

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 101

All correspondence re this news to the FFTC Secretary:

Stephen Philpott, 14 Durley Drive, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6QT. Tel 0121 354 4448 mob 07939 205047.
Email srphilpott@aol.com

The FFTC met at BMFA Office Leicester on the 20 November 2019.

2020 CONTEST CALENDAR

BMFA FREE FLIGHT AND SPACE CALENDAR 2020 Publication V2.0

Please note that Space events appear on this calendar as they are the responsibility of the FFTC. They are not part of the Overall British Free Flight Championship

Please also note that ONLY Team Selection events are subject to postponement due to unsuitable weather

Changes to version (V1.0) shown in RED

| DATE | COMPETITION & VENUE | CLASSES/TROPHIES (N.B. <u>Non</u> British FF Championship events are shown in <i>Bold Italic</i>) | PROVISIONAL CONTACT |
|----------------|---|---|--|
| 28 Feb/2 March | 2020 F1E Team Selection Trials. Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray. | F1E Slope Soaring | Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com |
| 1 March | 1st Area – Spring opener. Area Venues. | CG, CR, CP, CE (Plugge), F1J (Plugge), P30 (Plugge), HLG/CLG. | Contact: Area Comp Secs. |
| 11/17 March | 2020 F1E Team Selection Trials. (Reserve dates – only used if necessary) Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray. | F1E Slope Soaring | Contact: Ian Kaynes, 01252 512538 kaynes@btinternet.com |

| | | | |
|---------------------------|--|--|---|
| 15 March | 2nd Area – Gamage Day. Area Venues. | CR (Gamage), F1A (SMAE), F1C (Halfax, Plugge), E36 (Plugge), Vin Glider (Plugge), P30, Tailless HLG/CLG. | Contact: Area Comp Secs. |
| 29 March | 3rd Area – Team Power Day. Area Venues. | CG, CP Team (Keil, Plugge), CE, F1B (Gutridge), F1Q (Plugge), Vin Rubber/Power (Plugge), Mini Vintage (Plugge), HLG/CLG. | Contact: Area Comp Secs. |
| 10 April (Good Friday) | Northern Gala. Venue: Barkston Heath. | C/G (CMA), C/R (Caton), C/P (Hamley); [Club Champs] ,C/E, F1H, SLOP (Falcons), MiniVintage, P30, HLG/CLG. | Contact: Colin Foster 01904 798253 katecol@mypostoffice.co.uk |
| 19 April | 1st F1E Meeting. Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray. | F1E (FF Slope Soaring). | Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com |
| 25/26 April | London Gala. Venue: Salisbury Plain. | 25th: C/G, C/R, C/P, C/E, P30, CO2. 26th: F1H, F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A, Mini Vintage, E30, HLG/CLG. | Contact: TBC |
| 25/26 April | London Gala. Space FAI Practice Days. Venue: Salisbury Plain. | S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A. | Contact: Trevor Seabrook : 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com |

| | | | |
|--------------|--|--|--|
| 9/10 May | Team Selection. Venue: Barkston Heath. | F1A, F1B, F1C. N.B Pre-entry only prior to 19th April. | Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com |
| 17 May | 2nd F1E (Team Selection) Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray. | F1E (FF Slope Soaring). | Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com |
| 23/24/25 May | National Championships. Venue: Barkston Heath. | <p>23rd: C/G (Thurston), C/R (Model Aircraft), C/P (Shelley), C/E, Tailless (Lady Shelley), Women's CG/CR/CP (SAA), Junior CG/CR/CP (Frog Junior), CLG, E30.</p> <p>24th: F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Fred Boxall), F1C (Eddie Cosh), F1QUK(Astral), Vintage R/P (Jubilee), SLOP (Peter Harris), HLG (Nats), P30, Novice Glider & Rubber (J) (junior kit glider & junior kit rubber), Bowden.</p> <p>25th: F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J(Quickstart), BMFA1/2A(Hales), Mini Vintage (Weston), CO2 (Sparklets), E36, Vintage Glider, Classic R/P, Classic Glider. Plus Junior and overall category championships.</p> <p>SAM 35 to run non championship events</p> | <p>Contact: Mike Woodhouse, 01603 457754, e-mail: michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com</p> <p>Contact for SAM Events John Ashmole 01406 370188 Email: johnashmole@yahoo.co.uk</p> |

