

Stansted Model Flying Club Newsletter

November, 2017

Our next Meeting will be at Ugley Village Hall on Monday 4th December at 8PM – it's the AGM!

Mike's Chat:

The second indoor club meeting of the winter was again an informal event, but a very convivial one – we had to remind people to go home!

Do come to the AGM, and offer your services as there will be lots of jobs available. There will be a FREE raffle of Xmas goodies for those attending, with hot sausage rolls and mince pies to tempt you and to finish off the evening with a little of the Christmas spirit.

We **need** replacement club committee members, as changes will have to be made to accommodate the imminent loss of some present incumbents. So come prepared to do your bit next year – your club needs you!

In the meantime, we can but hope for some calm warm flying weather.

Cheers Dears

Mike

Annual General Meeting:

The Club's Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 4th December at Ugley Village Hall at 8PM. We now have the BFMA Membership rates for 2018 so you will be able to renew your SMFC and BMFA Memberships after the meeting. The main topics will be:

Committee Members' Reports.

Setting the SMFC annual subscription rate for 2018.

The presentation of the annual Club Award (the Alan Banks Trophy for achievement and the Nigel Smith Trophy for outstanding model design/building).

Proposals from the Committee. The committee will make some important proposals relating to safety and club rules. These form our response to the increased public and political profile of model flying that has become evident this year and as outlined in the new BFMA Handbook.

The election of Club Committee Members for 2018. While all committee positions for the next year are up for election at the AGM, we *must* elect a new Chairman as Bill is unable to continue in this role due to ill health - and we also need a Club Secretary.

BMFA:

I have been advised by the E. Anglia district of the BMFA that:

The "Nationals"

Free flight Nationals will go ahead at Barkston Heath in 2018

Power Nationals will go ahead at Barkston Heath in 2018

Silent Flight Nationals will go ahead at Buckminster Lodge (National Centre)

The National Centre

Delivered on time and under budget

Officially opened 8th May 2017, although first control line competition held on 23rd April 2017

Exemption to fly models up to 20 Kg up to 2,000 ft granted. Permanent NOTAM issued identifying site as active model flying site to full size aviators.

Project successful and expected to break even or better by end of first year of operation

Bookings for next year looking healthy

Plans for Phase 2 being developed but additional sources of sponsorship and grants being sought to help with this.

2018 Membership Rates:

£34 for Adults (no change)

£17 for Juniors (an increase of £1)

£23 for Family Partners (an increase of £1)

£13 for Family Juniors (no change)

And Finally:

I'm now well into my "down-sizing" move and I am now busy transferring my numerous models to their new home. It's getting a bit crowded in my garage/workshop so maybe a bit of model "down-sizing" is required, too!



Well, there's still some ceiling space left – but not all my models have been moved to my new abode yet!

Laurie