

Newsletter



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**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A BARGAIN ?
HAVE YOU ANY MODEL GOODS TO SELL ?**

**THE MALVERN SOARING ASSOCIATION
ANNOUNCES THAT ITS ANNUAL**

AUCTION

**OF
R/C MODEL GOODS AND EQUIPMENT
WILL BE HELD IN COLWALL VILLAGE HALL
ON THURSDAY MARCH 3rd 2011.
DOORS OPEN AT 7.30 PM, AUCTION STARTS 8.15 PM.**

All are welcome to attend. If you have any surplus models, modelling goods, magazines, accessories, engines, radios, plans, kits etc. to sell please bring them along. Remember your unwanted goods may be just what somebody else is looking for. All lots are booked in on the night but if you are planning to bring many items please contact us beforehand. We deduct 10% from the sale price [up to a maximum of £5.00] to defray costs. We expect to have a wide range of model goods brought in for sale, if past years are anything to go by and already we are aware of a number of outstanding gliders and power models that will be entered. This should include ready-to-fly models and a range of equipment and accessories. For more information contact:

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Colwall is situated on the Malvern to Ledbury road, B4218, about four miles East of Ledbury. The Hall is signposted off the B4218 just after the railway bridge.

Membership Matters - David Toye, our Membership Secretary writes:

The annual tough message is that this is the last Newsletter that you will receive if you have not renewed your membership and the facts are that we need about 70 members to have a chance of breaking even financially. Come on, with better weather around the corner, now is the time to check those models over and reach for your cheque book. We need you and for that matter, could do with your money! A renewal form can be downloaded from:

http://www.malvernsoaringassociation.co.uk/form_2011.html

When completed, please post this form, enclosing your MSA membership card if you are renewing an existing membership, a photocopy of your current BMFA card if you have joined elsewhere, **plus a stamped addressed envelope** and a cheque made payable to "Malvern Soaring Association" for the full amount (including the BMFA if applicable) to: David Toye, 15 Merebrook Close, Upper Welland, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 4JW. Tel: 01684 576577. The MSA fee is £12 seniors, juniors free and the BMFA fees remain set at Senior £29, Family Partners £18, Juniors £15 and Family Juniors £11.

MSA ANNUAL AWARDS 2010:

S Hannon:	1st Club Championship, 1st Thermal, Slope and Electric.
M Grantham:	2nd Club Championship, 3rd Slope and 3rd Thermal;
J Freeman:	3rd Club Championship, 2nd Slope and 3rd Electric;
G Carter:	2nd Thermal;
M White:	2nd Electric.

FINAL RESULTS 2010, OVERALL

Place	Name	TOTAL	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	T1	T2	T3	T4	T5	T6
1	Hannon S	755.0	90.0	95.0	100.0	90.0			100.0	100.0	100.0	70.0	70.0	80.0
2	Grantham M	690.0	100.0	67.5	75.0	80.0	85.0		90.0	90.0	55.0	90.0	80.0	60.0
3	Freeman J	680.0	80.0	95.0	90.0	100.0			70.0		65.0	80.0	65.0	100.0
4	Carter G	635.0	65.0	55.0	75.0	70.0	65.0		80.0	80.0	90.0	100.0	90.0	70.0
5	White M	577.5	55.0	67.5	60.0	65.0	70.0		60.0	70.0	80.0	65.0	100.0	55.0
6	Neve N	382.5	42.5		65.0	55.0			45.0		60.0	60.0	55.0	40.0
7	Pearse S	257.5	42.5		55.0	60.0	100.0							
8	O'Hara B	235.0	70.0	60.0		50.0	55.0							
9	Aslett K	230.0							65.0		50.0	55.0	60.0	45.0
10	Hurley M	220.0							55.0		70.0	45.0		50.0
11	Hayward P	175.0					85.0							90.0
12	Wright A	155.0	50.0						40.0	65.0				
13	Hutton B	140.0		80.0			60.0							
14	Keisslinger D	100.0		50.0					50.0					
15	Bishop C	65.0												65.0
16	Toye D	60.0	60.0											
17	Stubley P	50.0										50.0		
18	Slater J	50.0					50.0							
19	Knight R	45.0		45.0										

