2 - BARCS Rules	Upton - Fish Meadow
Friday 23rd.	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School
<b>April</b>		
Sunday 1st.	E Soaring 1 - Distance	Upton - Fish Meadow
Friday 6th.	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School
Saturday 14th.	F3b - BMFA National League	Upton - Fish Meadow (no club flying)
Sunday 15th.	Thermal 3 - Progressive Times	Upton - Fish Meadow
Friday 20th	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm] THE CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE	Elms School
<b>May</b>		
Friday 4th Saturday 5th Sunday 6th	Upton Folk Festival Town venues	Fish Meadow available for club flying
Sunday 6th.	E Soaring 2 - Mass Launch	Upton - Fish Meadow
Sunday 20th	Slope 2 - X- country,	Malverns - Table Hill area
<b>June</b>		
Sunday 3rd.	Slope 3 - Limbo	Malverns - Table Hill area
Sunday 17th.	E Soaring 3 - BARCS Rules	Upton - Fish Meadow
Friday 22nd. Saturday 23rd. Sunday 24th.	Upton Jazz Festival	Camping on Fish Meadow (no club flying)
<b>July</b>		

Sunday 8th.	Thermal 4 - Regressive Times	Upton - Fish Meadow
Saturday 14th.	British Triathlon	Upton - Fish Meadow (no club flying)
Friday 20th. Saturday 21st. Sunday 22nd.	Upton Blues Festival Town venues	Fish Meadow available for club flying
Sunday 22th.	E Soaring 4 - Precision Duration	Upton - Fish Meadow
<b>August</b>		
Sunday 5th.	Thermal 5 - Distance	Upton - Fish Meadow
Sunday 19th.	Slope 4 - Speed	Malverns - Table Hill area
Friday 24th. Saturday 25th. Sunday 26th. Monday 27th.	The Upton Festival	Fish Meadow (no club flying)
<b>September</b>		
Saturday 1st. Sunday 2nd.	LMA and Hereford MAC Show	Much Marcle
Sunday 9th.	E Soaring 5 - 3 Flight Aggregate	Upton - Fish Meadow
Saturday 15th.	F3b - BMFA National League (alternative date to be confirmed)	Upton - Fish Meadow (if confirmed then no club flying)
Sunday 16th.	BARCS National F3j League event (open to MSA members)	Upton - Fish Meadow (no club sport flying)
Sunday 23rd.	E Soaring 6 - National Rules, a 10 minute flight in an 11 minute slot.	Upton - Fish Meadow
Saturday 29th.	F3b - BMFA National League	Fish Meadow (no club flying )
<b>October</b>		
Sunday 7th.	Thermal 6 - RES [Rudder, Elevator, Spoiler]	Upton - Fish Meadow
Sunday 21st.	Slope 5 - Slalom	Malverns - Table Hill area
<b>November</b>		
Thursday 1st.	Club night - topic tbd. doors open 7.30pm.	Jean Simon Room, Colwall Village Hall
Sunday 4th.	Slope 6 - Limbo	Malverns - Table Hill area
<b>December</b>		
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> .	Annual General Meeting, prize giving and raffle draw; 8pm, doors open 7.30pm.	Jean Simon room, Colwall Village Hall

**NEIL JONES.** We congratulate MSA member Neil Jones in topping the series of trial events to select the British team to the 2012 F3J World Championships which are going to be held in Johannesburg South Africa. The proposed dates are 6-10th August 2012. We congratulate Neil and wish him success.

**CHANGES TO YOUR BMFA INSURANCE.** One of the most important aspects of the BMFA membership package is the insurance benefits that are provided both to individual members and

affiliated clubs. The insurance package provides a number of benefits but the important principal is that members are protected in circumstances where a statement of claim is made against them (in other words a member is sued in relation to model flying or related activity. For a number of years the BMFA policies have been placed with Royal and Sun Alliance and Ace Europe through our broker Perkins Slade.

For 2012 following extensive research and negotiations. Doodson Broking have been appointed as the BMFA insurance brokers and new policies under written by Mitsui. Chubb and Q.B.E Insurance are being implemented.

There are a number of benefits available under the new scheme that see an improvement in the overall package provided to BMFA members, whilst Doodsons Broking Group are a relatively new "player" in the specific field of sports insurance they are an established provider of imaginative insurance solutions in the fields of motor sport and event cover and already provide cover for a number of National Governing Bodies.

The last 18 months have seen a large amount of work dedicated to arriving at a position where we felt confident in placing the BMFA business with the new provider, there are a number of benefits contained within the new scheme and the highlights are bullet pointed below.

- o Increased level of indemnity from £10 million to £25 million (legal liability policy).
- o Increased level of cover from £25,000 to £35,000 (personal accident policy).
- o Increased death benefit from £5,000 to £35,000 (personal accident policy).
- o Removal of age limits and reduced benefits (personal accident policy).
- o Increased flexibility with claims handling.
- o Reduced time frame from incident to settlement.
- o Transparent claims handling procedure.
- o Clearer claim process for third party.
- o Preferred vehicle repairer option.
- o Sponsorship for BMFA related activities.
- o Performance related benefits available to the BMFA including profit share related low claims experience.

