



NEWSLETTER

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FILM MAKERS COUGH UP IN RETURN FOR FEBRUARY NO FLY AGREEMENT.

Club officers have reached an agreement with film makers who will be working at Stockers Farm for two weeks in February that the club will guarantee no flying for nine specified days in return for a "substantial sum". The agreed dates for total suspension of flying are as follows:-

Tuesday February 7th through to Friday February 10th (inclusive.)

Monday February 13th through to Friday February 17th (inclusive)

Saturday February 11th and Sunday February 12th is free for normal flying.

Members are asked to take careful note of those dates to ensure that there can be no accidental breach of a formal agreement that involves a welcome contribution to club funds. The film makers have abandoned their proposal to enter our site to film a battle scene, staged on Stocker's Farm land, from our side of the fence.

THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, at 8-0 p.m. At the BATTLE OF BRITAIN CLUB sees the return of ARTHUR CREIGHTON, former RAF navigator and aviation enthusiast, whose talk to the club a year ago was widely appreciated. This time his subject is "Big Gliders".

ELECTRIC MODEL BRINGS NOISE COMPLAINT.



This pusher prop-driven ARTF electric foamy fitted with a motor that is for propellers or ducted fans has earned the club its first electric flight-related noise complaint. The apologetic owner, a new member, explained that he had fitted the motor because he "wanted to see how fast he could make it go." The result was a noise and irritation level as bad as a high-revving two-stroke. Chairman Mat Dawson apologised to the complainant - a neighbour who is normally well disposed towards us - and warns members "If you think a model in the air is excessively noisy, don't just sit there and grumble - it is up to every member to draw it to the attention of the owner and persuade him to land and discuss the problem. We have a noise meter at Harefield but nowadays perceived noise is noise and we can't afford a return to the days of complaints to the site owners or the local authority. Electric flight is not necessarily silent flight!"



Picture: Derek Critcher

Above: This plans-built, 56 inch span model of the 1912 Blackburn Monoplane has been taking shape in Derek Critcher's workshop over the winter. The original, full sized aircraft, nearly 100 years old, is still flying at the Shuttleworth Collection at Old Warden.

CHRISTMAS VANDALS TARGET OUR MODEL TABLES

Local jobs jeered at Member Roger Darvell from the far side of the canal as he retrieved two of our wooden model tables that had been taken from the flying field and dumped on waste ground near the "hairpin bend" in our approach road. Immediate steps were taken to hinder future vandal attacks by removing the wheels from those tables that had been fitted with them and anchoring one of the two tables into the ground.

Chairman Mat Dawson says that there is no need for us to panic. The club is no stranger to occasional visits from vandals but now there is a high winter attendance at the field he has this advice for anyone who comes across intruders causing damage:-

Dial 999 with the mobile phone you should always have with you, or from the club house phone.

Give the police the following crime number

CH 515382231211

Give the location as

SPRINGWELL LANE WD3 5UE

If necessary, give the map reference

504384 193056

Be sure to explain that our entrance gate is immediately next to the bridge over the canal, and go down to the gate to meet and admit any police response.

TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF INTRUDERS IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.

NO INSURANCE, NO FLY

Members are reminded that unless and until their BMFA membership and its attendant insurance has been renewed they **MAY NOT FLY** at Harefield. Cover begins as soon as cheque or cash passes into the hands of the handling club officer,

**STUART WHITEHOUSE at
ORCHARD END, BENTLEY RD
SLOUGH SL1 5BB**

The deadline for renewal of club membership is the **LAST DAY OF JANUARY**, after which re-entry will require the full process of joining, including payment of the joining fee.

DON'T DELAY. RENEW NOW!



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Above: Having recovered the model tables with his trusty lorry and crane (in the background), Roger Darvell gets to work to remove the wheels from all the tables to make them less mobile. The long journey down to the canal had wrecked one of the wheels (inset).

JOBS FOR THE BOYS

These are the committee members' duties for 2012. Their telephone numbers are on the back of your membership card:-

Mat Dawson: Chairman.

John Fowles. Membership Secretary

Roy Lanning: Secretary.

**David Orrells: Indoor Flying Organiser,
Scale Day Co-director .**

Mike Pugh: Training Manager.

Leon Taylor: Events Secretary.

**Des Wheatley. Field & Club House
Manager**

**Stuart Whitehouse: Treasurer and
Co-Scale Day Director.**

**Bob Young: Prize and Cup Master &
Website Editor.**