ELECTRIC

	EL1	EL2	EL3	EL4	EL5	EL6	Comps	Best 4
Name	1 Aug	8 Aug	12 Sep	26 Sep	3 Oct	17 Oct		
1 Steve Hannon	100.0	100.0	100.0	90.0	55.0		5	390.00
2 Malcolm White	90.0	65.0	80.0	100.0	90.0	85.0	6	365.00
3 John Freeman	80.0	70.0	90.0	57.5	71.7	67.5	6	311.70
4 Geoff Carter		90.0		65.0	50.0	85.0	4	290.00
5 Mike Grantham	70.0	80.0	67.5	45.0	71.7	60.0	6	289.20
6 Chris Bishop				80.0	100.0	100.0	3	280.00
7 Ken Aslett	60.0	60.0	67.5	50.0	60.0	55.0	6	247.50
8 Phil Hayward				57.5	71.7	67.5	3	196.70
9 Steve Pearse				70.0			1	70.00
10 John McWhirter	65.0						1	65.00

These are the results of the new 'height limited' electric class which we experimented with during the summer. Next season this will form part of a revised club championship ranking equal with both slope and thermal events. See the calendar for dates.

Note for 2011 the new E soaring class joins the club championship programme for the first time.

MSA 2011 AGM. The 2010 AGM, Prize Giving and Raffle draw of the MSA was held in Colwall Village hall at 8 pm on Thursday 2nd December. The Chairman, yes - me again, reported on the year 2010 as follows:

MSA CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - 2010.

I welcome you all to the 37th AGM of the MSA and our 10th in Colwall Village Hall.

We have continued throughout the year to offer to our membership a range of events and activities based on a unique set of sites and facilities that we have available to us. We are most fortunate to be able to use not only the Malvern Hills and Fish Meadow but this room and hall and The Elms School at a most reasonable cost. I should remind you that our continued use relies on your responsible approach to their use and all of us maintaining good working relationships with the Malvern Hills Conservators, Peter Surman - our landlord at Upton and Alastair Thomas, the new headmaster of the Elms School. We have had no problems this year, but we must continue to fly responsibly and safely.

I did not attend the BMFA AGM this year but their annual report indicates that they continue to represent us in the national forums concerning radio frequencies, restrictions of the recreational use of land and the airspace above it. They also provide all of us with insurance cover, the cost of which depends on all of us maintaining the low number of claims.

I must thank all our officers for all they have done in the past year, for the excellent way our new treasurer has controlled our expenditure and encouraged new members, our secretary and of course the contest organisers.

I am happy to remain in post if you so wish but I plan to spend perhaps even more time away next year and you would be better served to have a chairman who is at least sometimes in the country.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. For 2011 we have: Chairman - Nick Neve, Treasurer - David Toye, Secretary - Tony Wright, Competition Secretary - John Freeman, General member and child welfare officer - Glyn Roberts; so once again no new faces here, but a trusted and experienced team.

ELECTRIC MODELS As a result of discussion at the AGM the following addition to our safety code became effective on 1 February 2011:

38. Malvern Hills Conservators bye-laws prohibit the flying of all powered aircraft on the Malvern Hills.

39. The MSA is primarily an Association for pilots of RC gliders and the use of Fish Meadow will be strictly limited to soaring flight by models designated as gliders only. Acceptable methods of launching gliders will be by the use of bungees, electric winches, hand / discus launch and on board electric motors. It is understood that the use of on board electric motors is solely for the purpose of launching the glider so that soaring flight can commence. *Note that internal combustion powered models cannot be flown there under any circumstances.*

40. Members flying electric powered aircraft at Fish Meadow are prohibited from over-flying winch lines throughout the time when any thermal soaring activity is taking place.

41. Members flying electric powered aircraft at Fish Meadow are required to select a separate launching and landing area away from that in use by thermal soaring aircraft, having first placed their frequency peg(s) with those in use by the thermal soaring pilots.

42. Members flying electric powered aircraft at Fish Meadow should avoid the close sharing of air-space with non-powered soarers in all situations where the risk of a mid-air collision is increased, notably in thermals. At all times non – powered flight will take priority over powered flight from the launch phase to the landing.