| | | | |
|------------|---|---|--|
| 23/25 May | Space Nationals Venue: Barkston Heath | S1, S2/P, S3, S4, S5, S6, S8E/P, S9 | Contact: Trevor Seabrook : 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttreorseabrook@gmail.com |
| 7June | 3rd F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray. | F1E (FF Slope Soaring). SMC Trophy. | Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com |
| 28 June | 4th Area. Summer Mini Day. Area Venues. | F1H (Plugge), F1G (Plugge), BMFA 1/2 A Power (Plugge), E.30 (Plugge), E36, C/G, C/R, C/P, HLG/CLG. | Contact: Area Comp Secs. |
| 5 July | 4th F1E (Team Selection). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray. | F1E (FF Slope Soaring). | Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com |
| 11/12 July | Team Selection (Reserve). Venue: Barkston Heath. | F1A, F1B, F1C. N.B Pre-entry only, for Team Selection prior to 19 th April. | Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com |
| 19 July | 5th Area. KMAA Day Area Venues. | F1A(KMAA,Plugge), C/P (White), F1G, Vintage R/P, SLOP, HLG/CLG (Plugge), Tailless (Plugge), CO2 (Plugge), C/R, C/E. | Contact: Area Comp Secs. |
| 1/2 August | East Anglian Gala. (Also Team Selection Fall Back Dates). Venue: Sculthorpe. | 1st: C/R, Vintage R/P, Classic Glider, E36, Tailless, HLG-CLG, P30. 2nd: C/G, C/P, C/E, Vintage G, Classic R/P, Mini Vintage, CO2, Bowden. | Contact: Michael Marshall: 01223 246142. e-mail hiver666@aol.com |

| | | | |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1/2 August | Space FAI Practice Days. Venue: Sculthorpe. | S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A. | Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com |
| 23 August | Southern Gala. Venue: Salisbury Plain. | C/G (Pilcher), C/R (Flight), C/P (Short), C/E, F1H (Ripmax), F1G, F1J, BMFA1/2A Power, E30, HLG/CLG. | Contact: Martin Stagg 01934 823047 e-mail: |
| 30 August | 5th F1E (Team Selection Reserve). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray. | F1E (FF Slope Soaring). (Non Team Selection if date not needed). | Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com |
| 5 September (N.B. Saturday) | Stonehenge Cup. Venue: Salisbury Plain. | F1A, F1B, F1C, F1P, F1Q | Richard Jack 04477 62346700 Email: richard_jack@live.com |
| 6 September | Equinox Cup. Venue: Salisbury Plain. | F1A, F1B, F1C, F1P, F1Q | Richard Jack 04477 62346700 Email: richard_jack@live.com |
| 6 September | Space. 2nd Team Selection. Venue: Salisbury Plain. | S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A. | Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com |
| 20 September | 6th Area. Team Rubber Day. Area Venues. | C/R Team (Farrows/Plugge), F1C (Buskell), F1QUK, Classic R/P (Plugge), Classic Glider (Plugge), C/G, HLG/CLG. | Contact: Area Comp Secs. |

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 27 September | 6th F1E (Team Selection Reserve). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray. | F1E (FF Slope Soaring). (Non Team Selection if date not needed). | Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com |
| 3/5 October | Buckminster Gala. Venue: BMFA site Buckminster. | To be announced | Contact: John Ashmole 01406 370188 Email: johnashmole@yahoo.co.uk |
| 3/5 October | Space. Team Selection 1st Reserve. Venue: BMFA site Buckminster. | S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A. | Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com |
| 11 October | 7th Area. Team Glider Day. Area Venues. | C/G Team (Model Engineer, Plugge), F1B (Duce, Plugge), SLOP (Frog Sen', Plugge), Mini Vintage, E30, C/E, HLG/CLG. | Contact: Area Comp Secs. |
| 18 October | 7th F1E (Team Selection Reserve). Venue: Peak District or near Melton Mowbray. | F1E (FF Slope Soaring). (Non Team Selection if date not needed). | Contact: Ian Kaynes 01252 512538. kaynes@btinternet.com |
| 24 October (N.B. Saturday) | Midland Gala. Venue: Barkston Heath. | F1H, F1G, BMFA1/2A Power, E36, P30, SLOP, Mini Vintage, CO2, HLG-CLG. | Contact: Phil Ball 07470 177947 e-mail: phil.ball@ntlworld.com |
| 24 October (N.B. Saturday) | Space. Team Selection 2nd Reserve. Venue: Barkston Heath. | S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A. | Contact: Trevor Seabrook, phone: 07899 030875, e-mail: contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com |

