



# SOARPOINT

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## **AGM**

The Annual General Meeting for 2009 will be held at the British Queen at The Triangle, Lower Willingdon on Monday 7 December 2009. It is intended that the formal part of the meeting will start at 8pm and to be over by 9.30pm. If you get there from, say, 7.30pm there will be time to get drinks beforehand.

Angela, the manageress at the British Queen has agreed that we can take over the restaurant, which is adjacent to the bar, at no additional cost other than the per head charge for the buffet, as the restaurant is normally closed on Mondays.

It may not be realised by all members of the club but the buffet at the AGM is paid for out of club funds. The buffet will include tea or coffee for the non drinkers and there is, of course, a cash bar.

The AGM is the only real opportunity that all club members get to meet, other than as a huddled mass behind the bushes out of the wind on a Sunday morning. Do make the effort to attend and do let me know if you are coming as we do not wish to over or under cater. My contact particulars are at the end of this news letter.

## **New Members**

I have been rather remiss in not putting information in the newsletters about new members. So on behalf of the club I would like to welcome the following new members who have joined in 2009. Gary Parker, Rob Edgler, Brian Wilson, Jason Bioletti and Ian Mason. I know that the most recent member, Ian Mason, is new to flying so do give him a hand if he asks.

Finally I would like to welcome Adam Scrase who has seen the error of his ways and rejoined after a year or so break.

Our membership now stands at 41

## **Crowlink**

We are in negotiations with the National Trust to reinstate Crowlink as a flat field site for winch and bungee launch gliding. We have met the National Trust's senior surveyor on site and we have carried out a risk assessment at their request. They have also asked for insurance confirmation and we are waiting for the next stage, which will be a site meeting with the grazier/tenant. I will keep you posted on this but if you are interested in this activity do stick your hand up.

## **Communications**

There are two main ways of keeping in touch with members. One is by the internet and we have 31 members on line. The other is through this news letter for the 10 members who are not on line (as far as I am aware). If you have an email address which I do not know about do let me know.

On the club web site we now have a “member’s corner”. This is a general text and picture area where you can put information about your latest flying success (or failures) for all the world to see. If you are not online and would like to post something here let me have some words and a picture and I can arrange it with Allen who is keeping the members corner up to date.

## Future Contests

John and Julian are cooking up a winter F3F league starting in November. Ask them if you are interested. (I am not sure if it is for serious f3f flyers only or whether anyone can have a punt)

## Contest Report

### ESSA F3F Competition 11th October - Long Man W Slope

#### Report by John Phillips

Well the day did not look too promising, as when I left home it was raining with very little wind. I pulled up at Long Man car park to see no car I recognised, oh good I can go home.

No there was a model being put together at the far end of the car park, so out I jump in to the rain and walk other to this chap. John Stiles it was a guest to fly the comp.

Anyway ten minutes or so later five others had turned up and the rain had stopped so off up the hill we went. The course was set up on the west face of the Long Man bowl and by 10 we were under way.

The decision was to fly three rounds at a go to save time, as landing here can be a long trek. Best three from six rounds flown going to make up your score.

It was clear Gary was on top form and made good use of a course that suited his style. No one had any mishaps to my knowledge and we were finished by 12:00.

	<b>Name</b>	<b>model</b>	<b>Score</b>
1st	Gary Harrison	Race M	3000
2nd	John Phillips	Masterpiece	2917
3rd	Tom Noble	Aris	2685
4th	Jon Stiles	Predator	2472
5th	Allen Elliott	Aldij	2152
6th	Colin	Zagi	1548

So as you can see Gary was in a class of his own with the rest of us playing catch-up. Fastest time of the day went to Gary with a 41.70.

Good to see Colin having a go even with his Zagi, not the easiest plane to fly as I found out when I borrowed it for the aerobatics some weeks earlier.... Jon Stiles an old club member (and soon to rejoin) had a go and didn’t disgrace himself. We missed some regulars which was a shame but with the weather at the start of the day good at least we managed to get a comp in.

Full seasons results will be available courtesy of Julian at the AGM

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