2011 PROGRAMME. We hold a monthly meeting in the Colwall Village Hall between November and March each year. It starts at 8pm, doors open 7:30 pm, coffee and biscuits are sometimes available. We also arrange a number indoor flying meetings for Radio Controlled and Indoor Free Flight models in the Sports Hall of the Elms School Colwall. These start at 7 pm and close at 9:30 pm. Please bring a pair of clean soft-soled indoor shoes with you. The slope competitions, take place on Table or North Hill, at the Northern end of the Malvern Hills whilst the thermal competitions take place at Fish Meadow, Upton-upon-Severn, all competitions start at 10:30 am. Many of these events are weather dependent and you should check this website and/or your E-mail the evening before in case of postponement.

Month / Date	Event	Venue
February		
Thursday 4th	Club night - Talk by John Cubberley on "The Shackleton Preservation Trust and his RAF flying career, doors open 7:30 pm, start 8 pm.	Colwall Village Hall
Sunday 13th	Slope 1 - Limbo [10:30 am]	Table Hill area
Friday 18th	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School
Sunday 27th	Slope 2 - Loops & Landings [10:30 am]	Table Hill area
March		
Thursday 3 rd	Auction - doors open 7:30 pm, auction starts 8:15 pm.	Colwall Village Hall
Friday 11th	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm] The Chairman's Challenge Class 1	Elms School
Sunday 13th	Thermal 1 - 3 Flight Aggregate [10:30 am]	Fish Meadow
Friday 25th	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School
Sunday 27th	Thermal 2 - BARCS Rules [10:30 am]	Fish Meadow
April		
Sunday 10th	Slope 3 - Speed [10:30 am]	Table Hill area
Friday 15th	Indoor Flying [7 - 9:30 pm]	Elms School

Saturday 16th	F3b - BMFA National League	Fish Meadow [no club flying]
May		
Sunday 1st	E Soaring 1 - Distance [10:30 am]	Fish Meadow
Sunday 15th	Slope 4 - X-country, pilot static, no walking or running involved [10:30 am]	Table Hill area
Sunday 29th	E Soaring 2 - Mass Launch [10:30 am]	Fish Meadow

CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE - Friday 11th March 2011. Discussion at the first indoor provided some ideas and it seems that fliers are well pleased with the format of the last couple of years. Class 1 has new rules allowing a greater degree of design freedom, whilst Class 2 is restricted to standard kits, with the exception of the rubber used.

Class 1 for the Chairman's Trophy: Maximum wing area 64 square inches, Tail area no greater than the wing area, Propeller of solid construction (no framework props allowed), No carbon, Kevlar, boron or bracing allowed, any covering except microfilm, no maximum or minimum weight.

Class 2 Gyminnie Cricket:

- 1 Built to the kit or the plan as supplied by the BMFA, with the exception of rules 3 and 4 below
- 2 Standard plastic prop unmodified;
- 3 No restrictions on the rubber motor;
- 4 The pylon may be open structure and allow for adjustment of the wing position.

Kits are available from the BMFA at £2.00 We have some props at 30p for those wishing to scratch build. A Gyminnie Cricket is also eligible for Class 1 but flights will only count in the class if declared before the launch.

MAGAZINE SECTION.

Understanding Engineers - **Take One:** *Two engineering students were walking across the campus when one said, 'Where did you get such a great bike?'*

The second engineer replied, 'Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, 'Take what you want.'

The second engineer nodded approvingly, 'Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have fit.'

Understanding Engineers - Take Two:

To the optimist, the glass is half full.

To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.

To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Understanding Engineers - Take Three

A priest, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, 'What's with these people? We've been waiting for 15 minutes!'

The doctor chimed in, 'I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!'

The priest said, 'Hey, here comes the green keeper. Let's have a word with him.'

'Hi George, what's the matter that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?'

The green keeper replied, 'Oh, yes, that's a group of blind fire-fighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime.'

The group was silent for a moment. Then the priest said, 'That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight.'

The doctor said, 'Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist friend and see if there is anything he can do for them.'

The engineer said, 'Why can't they play at night?'

A hangover is the wrath of grapes

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