The 2012 membership documents will contain details of the new benefits and increased levels of indemnity. Club secretaries and event organisers will be able to request the 2012 insurance synopsis document for use when booking venues or completing lease agreements. On a day-to-day basis the changes will have little effect from a member's perspective other than the confidence of increased levels of cover and the knowledge of improved procedures in the event of a claim,

Manny Williamson, BMFA Development Officer

## PRESENTATION



A presentation to Nick Neve was made at the January Club Night by Steve Hannon on behalf of the membership in appreciation of his service to the MSA over the years. The picture shows Nick accepting an Amazon Kindle, an A5 size device capable of storing, organizing and displaying over 1,000 books yet weighing just a few grams. Nick writes: "I just wanted to say how appreciative I was of the kind words expressed at the January 2012 club night on my retirement as Chairman and for the very generous present of an Amazon 'Kindle', which will not only be very useful whilst on long haul flights, but in between times as well at home. It is a fantastic modern device, literally a library of one's choice in the pocket, weighing next to

nothing and which I am quickly learning to use.

A sincere thank you to all who contributed, I will cherish it. Also for electing me as a life member, it is a great honour to be appointed as such and much appreciated. Regards, Nick Neve".

## AUCTION

Our annual auction of R/C model goods and equipment will be held in Colwall Village Hall on Thursday March 1st 2012. Doors open at 7.30 pm, the auction starts 8.15 pm. All are welcome to attend. If you have any surplus models, modelling goods, magazines, accessories, tools, engines, radios, plans, kits etc to sell please bring them along. Remember your unwanted goods may be just what somebody else is looking for.

All lots are booked in on the night but if you are planning to bring many items please contact us beforehand. We deduct 10% from the sale price [up to a maximum of £5.00] to defray costs. We expect to have a wide range of model goods brought in for sale if past years are anything to go by.

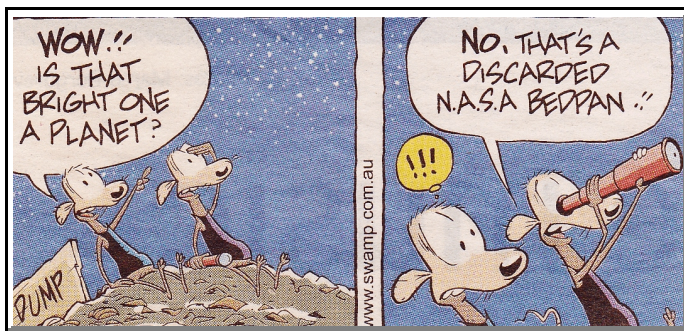
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## MAGAZINE SECTION

This is the story of a blonde lady flying in a two-seater airplane with just the pilot. He has a heart attack and dies. She frantically calls a May Day: "May Day! May Day! Help me! Help me! My pilot had a heart attack and is dead. And I don't know how to fly. Help me! Please help me!" All of a sudden she hears a voice over the radio saying: "This is the tower. I have received your message and I will talk you through it. I've had a lot of experience with this kind of problem. Now, just relax. Everything will be fine! Now give me your height and position." She says, "I'm 5'4" and I'm in the front seat." "O.K." says the voice from the tower. "Repeat after me: Our Father. . . Who art in Heaven. . .

A police officer stops a blonde for speeding and asks her very nicely if he could see her license. She replied in a huff, 'I wish you guys would get your act together. Just yesterday you take away my license and then today you expect me to show it to you!'

There's this blonde out for a walk. She comes to a river and sees another blonde on the opposite bank 'Yoo-hoo!' she shouts, 'How can I get to the other side?' The second blonde looks up the river then down the river and shouts back, 'You ARE on the other side.'



A gorgeous young redhead goes into the doctor's office and said that her body hurt wherever she touched it. 'Impossible!' says the doctor.. 'Show me.' The redhead took her finger, pushed on her left shoulder and screamed, then she pushed her elbow and screamed even more. She pushed her knee and screamed; likewise she pushed her ankle and screamed. Everywhere she touched made her scream. The doctor said, 'You're not really a redhead, are you?' 'Well, no' she said, 'I'm actually a blonde.' 'I thought so,' the doctor

said, 'Your finger is broken.'

A blonde was playing Trivial Pursuits one night... It was her turn. She rolled the dice and she landed on Science & Nature. Her question was, 'If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?' She thought for a time and then asked, 'Is it turned on or off?'

A wife asked her husband "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk, and if they have eggs, get 6." A short time later the husband came back with .6 cartons of milk. The wife asked him, "Why the hell did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"He replied, "They had eggs."

When you have finished groaning, and I apologise to all blondes everywhere, remember please to fly safely whilst insured.

Nick Neve.