

MSA Newsletter



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WINTER FLYING



Winter flying is well under way at Fish Meadow. How do you know when it is taking place? You need to ask Malcolm White (housewhite@talktalk.net) to add you to his email list. Malcolm studies the weather forecasts and then nominates a suitable day and time. He is becoming very skilled at picking good days, even between the winter storms. These sessions are very well attended normally and are a good opportunity for getting advice, some training too maybe, and test flying new models.

MSA & BMFA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS.

It is that time of year again. The BMFA has not increased its fees this year so they remain at Senior: £32, Junior: £17, Family Senior: £32, Family Partner: £21, Family Junior: £13. Membership year runs from January to December. Our MSA fees have also remained the same at Senior: £12, Junior: free. The best way to renew is to contact our Treasurer and send him the fees **and a SAE**. There is no need to send in the form on the website in most cases, as set out at the head of the form, unless your

details have changed. If they have then download a form from the MSA website at:

http://www.malvernsoaringassociation.co.uk/form_2014.html

and follow the instructions on the form. **Remember that your insurance expired on 31st December.** You are covered from the time David Toye receives your renewal application. Remember that we are a 100% BMFA-affiliated club, so unless you are a 'social', i.e. a non-flying member, you must have a valid BMFA membership either through the MSA, another club or as a BMFA country member.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2013.

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

Payments	£.p	Receipts	£.p
BMFA affiliation	1327.00	MSA subs	684.00
Rent for Fish Meadow	500.00	BMFA	1327.00
Xmas Gift to farmer	38.00	Surplus from auction	31.25
Rent - Colwall Village Hall	63.00	Interest	0.60
Donation to Elms School	100.00	Donation	1.00
Claranet - website host	31.46		
Equipment	24.99		
Postage	3.10		
Speakers' expenses	52.00		
Deficit			<u>95.70</u>
TOTALS	<u>2139.55</u>		<u>2139.55</u>

We have funds totaling £1,569.40 which is a healthy financial position.

BMFA

The BMFA annual report for the period 1st September 2012 to August 31st 2013 states that the membership almost unchanged on the same period last year and is standing at 35,500. Affiliations are 847 organisations / clubs. These are supported by a 'Club Support Officer' (Andy Simons), a member of the BMFA staff. Insurance is handled by The Doodson Broking Group who reports that claims received were 27 in 2012 and 24 so far in 2013. They mainly relate to damage to property, motor cars and fingers. This is considered to be a good record and resulted in the BMFA receiving in excess of £24,000 in their profit-sharing agreement with the brokers in addition to the £25,000 sponsorship they provided. Uptake on the new scheme to provide equipment cover for members and clubs has been a little slower than hoped.

GUESTS FLYING AT FISH MEADOW.

Club policy regarding members' guests flying on Fish Meadow is that insured guests can fly on a one off basis to Fish Meadow and must be accompanied all times. If they are locally based and wish to fly again then it is expected that they join the MSA, thus sharing in the costs of renting the field.

Flying on the Malvern Hills is open to any member of the public and they are expected to comply with the Hills Conservators' bye-laws and our arrangements with the local Hang and Paragliding club.

MSA AGM

Our AGM was held on December 12th. Our committee remains the same. The competition programme was modified to reflect the current trends in members' interests. In 2014 we will hold four Slope events, four Thermal events and six E Soaring events. After some discussion and a vote it was decided that in our E Soaring electric class and with immediate effect, the electric motor [on/off] control should be on a switch and not on the transmitter variable throttle control. The 'fly-ins' both at Fish Meadow and on the slope had been a great success and Malcolm White was congratulated on his picking of the date/time based on the weather forecast.

AUCTION

Our auction of R/C model goods and equipment will not be held this year. Last year we struggled to make a surplus and the quality of the lots was not very good. When coupled with the fact that our regular Auctioneer will be sunning himself in Arizona again and the hall is not booked, it adds up to a cancellation.

CALENDAR 2014

The events may change the day before the competition depending on the weather conditions being predicted. As usual an email will be circulated on the Saturday, before 6pm. If an event has to be postponed then the next available Sunday or a suitable date in the future will be selected. As far as scoring is concerned for the club championship in Thermal and Slope, it will be three events to count from four and in Electric, four from six.

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
March		
Sunday 2nd	Thermal 1 –BARCS	Upton, Fish Meadow
Sunday 23rd	E Soaring 1 – AULD	Upton, Fish Meadow
April		
Sunday 13th	E Soaring 2 - AULD	Upton, Fish Meadow
Sunday 27th	Slope 1 – Loops and Landings	Malverns, Table Hill Area
May		
Sunday 4th	E Soaring 3 - AULD	Upton, Fish Meadow
June		
Sunday 1st	Slope 2 - Limbo	Malverns, Table Hill Area
Sunday 15th	E Soaring 4 - AULD	Upton, Fish Meadow
Friday 27th	Jazz Festival	Upton, Fish Meadow – no MSA flying
Saturday 28th	Jazz Festival	Upton, Fish Meadow – no MSA flying
Sunday 29th	Jazz Festival	Upton, Fish Meadow – no MSA flying
July		
Sunday 6th	Thermal 2 - Regressive times	Upton, Fish Meadow
Saturday 12th	Triathlon	Upton, Fish Meadow – no MSA flying

Sunday 13th	E Soaring 5 - AULD	Upton, Fish Meadow
Saturday 19th	Blues Festival	Upton, Fish Meadow – no MSA flying
Sunday 20th	Blues Festival	Upton, Fish Meadow – no MSA flying
Monday 21st	Blues Festival	Upton, Fish Meadow – no MSA flying
August		
Sunday 3rd	Thermal 3 - Progressive	Upton, Fish Meadow
Sunday 17th	Slope 3 – Speed - foamy	Malverns, Table Hill area
Friday 22nd	Music Festival	Upton, Fish Meadow – no MSA flying
Saturday 23rd	Music Festival	Upton, Fish Meadow – no MSA flying
Sunday 24th	Music Festival	Upton, Fish Meadow – no MSA flying
September		
Sunday 7th	E Soaring 6 - 3 Flight Aggregate	Upton, Fish Meadow
Sunday 21st	Thermal 4 - Rudder, Elevator, Spoiler only.	Upton, Fish Meadow
October		
Sunday 5th	Slope 4 – Slalom or Speed	Malverns, Table Hill area

FISH MEADOW NOTES

Gate code: A reminder to all members; you are asked not to give the gate code to non members.

Guests: MSA members may bring a guest to fly at Fish Meadow on a one-off basis. They must accompany them at all times and are responsible for the guest being both insured and familiar with our code of conduct relating to flying at Fish Meadow.

Windsock: The recent gales destroyed our windsock. It will be replaced soon with a new one.

MAGAZINE SECTION

Wife texts husband on a cold winter morning: "Windows frozen."

Husband texts back: "Try using some lukewarm water."

Wife texts back five minutes later: "Computer completely screwed up now."

Those who jump off the Paris bridges are in Seine .

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

In democracy your vote counts; in feudalism your count votes.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

Once you've seen one shopping centre you've seen a mall.

Please think of safety before you launch.

Nick Neve, Editor.