



## **SOARPOINT**

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### **Subscriptions and new members**

For those who have not yet paid up for 2008 can I remind you that they are now due, not least to ensure continued insurance if you are a BMFA member through ESSA. So far 15 members have paid up which leaves another 20 or so to go. Please send cheques to me for £40 to include BMFA or £12 if you are a country member or get BMFA membership through another club. My address is 17 Wannock Lane, Eastbourne BN20 9SB. Existing members do not need to fill in an application form but they are available for new members and can be obtained from me by email - [Ray.wells@virgin.net](mailto:Ray.wells@virgin.net) or phone 01323 483506.

I will send out BMFA membership certificates etc as soon as I get them from Leicester. BMFA inform me they will arrive imminently.

Ben Gascoigne, who joined last year, has told me that he will not be rejoining as he has moved to London but we have one new member so far this year – Alan Hall who lives in Chailey. Welcome Alan.

### **Annual General Meeting**

This was held in December and obviously minutes will be tabled at the next AGM. For those who were not there you may wish to know that club officers are unchanged and Gary Harrison, Terry Parris and Jim Taylor are also on the committee. John Phillips won the model flying quiz and went home with a barrow load of cash!

It was also agreed that efforts would be made to send out regular newsletters at least four times a year

13 of our 37 members attended the AGM

### **Long Man**

Some members may not be aware that the BMFA pay annually a licence fee to the Folkington Estate in recognition of the use members make of the slope. ESSA make a voluntary contribution to this cost and for 2008 onwards it has been agreed that the contribution will be linked to the number of members in the club

## **Congratulations**

The slope side grape vine (i.e John Phillips) told me on Sunday that Julian and his wife have had an addition to the family – a second baby girl so we send them our congratulations and hope that Mother and Baby are doing well.

## **Competitions**

We have not yet set dates for competitions but I anticipate that the programme will be similar to last year with Aerobatics, F3F, Cross Country and a fun fly. There will be reserve dates for the first three events and in the event that the reserve dates are not needed we will endeavour to use them for club competitions. However, only the first three events will count towards the club points competition.

We also hope to host a round of a National Competition in 2008. More details on that will follow.

## **E-Mail**

If you get this newsletter by post and you have an email address please let me know. It may be that in some cases I have addresses that are out of date.

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