

# **BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 122**

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The FFTC held a meeting at the BMFA office, Leicester on 12 November and an internet virtual Zoom meeting from their homes on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

## **FFTC 2023 CALENDAR**

### **BMFA FREE FLIGHT CALENDAR 2023 V1.0**

**Please note that Space events appear on this calendar as they are the responsibility of the FFTC. They are not part of the Overall British Free Flight Championship**

**The F1A, B, C Team Selection, Womans Cup and Junior at the Nationals and Buckminster Gala are excluded from the Free Flight Championships.**

**Please also note that ONLY Team Selection events are subject to postponement due to unsuitable weather**

**Changes to version ( ) shown in RED**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Classes</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>26 February</b>	1st Area - Winter Warmer Venue: Area Venues	CG, CP, CE (Plugge), F1J (Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30 (Plugge), H/CLG	Area Contacts
<b>12 March</b>	2nd Area - Spring Sorter Venue: Area Venues	CR, CP (White), CE, F1A (SMAE), F1G (Plugge), E36 (Plugge), Mini Vintage (Plugge), H/CLG	Area Contacts
<b>26 March</b>	3rd Area - Gamage Day Venue: Area Venues	CG, CR (Gamage)F1C (Halfax, Plugge), F1Q, 1/2A, E36, Vintage G (Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG (Plugge), Tailless,	Area Contacts
<b>7 April Good Friday</b>	Northern Gala Venue: Barkston Heath	CG (CMA), CR (Caton), CP (Hamley), CE, F1H, 1/2A, SLOP (Falcons), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, E30	FFTC Contact John Carter CD
<b>21/24 April</b>	1st F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection 1 1 or 2 days according to weather	CD Ian Kaynes

<b>29/30 April</b>	London Gala Venue: Salisbury Plain	Saturday events CG, CR, CP, CE, Mini Vintage. Sunday events F1H, F1G, F1J, P30, H/CLG, E30, CO2. Club Champs for CG CR CP CE	FFTC Contact Simon Dixon CD
<b>29/30 April</b>	London Gala Space FAI Practice Venue: Salisbury Plain	S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A	CD Trevor Seabrook
<b>13/14 May</b>	2nd F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection 2 1 or 2 days according to weather	CD Ian Kaynes
<b>29 May PROVISIONAL</b>	Nationals Small Classes North Luffenham	F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J (Quickstart), 1/2A (Hales), E36 (Short), Mini Vintage (Weston), P30 (Flight), HLG(HLG), CLG, E30, Co2 (Sparklets)	Mike Woodhouse
<b>27/29 May PROVISIONAL</b>	Big Nationals – All Classes	CG (Thurston), CR (Model Aircraft), CP (Shelley), CE, F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Boxall), F1C (Cosh), F1Q (Astral), Vintage RP (Jubiliee), Vintage G, Classic RP, Classic G (Ripmax), SLOP (Harris), HLG(HLG), CLG, Tailless (Lady Shelley), F1H (BA), F1G (308), F1J (Quickstart), 1/2A (Hales), E36 (Short), E30, P30 (Flight), Mini Vintage (Weston), Co2 (Sparklets)	Mike Woodhouse
<b>3/4 June PROVISIONAL</b>	Nationals Large Classes Venue: Salisbury Plain	CG (Thurston), CR (Model Aircraft), CP (Shelley), CE, F1A (Ronytube), F1B (Boxall), F1C (Cosh), F1Q (Astral), Vintage RP (Jubiliee), Vintage G, Classic RP, Classic G (Ripmax), SLOP (Harris), HLG(HLG), CLG, Tailless (Lady Shelley)	Mike Woodhouse
<b>27/29 May or 3/4 June</b>	Space Nationals 1st Team Selection	S1B, S2P, S3A, S4A, S5C, S6A, S8E/P, S9A	CD Trevor Seabrook
<b>10 /11 June</b>	3rd F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E (SMC trophy) 1 or 2 days according to weather	CD Ian Kaynes
<b>18 June</b>	4th Area - Team Power Day Venue: Area Venues	CG, CP (Team, Keil, Plugge), CE, F1B (Gutteridge), Vintage RP (Plugge), P30, H/CLG, E30 (Plugge),	Area Contacts
<b>24 /25 June</b>	Team Selection Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C	FFTC Contact Phil Ball
<b>9 July</b>	5th Area - Summer Holiday	CP, F1Q, F1H (Plugge), F1G, 1/2A (Plugge), E36, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, CO2 (Plugge)	Area Contacts
<b>14/17 July</b>	4th F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection 3 1 or 2 days according to weather	CD Ian Kaynes
<b>29/30 July</b>	East Anglian Gala Venue: Sculthorpe	CG, CR, CP, CE, E36, Vintage RP, Vintage G, Classic RP, Classic G, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, Tailless, CO2.	FFTC Contact Mike Woodhouse CD

