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Merry Christmas
and a Happy New
Year.....

Please join us at the field
on Tuesday at 10.30am for
a Fun Spot Landing
Competition

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FLYING TIMES

Folly Farm - Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - 10am - 8pm. Sunday - 9-30am - 5pm.
Bank Holidays 10 am - 5pm. Electric, rubber and gliders may be flown at any time.

Cublington - There are no restrictions on flying times.

CLUB SHOP

'Meanad' add-on silencers	-	£5.	-	Ring Mike Smart.
Transfers	- Sheet of three	£1.	-	Ring Bob Playle.
Training Videos	- for hire to club members.		-	Ring Bob Playle.

TRAINING

Fixed wing training takes place every Saturday and Sunday afternoon at Folly Farm between 2pm and 5pm **by appointment only with the duty instructor**. Please ring the duty instructor by 7.30pm Thursday for the following Saturday or by 7.30pm Friday for the following Sunday.

Please note *NO TRAINING* indicates that a Club Competition takes place that day. Telephone me beforehand if you wish to take a chance on the time available afterwards. **RG**

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25 February	Mike Smart		26 February	Richard Ginger	
4 March	Richard Ginger		5 March	Mick Stiff	
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THE NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the last newsletter of 2005. This one is a little short due to the timescale between the AGM and Christmas, but for those of you who didn't attend the AGM, there is membership information that you need to be aware of.

Club Subs 2006

ADMFC membership subscription remains unchanged at £56 seniors, £18 juniors and £21 Associate, but the BMFA subs have increased and the rates are shown on the renewal form already issued to you. Membership renewals are due by 31st December. Please make our Secretary's life bearable by paying on time and please remember that there is a surcharge of 50% for late payment and you won't be insured unless you renew. Your membership renewal will not be accepted unless it accompanies a **fully completed and signed** official membership form.

AGM Results (30 members present)

RULE CHANGE

Approved at the AGM, Rules 4 ii a) & b) become:-

- 4 ii a) **35MHz. Normally all the available numbered frequencies may be used on the Club flying fields i.e. 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89 and 90.**
- b) **However, you may not use adjacent frequencies for normal flying activities. Adjacent frequencies may be used at Competitions at the discretion of the Competition Director.**

(Please cut this out and paste it in your rule book).

By way of explanation, although it is perfectly legal to use all frequencies, if for example a 67 peg is up, you do not fly on 66 or 68. Conversely, if a 68 peg is up, you do not fly on 67 or 69.

A new pegboard will be made and this will be arranged so that there is not enough room for adjacent numbered pegs to be placed on the board at the same time.

PROPOSAL

The Committee's proposal that the Cublington

Field is given up to save money, was carried and therefore **as of 1st January 2006, you will not be able to use this field.**

PROPOSAL

Terry Rowe's proposal that the frequencies that you have been allotted for the AULD are used in addition for all Electroslot and Glider club competitions was also approved. This means that your AULD frequency will be your competition frequency, which you must use for AULD, Electroslot and Glider competitions.

PROPOSAL

Terry Rowe's proposal that the Club considers the purchase of up to three power winches for use at glider competitions was partially approved. The Club will finance one winch with the others being purchased by individual club members.

PROPOSAL

The Committee's proposal that the approved batteries for the AULD competition are changed to GP1100's was approved. You may still use KAN 1050's if you want to, but you are likely to be at a small disadvantage. Mick has negotiated a good deal for the purchase of GP 1100's and if any **unused** sets of KAN 1050's are returned to Bob Playle, he will reimburse you for them.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was proposed that the Club purchase a boot scraper and towrope and these are already at the field.

It was also proposed that the Club organise a set of model restraints, which will be there in due course.

Dave Harbour volunteered (was volunteered?) to update the first aid box and he has agreed to outline the basics of first aid at a forthcoming Club Meeting.

Outstanding AULD Monies

Can I remind you that there are outstanding debts on the part of some of you with regard to equipment that you have had for the new AULD competition, but have not paid for.

Prior to the AGM, this amounted to somewhere in excess of £400!

