



# SOARPOINT

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## **Subscriptions**

For those who have not yet paid up for 2009 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 27 members have paid up, which leaves another 10 or so to go. In line with no BMFA increase there is no increase in ESSA subs, so we are doing our bit to help Alistair Darling meet his inflation target.

If you have recently joined ESSA but get your BMFA membership elsewhere you could be forgiven for wondering “what do I get out of membership?” especially if you do not meet with us on Sundays or take part in the contests. Please do remember that a key objective of the club is to work with the BMFA to represent the local slope community who use various South Downs sites and, in particular, the two or three slopes at the Long Man.

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@talktalk.net](mailto:Ray.wells@talktalk.net) or phone 01323 483506.

I will send out BMFA membership certificates etc as soon as I get them from Leicester along with ESSA membership cards.

## **New Members**

We have two new members who joined at the AGM. They are David Nicholls who lives in Shoreham and Terence Parsons who lives in Eastbourne. We welcome them both and hope to see them on the slope.

## **Annual General Meeting**

This was held in December and 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, Allen Elliott and Jim Taylor are also on the committee. We had a good turnout of about 20 members.

## **Competitions**

Dates have been set for 2009 as follows

22nd March	ESSA F3F
3rd May	ESSA Cross Country
7th June	ESSA F3F Clinic/Practice (meet 11.30 for a 12.00 start)
20th June	BMFA 60" League
21st June	BMFA F3F League
8-9th August	BMFA F3F Nationals
23rd August	ESSA Fun Fly
13th September	ESSA Aerobatics
11th October	ESSA Reserve 1
1st November	ESSA Reserve 2
22nd November	ESSA Reserve 3

There are two points worth noting about the ESSA contests

Firstly, note that there will be an F3F practice/clinic on 7 June. If you are wondering why it is after the club F3F, there is a sound reason for this but I can't remember what it is. Ask Julian.

Secondly, Julian is going to try to make the schedules for the aerobatics and the cross country need a wider spread of skill levels so that everyone will get some points but max points will be more demanding.

## **Communications**

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.

Also be aware that we have a club website [www.eastsussexsa.co.uk](http://www.eastsussexsa.co.uk) and there are useful links from that site. There is also now a member's forum if you want to sign up to that and start a "thread".

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