<b>29/30 July</b>	Space FAI 2nd Team Selection Venue: Sculthorpe.	S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A	CD Trevor Seabrook
<b>20 August</b>	Southern Gala Venue: Salisbury Plain	CG, CR, CP, CE, F1H, F1G, F1J, 1/2A, H/CLG, E30	FFTC Contact Ken Faux CD
<b>20 August</b>	Southern Gala	Space Practice	CD Trevor Seabrook
<b>2 September</b>	Stonehenge Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter
<b>3 September</b>	Equinox Cup Venue: Salisbury Plain	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	John Carter
<b>9/10 September</b>	5th F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Team Selection (Reserve) 1 or 2 days according to weather.	CD Ian Kaynes
<b>17 September</b>	6th Area - KMAA Day Venue: Area Venues	CR, F1A (Plugge KMAA), F1Q (Plugge), F1J, Vintage RP, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, Tailless (Plugge)	Area Contacts
<b>23/24 September</b>	Team Selection Reserve Venue Sculthorpe	F1A, F1B, F1C,	Phil Ball
<b>1 October</b>	7th Area - Team Rubber Day Venue: Area Venues	CG, Team CR (Farrow Shield, Plugge, team), CE, F1C (Buskell), 1/2A, E36, Classic RP (Plugge), Classic G (Plugge), H/CLG,	Area Contacts
<b>15 October</b>	8th Area - Team Glider Day Venue: Area Venues	CG (Model Engineer, Plugge, Team), F1B (Duce, Plugge), F1J, E36, SLOP (Frog Senior, Plugge), Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, E30	Area Contacts
<b>21/22 October</b>	6th F1E Venue: Peak District or Melton Mowbray	F1E Flying 1 or 2 days according to weather	CD Ian Kaynes
<b>28 October (Saturday)</b>	Midland Gala (Team Selection fall back) * Venue: Barkston Heath	F1H, F1G, 1/2A, E36, SLOP, Mini Vintage, P30, H/CLG, CO2	Phil Ball

<b>28 October (Saturday)</b>	Space Team Selection 2nd Reserve Venue: Barkston Heath	S1A, S3A, S4A, S6A, S9A	CD Trevor Seabrook
<b>5 or 12 November</b>	Buckminster Gala Venue: BMFA Centre	Classes - TBA	FFTC Contact Simon Dixon CD Stuart Darmon

## 2023 NATIONALS

Two options for the Free Flight Nationals are included in the Calendar above. The preferred option is the traditional 3-day competition held over the Spring Bank Holiday. At this time as we are unable to confirm the availability of Barkston Heath an alternative has been included.

## 2023 CONTEST ENTRY FEES

Single Entry Fees £5 (Covers all events on any single day at Area or Centralised Contests and all F1E contests)  
Separate site fee is applicable. Site fee on FFTC sites is £5 per day; non FFTC sites charge may differ

Team Selection: £30 covers all classes and site fee (included is Season Ticket).

World Cup: £30 per event (included is Season Ticket).

Note: Members of clubs who have use of the site for trimming and practise, i.e Grantham Club members for Barkston Heath, or permit holders for Salisbury Plain or North Luffenham, will still need to pay the field charge if they enter a contest.

Juniors: Free of Charge and no site fee except for Nationals

Nats Entry Fees – TBC

Space: Single Entry Fees £0 - but pay relevant Field charge for site

## 2023 SEASON TICKET

The Season Ticket for 2023 has been set at £75. It represents excellent value covering entry to all FFTC run events apart from the Area event site access fees and the Nationals. Season tickets for 2023 are available now from John Carter.

To apply for a 2023 season ticket please contact John providing the following:-

- Copy of your BMFA membership card
- Your home postal address and email address
- Cheque for £75 made payable to BMFA
- A stamped self-addressed envelope

John's address is - La Petite Maison, 45 Grindley Lane, Meir Heath, Stoke on Trent, Staffs, ST3 7LN

Email: nordic1a@outlook.com

# **SALISBURY PLAIN AND NORTH LUFFENHAM**

There is a tab on the FFTC website for Permits where you can apply and buy the permit that you require on line. The cost is £20 for Salisbury Plain £35 for North Luffenham. The details of the Conditions of Issue and Code of Conduct are included with the application and must be strictly followed.

## **CERTIFICATES**

It has been decided that Certificates will be handed out at the Prizegiving at Centralized Contests. The winners of Certificates will have to attend the Prizegiving to receive it as they will not be posted out afterwards. Of course a friend or club member could collect it on your behalf.

For Area Centralised competitions the Certificates will continue to be sent out after the results have been compiled.