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE PAID UP IN FULL BY 31st DECEMBER AT THE ABSOLUTE LATEST!

Working with Children and Vulnerable Adults

Sadly, this will just not lie down and die! The Club has received a BMFA notice that informs all affiliated clubs that from the beginning of 2007, the BMFA's insurers are requiring that all clubs ensure that anyone who supervises, has responsibility for or works with children or vulnerable adults, must have had a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) check. This can be organised by the BMFA for free.

We have not discussed this at Committee yet, but there seem to be three options:-

1. We go along with it and all instructors and examiners and probably Committee members, get a CRB check.
2. We leave the BMFA and get alternative insurance.
3. We do not have any juniors or vulnerable adults as members.

Having looked at the CRB website, interestingly, you may not commission a CRB check on yourself :-

"The current legislation does not allow the self-employed or individuals to apply for a CRB check on themselves. In addition, parents who employ a nanny/au pair/babysitter directly cannot apply for a CRB check; however, if an agency supplies the nanny/au pair/babysitter, the agency is entitled to carry out a CRB check."

Also, say for example that the BMFA is the organisation that is requesting the CRB check, the website notes the following:-

"If you are an organisation that wishes to use CRB checks as part of your recruitment, licensing or appointment processes there are a number of things that you must consider:

- Are you entitled to ask exempted questions under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (ROA) 1974 Exceptions Order 1975? And

Are you able to comply with the CRB's Code of Practice?"

I presume that the BMFA is such an organisation and that the checks will be commissioned by them. I also presume at the end of the day, the Club will go along with option 1 of my list, but we will obviously have to allocate a Club Meeting to discuss the view of our members.

I have no objection personally to undertaking a CRB check, but I am uncomfortable with the Club having to ask their volunteer instructors to do the same. If there are some instructors that do not wish to do so, which is their perfectly reasonable right, inevitably there will be those that will ask why not and this in my view is the unacceptable aspect of

this legislation when applied to our club situation. Our instructors have not asked to work with children and vulnerable adults, they have simply volunteered to provide a valuable free service to club members.

OBITUARY : THE SAD PASSING OF COMMON SENSE

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Common Sense, who has been with us for many years.

No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, life isn't always fair, and maybe it was my fault.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not children, are in charge).

His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Common Sense lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job they failed to do in disciplining their unruly children.

It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer Panadol, sun lotion or a sticky plaster to a student; but, could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband; churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims.

Common Sense took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar can sue you for assault.

Common Sense finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realise that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by three stepbrothers; I Know My Rights, Someone Else Is To Blame, and I'm A Victim.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realised he was gone.

If you still remember him, pass this on. If not join the majority and do nothing.

Congratulations Time

Firstly, Alistair Mundell has been awarded the trophy for Best Newcomer, well done Alistair, you passed your A in record time.

Richard Ginger has taken and passed the test to become a Registered Instructor and Martin McIntosh has taken and passed the test to become a Registered Examiner. Well done both of you.

This means as soon as Martin receives his paperwork, we will be able to undertake B tests in house.

E-mail circulation

In view of a complaint, I have decided to create two additional mailing lists for the 'Folly Flyer Extra' material. Those of you who receive the Folly Flyer via e-mail will have had an e-mail from me explaining this.

I have created a mailing list for Broadband and one for Dial-up. The Broadband list will receive videos and other material of interest, while the Dial-up list will receive similar material up to 800K in size.

If you haven't replied to my e-mail, you will receive only the Folly Flyer and important Club announcements.

Boxing Day + 1 Spot Landing Comp

Please join us at 10.30am on 27th December at Folly Farm for drinks & nibbles and a spot landing comp for fun. You can use anything fixed wing to enter with.

TRAINING UPDATE

Just a reminder to all budding pilots – PLEASE ensure you ring the Duty Instructor NO LATER than the deadlines indicated at the front of the newsletter. There is no reason why you can't do this EARLIER than the Thursday or Friday for the next weekend, of course. FORWARD PLANNING SAVES A LOAD OF GRIEF.

