



Affiliated to the British Model Flying Association Club No. 561

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2014

*** * * HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS * * ***

**NEXT CLUB MEETING:
WEDNESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2014 AT 8PM
BRING ALONG YOUR INDOOR HELICOPTERS**

<p>Website: www.brightonradioflyingclub.co.uk</p> <p>If you would like to contribute any items for the Website please contact: webmaster@brightonradioflyingclub.co.uk</p>	<p>FROM THE COMMITTEE: WE HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT CHRISTMAS. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY RENEWED THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2014.</p>														
<p>BRFC Committee Members for 2014 are:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Nick West</td> <td>Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andy Murdoch</td> <td>Vice-Chairman</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ian Smith</td> <td>Honorary Treasurer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gitta Horan</td> <td>Honorary Secretary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David Rayner</td> <td>Committee Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ken Norman</td> <td>Committee Member</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marcus Smith</td> <td>Committee Member</td> </tr> </table> <p>Contact details on Website</p>	Nick West	Chairman	Andy Murdoch	Vice-Chairman	Ian Smith	Honorary Treasurer	Gitta Horan	Honorary Secretary	David Rayner	Committee Member	Ken Norman	Committee Member	Marcus Smith	Committee Member	<p>Club Nights</p> <p>Ideas for Club Nights – Let the Committee know if there is anything you would like included for 2014.</p> <p>If you haven't attended before, you are missing a treat - the evenings start at 8pm and usually run until around 10pm. Tea and Coffee available.</p> <p>Take the opportunity to catch up with other members and hear about what's been happening within the Club. The Committee also regularly invite guest speakers to give presentations on topics of interest. This month we are inviting members to bring along their indoor helicopters.</p>
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<p><u>COMMITTEE NEWS</u></p> <p>Non-Flying Members</p> <p>We now have a new category of membership for people who want to remain members of the Club but who do not want to participate in flying activities. Membership fee for the year is £30.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BMFA insurance is not required for non-flying members. • Your Permit to Fly Card must be returned to the Committee. • Non-flying members will retain voting rights. <p>This category of membership will suit people who enjoy visiting the field to watch activities and meeting up with other members at Club meetings.</p>	<p>Renewals 2014 – It's not too late to renew your membership!</p> <p>Download a renewal form from the BRFC website, complete and return to the Secretary to ensure continuity of membership into 2014.</p> <p>If you have not renewed your membership by 31st December 2013 you will not be permitted to fly until your application and payment have been received. This includes indoor and outdoor flying activities.</p>														

<p>Club Logo</p> <p>We hope you all like the new Club logo designed by Paul Horan. We hope to be developing some Club memorabilia during the year.</p>	<p>Club Events</p> <p>The New 2014 Calendar of events will shortly be available on the BRFC Website. Please check the Website for updates.</p>
<p>Indoor Flying</p> <p>ALL MEMBERS WELCOME</p> <p>DATE: Saturday 18th January 2014 TIME: 4.00pm – 5.30pm VENUE: Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (BACA), Old Falmer School Campus, Lewes Road, Brighton BN1 9PW COST: Flyers - £6 per session Spectators - Free.</p> <p>Future Dates for your diary: 15th February 2014 15th March 2014</p> <p>Great for Night Vapours, Nanos, indoor light aircraft and helicopters. It's fun for everyone and a cheap way to spend an afternoon. Come along and see for yourself?</p>	<p>AT THE FIELD . . .</p> <p>Safety - First Aiders</p> <p>The issue of trained first aiders was raised by a member recently. If anyone is a trained first aider please can you make yourself known to the Committee.</p> <p>A supply of Incident Report Forms are located in the spares box in the field shelter for all members if needed. Any accidents or incidents should be recorded and passed to a Committee member.</p> <p>Signs – Coming soon!</p> <p>Look out for the new aluminium signs that have been ordered for display at the flying site. Thanks to Ken Norman for arranging this.</p> <p>Improvements to Field Entrance</p>
<p>Flying Site Lease Negotiations</p> <p>The lease for the Flying Site is due for renewal in 2014. The Committee will be liaising with Brighton and Hove City Council to negotiate renewal.</p>	<p>The Committee are investigating ways of improving the entrance to the site, ie. concreting of area at entrance to car park, in the early part of 2014. This will make a huge difference to everyone accessing the field.</p>
<p>BMFA 'A' and 'B' Tests</p> <p>Please contact the Committee if you are interested in taking your 'A' or 'B' Certificate in 2014. This year, there will also be the opportunity to take your Electric Glider Certificate.</p> <p>Neil Harbour from the BMFA is happy to accommodate us.</p> <p>Safe Handling of Lithium Batteries</p> <p>If you are a member who uses lithium polymer batteries (Lipo) please take the time to read the article in the latest BMFA News regarding personal safety when using these batteries.</p>	<p>Helicopter Pilots</p> <p>Although we are mainly a fixed wing Club, there are an increasing number of new members who wish to fly helicopters.</p> <p>The Committee are working towards introducing a Helicopter Permit to Fly based on the BMFA Helicopter 'A' Test. We will update you as this progresses.</p>

The Committee look forward to seeing you at the next Club Meeting on

Wednesday 8th January 2014

8.00pm at Patcham Community Centre