We would like to thank everyone that sent comments on the 2020 calendar. We appreciate that it is not ideal for everyone. We did act on previous suggestions of removing one Area contest and will review the calendar again for next year, taking all recent comments into account.

ENTRY FEES

| 2020 Free Flight Contest Fees | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|--|
| FREE FLIGHT | | Notes | | | | |
| Centralised | | | | | | |
| Per Class | £7 | Day ticket covering all classes per day | | | | |
| Subsequent Classes | | | | | | |
| Site Access Charge | £5 | Day site ticket per day | | | | |
| Decentralised | | | | | | |
| Per Class | £7 | Day ticket covering all classes | | | | |
| Subsequent Classes | | | | | | |
| Site Access Charge | x | Set by Area except Salisbury, Luffenham and Barkston set by FFTC at £5. This fee is only payable for members of Grantham, Midland FFG and Salisbury Plain ticket holders if you enter a competition on the day, not for trimming at your home site. Decentralised set locally. | | | | |
| Season Tickets | £70 | Covers all events except Nationals and Decentralised site access. Team trials and World Cup events are included. | | | | |
| Team Selection | £25 | | | | | |
| Juniors | Free | | | | | |
| Nationals | | | | | | |
| Airfield Pass | £15 | Covers 3 days, alternative £10 per day | | | | |
| | £12 | Daily sports flying pass | | | | |
| Per Class | £12 | Championship classes | | | | |
| Unlimited Classes | £60 | | | | | |
| On field entry | + 50% | | | | | |
| F1E | £7 | plus site fees as appropriate | | | | |
| Space Modelling | x | Site charge only including team trials | | | | |
| World Cup – Each event | £30 | Juniors free | | | | |

2020 SEASON TICKET

The cost of the 2020 Season Ticket has been set at £70. It represents excellent value covering entry to all FFTC run events apart from the Nationals and Area event site access fees. Season tickets for 2020 are available now from John Carter.

To apply for a season ticket please write to John providing the following:-

- Copy of your BMFA membership card
- Your home postal address and e mail address
- Cheque for £70 made payable to BMFA
- A stamped self-addressed envelope

John's address is - La Petite Maison, 45 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke on Trent, Staffs, ST3 7LN

Email: nordicf1a@outlook.com

F1E TEAM TRIALS FOR THE 2020 EURO CHAMPS

Due to weather reasons none of the planned F1E team selection events were able to take place in 2019. The team selection is now planned as follows:-

The aim is to fly 2 events (one on each of 2 days) during the advertised period with flying days selected according to the weather forecasts. Potential competitors are requested to contact Ian Kaynes by February 25th in order to be on the distribution list of advance notice of the venues and dates of flying.

Main flying period is February 28 to March 2. If 2 events cannot be completed in that period, the reserve period is March 11 to 17.

Venue will be Peak District or near Melton Mowbray.

Contact Ian Kaynes 01252512538, kaynes@btinternet.com

BARKSTON HEATH

There have been reports of free flight flyers entering the area that radio models are being operated from when retrieving. The retriever puts himself at risk of being struck by a model being landed. If you have to enter such an area to collect your model please make absolutely sure that you are not putting yourself or any model that may be landing at risk. Always try and let the pilot know of your intentions if possible. We are also aware of runway lights being damaged. Please be very careful to not damage any fixed equipment on the field and if you are aware of anything being damaged report it to the CD or a Grantham Club member.

BMFA COMPETENCY CERTIFICATE

After November 30th 2019 you will be operating unlawfully if you do not have a CAA Flyer ID, or hold a BMFA Basic Proficiency Certificate or B Certificate, or have passed the test on the BMFA website. Please see the BMFA website and follow the instructions on the link on the front page. This applies to models weighing more than 250grams outdoors. Indoor models and Control Line are exempt.