

# BourneStormers Model Club



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With the end of November in sight, let's leave the 'white elephant in the room' of the Drone and Model Aircraft Registration and Education Scheme (DRES) until later and start with something important.

Next month, on Wednesday 4th, it's our AGM, so make a note in your diary or on your electronic device and remember that we usually have some sausages and chips available! If you have any items you would like on the agenda let a Committee member or this Newsletter know ASAP or Now, whichever is sooner (in other words - quickly please).

Our Club Winter meal will be taking place again this year at the Wishing Well pub and the date has been set for Saturday 1st February. As usual, please let Eddie or this Newsletter know if you wish to come along. A menu and cost will, hopefully, be forthcoming in time for the next Newsletter, but it will probably be similar to the last one.

Next some Field news. Firstly, to encourage the grass to thicken, the close mown square in front of the pilots area may be shifted half its length sideways for a while, then the same the other way. Hopefully this will remove or reduce the bald patches and help to smooth things out a bit.

Secondly, a big thank you goes to Andrew who has been campaigning hard, and successfully, against our resident moles.



A little move for the Spotlight Model this month to keep page two available for 'Other Things'.

Rog Robbins's latest test flight was his new Extra from Probuild. Spanning about 1.7m (67") and running a DLE 30cc petrol engine with an 18x8 prop, it's a big model that is not short on power. Using Rog's own words, the first test flight "caused a bit of a panic until it was trimmed out". For those on our Facebook group, there's a video of its second test flight (shot by some dodgy amateur) to give you an idea of this model's performance.

Getting his next model in early, Rog also has a Keil Kraft Caprice in the works, currently waiting for a clockwork D/T. (Free flight speak for 'Something to make it come down').

Gareth kicked off this month's meeting by handing out some sheets with a summary of the BMFA update about DRES and how it will work. This certainly kicked off some discussion about Operator/Flyer IDs and how it works for minors (under 18).

To see all the information, go to the CAA Unmanned Aircraft and Drones page here:-

[www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Unmanned-aircraft-and-drones](http://www.caa.co.uk/Consumers/Unmanned-aircraft-and-drones)

Click on the 'About registration' link and read that page, it does explain things quite well.



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As I have quite a lot of time and very little brain, here is a, hopefully useful, explanation of the relevant bits.

Basically, if you fly something heavier than 250g, it's going to cost someone £9 a year.

The Operator, who must be over 18, is the person responsible for the model and must only allow someone with a Flyer ID to fly it.

The Flyer is responsible for ensuring the model is flown legally. On a buddy box, the Instructor is the Flyer, the Student isn't.

Anyone over 18 that flies their own models will need to register as an Operator and a Flyer.

Anyone under 18 that flies their own models will need to register as a Flyer. If they are under 13, a parent/guardian must be present when they register. Additionally, a parent/guardian will need to register as the Operator or Non-Flying Operator of the models.

To register as an Operator, you must register and pay £9. You will receive an Operator ID which must go on all the models you are responsible for. This registration lasts for 1 year.

To register as a Flyer you must register and pass the - apparently reasonably easy - CAA competency test or the BMFA RCC (see below), or hold an A-cert or equivalent. You will receive a Flyer ID which you should carry when you are flying. It is free and the registration lasts for 3 years.

Hopefully that explains the Operator and Flyer thing, it seemed to create some confusion. Most of us will be Operators and Flyers and, as BMFA members, we can choose to let the BMFA handle the registration when we renew our membership. Those without an A-cert can take the BMFA's own 'Registration Competency Certificate' (RCC) as part of the membership renewal process.

## Upcoming Events

### November 2019

#### Sat 2nd

Buckminster. BMFA PR & Promotional Skills Workshop.  
Details on BMFA Facebook page.

#### Wed 6th

Meeting at the Wishing Well

#### Sat 6th

BMFA AGM. Daventry. 1:30pm  
Details on BMFA website.

### December 2019

#### Wed 4th

Meeting at the Wishing Well  
>>>AGM<<<

#### Sun 8th & 22nd

Sleaford Indoor Flying. 2pm, £5.  
Northgate Sports Hall, Carre's Grammar School, NG34 7DD.  
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