

Dates for your Diary *Stick this on your noticeboard or behind the mantelpiece clock*



February Club Night.

An exclusive aeromodelling '20 Questions' quiz with some easy questions and some real lulu's. You can compete individually or in small teams. Come along with pencils and minds sharpened.

March Club Night.

Your committee is beavering away to secure the services of a keynote speaker for March. Could be interesting... watch this space.

April Club Night.

The traditional club Auction **BRING & BUY.** A good fund-raiser this. Ours is a 'must attend' event for a wider audience than just club members so good selection of items.



May Club Night

To be decided (As in March, watch this space)

June Club Night.

Hopefully a warm, balmy evening at the field, if everything goes according to plan, this should include a barbecue as well.

TRAINING NIGHTS

Tuesday and Thursday evenings are traditionally given over exclusively to training, and there is also mixed training on Sunday morning.

We are luckier than many clubs in the area in having a formal training scheme and a conscientious training co-ordinator in Sean O'Sullivan - novices in other clubs can spend months in the club-house waiting for some-one just to talk to them - so when he says he could do with some help from other experienced pilots, we should all take note. (See list on Page 2)

Most of us learned to fly for free through the kindness of an experienced flyer, so we should be prepared to pass that on. The alternative is the growth of professional flight training establishments, which requires more cash and commitment than any but the most determined newcomers might find daunting.

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Squaring the Circle

Following the comments in the last newsletter over the provision of a second helicopter square, some doubt has been raised over the proposed siting.

This doesn't exactly meet the current BMFA safety rules, and the Committee is having to go back to the drawing board. Thoughts are that the second square might have to be some distance from the first, leading to some interesting (but not insurmountable) frequency-collision problems. Any solution will, of course need the blessing of the

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Thoughts on Leaving

In a radical departure from the norm, we are asking all members to observe the rule that the last person off the field closes and locks the gate.

The test of this is that, when you leave, a quick check will ascertain if there is anyone else flying. If no-one is, then it is safe to assume you are the last to leave.

Also, (and even more radical) when you are the last to leave, put away your peg-board.

If you notice someone else's peg-board left out

after they have gone, do the decent thing, lock it up then moan at the next club night.



Shuttleworth's 1912 Blackburn Monoplane. Earliest British aircraft still in flying condition. No reason for including it here, other than that it is my favourite aeroplane and a mighty pretty picture.

Future members' newsletter

We hope to be able to send out a newsletter in this form - or a more comprehensive news/booklet news - at least once a quarter in the future.

We have quite a few names already on e-mail, and hope they will allow us to send the newsletter to them electronically.

For the others, we will post - but we would be grateful for anyone else with an e-mail address to let us know so we can keep the club's postage within reasonable limits. E-mail recipients will get the pictures in colour.

Without wishing to talk dirty, the electronic version will be in .pdf format, so you get it on your screens as a complete layout. If this poses any problems give me a bell, or the relevant software (Acrobat Reader) can be downloaded from the Adobe Website,

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/>

If you have anything you are bursting to share with the other club members, or anything to sell, let me, Jim Hutchon, know on 01245 601999, e-mail j.hutchon@cablenet.co.uk.



✦ Squaring the Circle (From Page 1)

farmer in the light of his agrarian set-off agreement with our European Union partners.

Anyone who doubts the necessity for a second square should bear in mind that, while as a club, we maintain a healthy membership, we are getting up to ten (yes *ten*) inquiries a week from potential helicopter joiners.

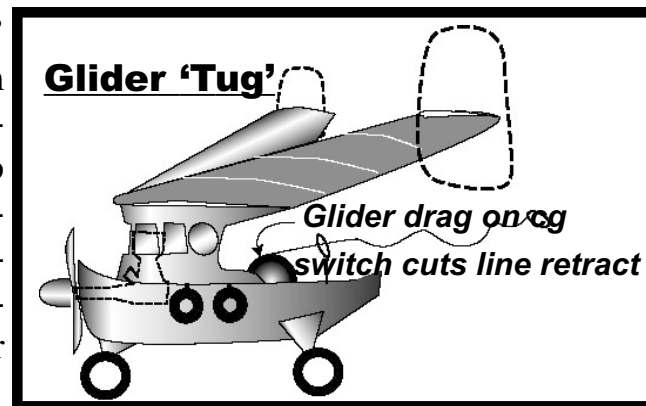
If you have any thoughts, let your helicopter rep (Gary Thorpe) know your feelings.

FUN SECTION

A reader who wishes to remain anonymous (and who can blame him) has come up with this idea for a glider 'tug'. Apart from looking like a tug, there is a horrid practicality about some of the ideas.

The glider-drag is on the tug's cg, reducing the possibility of the tug stalling or diving to the ground as the glider changes height with respect to the tug. Also, as a flying wing, there are no tail feathers to get tangled up in the towline.

Finally, as the 'designer' points out, with some modification, it could also be used as a retriever for the water plane enthusiasts at Stubbers or elsewhere.



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