RG

Please don't assume that there will be an instructor on duty and not bother to ring, because if the instructor doesn't get any calls, he won't turn up.

If you then turn up and there is no instructor, it means that Richard probably gets lumbered because he is nearly always there.

Conversely, the duty instructor may turn up to do some flying as he hasn't had any calls and he then losses out.

So, please do it by the book—Ed.

E3D

I was just remarking today at the field that when you arrive at the field and get out of your car, it seems no longer do you hear an IC engine running but the whining of outrunners hovering!

Expect to see a lot more 3D foamies at the field in 2006, these seem to be catching on and are extremely good fun to fly. They are also ideal for learning all those adventurous aerobatic manoeuvres, because if you get it all wrong (as I have done several times) it doesn't usually end in tears. These little electric models are very interesting because the power delivery is much more manageable than an IC motor. As the motors are outrunners, the torque is high and the motor is very responsive to sudden RPM change.

Give it a try, you won't be disappointed.

Glider Competitions 2006

As you will have read, we will be introducing winches in 2006. Terry will be arranging practice sessions earlier in the year, so watch out for details in the newsletter, because you will need to get used to these before the competitions.

Terry plans to make the turn-around lines available at the competitions as well, but I have to say that personally, I think we should just go 'live' straight away. We have to learn to use the winches sometime soon, so why not just go for it?

We are looking for a new Secretary

Paul Yorke has decided that he will step down at the end of 2006, so we will need a replacement. If you think that you could do the job and put something back into the club that has provided you with lots of enjoyment, please speak to Mick Stiff.

I'm afraid that if we don't get any volunteers, we will have to start selecting suitable candidates that we can persuade (threaten and bribe) to do the job!

And Finally.....

Apologies for the small newsletter, but time does not permit anything larger.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE BEFORE 31ST DECEMBER.

I am pleased to be continuing as newsletter editor and I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their work in 2005, particularly Paul Yorke who prints the covers and envelopes for the newsletter.

I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and please pray for calm weather so I can fly my shockie!

CLUB DIARY

Club Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the Rivets Sports & Social Club, Whitehead Way, Mandeville Road, Aylesbury. 7.30pm for 8pm.

December 27th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Boxing Day + 1 Spot Landing Comp.
January 9th 2006	8pm	Club Meeting	-	Shuttleworth Veteran Aeroplane Society - Ken Cox of the SVAS will be giving a presentation on the history of the Shuttleworth Collection.
February 13th	8pm	Club Meeting	-	Miscellany of Modelling Matters - * Is Your model the best? Bring it along and find out in the Club 'Best Model Competition'. Dave Harbour will be giving the basics of First Aid for that Folly Farm emergency. * The TSR2 was an aircraft with an amazing potential!! Watch the video and decide for yourselves
March 13th	8pm	Club Meeting	-	Bring & Buy Sale
March 26th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Power Duration & Spot Landing Comp.
April 9th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Electroslot 1
April 10th	8 pm	Club Meeting	-	Photo Shoot - Bring your digital camera and be enlightened. John Credland will sharpen up your images with his presentation.
April 16th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	100" Glider Competition
April 30th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Electroslot 2.
May 10th	7pm	Folly Farm	-	AULD 1 (evening comp - back-up evening Friday 12th May)
May 20th & 21st		Sandown Park	-	Sandown Park Model Expo.
May 31st	7pm	Folly Farm	-	AULD 2 (evening comp - back-up evening Friday 2nd June)
June 4th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Fun Fly 1
June 25th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Aerobatic Competition.
June 28th	7pm	Folly Farm	-	AULD 3 (evening comp - back-up evening Friday 30th June)
July 9th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Electroslot 3
July 19th	7pm	Folly Farm	-	AULD 4 (evening comp - back-up evening Friday 21st July)
July 23rd	10 am	Folly Farm	-	Peter Hales Scale Competition.
August 6th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Fun Fly 2
August 20th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Open Glider Competition.
September 3rd	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Daryl Hooper Open Glider Competition
September 24th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Les Edwards 100" Glider Competition
October 15th	10.30am	Folly Farm	-	Electroslot 4