

# **BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 123**

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The FFTC held a Zoom meeting from their homes on 25 January 2023.

## **FFTC 2023 CALENDAR**

### **BMFA FREE FLIGHT CALENDAR 2023 V2.0**

**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 ( 1.0) 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>27/28 May</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>27/28 May</b>	Space Nationals 1st Team Selection	S1B, S2P, S3A, S4A, S5C, S6A, S8E/P, S9A	CD Trevor Seabrook
<b>04 June</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>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 19 November</b>	Buckminster Gala Venue: BMFA Centre	Classes - TBA	FFTC Contact Simon Dixon CD Stuart Darmon

## TOBACCO FREE WORKING ENVIRONMENTS

Please note that as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023, all areas of the Defence Training Estate including ranges, camps and dry training areas are Tobacco Free Working

Environments. This means that the use of all tobacco products (including combustible and chewing tobacco products) are now forbidden on all Defence Training Estate sites from this date onwards. This prohibition affects all MOD sites used by the FFTC.

## 2023 NATIONALS

### Introduction

It was not unexpected that Barkston Heath would not be available for the 3-day Bank Holiday event. This despite our proposal of a reduced or closed event.

### The plan

The replacement contests will be a cut down Free Flight Nationals which will not be the same as the “real” Nationals. We will apply a “light touch” organisation in a similar vein to that which was operated in 2022 running in the standard Free Flight Gala format. The contests will be flown for their respective Free Flight Nationals trophies.

### Facilities

There will be no camping or other facilities except for the provision of toilets. The entrance gate at North Luffenham will be manned. We will arrange to collect the entry fees at the gate at North Luffenham.

### Awards

- Certificates and medals for all events will be awarded for BMFA events.
- Hand launch glider and catapult glider will be flown at both North Luffenham and Salisbury Area 8. The best time at either event will decide the placings and the awarding of trophies. We will run these contests on all 3 days.

### Details

- There will be no pre-entry requirement. Entry will be on the day. The fee will be a simple £10.00 per day charge. This fee would allow the entrant to fly in as many events/classes as they desire. There is no exemption for season ticket holders.
- Mike Woodhouse has overall responsibility being the Free Flight Nationals Coordinator. We will require CDs for each weekend, please step forward with your offers.
- Number of flights and maxes to be decided on the day. There will be no rounds for FAI.
- Start 10:00 finish 17:00. Then fly offs if required.

### Free Flight Open and FAI classes – Salisbury Area 8

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Start 10:00 – to 17:00</b>	<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Start 10:00 – to 17:00</b>
Combined Glider	F1A Glider
Combined Rubber	F1B Rubber
Combined Power	F1C Power
Combined Electric	F1Q Electric
Classic Rubber/Power	Hand Launched Glider
Women's Cup	Catapult Glider
Catapult Glider	Vintage Rubber/Power
Hand Launched Glider	Slow Open Power
Frog Junior (J)	Classic Glider
Tailless	
Vintage Glider	

### Space – Salisbury Area 8

<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Start 10:00 – to 17:00</b>	<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Start 10:00 – to 17:00</b>
S6A Parachute	S3A Streamer
S4A Boost Glider	S1B Altitude
S9A Helicopter	S2-P Payload
S5C Scale Altitude	S8E-P Rocket Glider

## Mini classes - North Luffenham

<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>
<b>Start 10:00 – to 17:00</b>
F1H (A/1 Glider)
F1G (Coupe d'Hiver)
F1J Power
BMFA ½A Power
E36 Electric
P30 Rubber
E30 Electric
Mini Vintage
CO <sub>2</sub> Duration
Catapult Glider
Hand Launched glider

## Free Flight Overall Championships

Rubber	F1B	F1G	P30
Glider	F1A	F1H	Classic Glider
Power	F1C	F1J	SLOP
Electric	F1Q	E36	E30

## Bowden Trophy

- Venue to be decided.

## SAM35 and Scale

Discussions are now taking place with SAM35 and the BMFA Scale Technical Committee regarding the possible inclusion of some of their events.

## Updates

Further information will be provided as when available and agreed.

Michael J. Woodhouse - January 2023

## 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. Please allow 14 days turn around for the licence to be operative.

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

## CONTEST RESULTS

Neil Allen will be picking up the results service, more details to follow. The contest results for 2022 are now up to date.

## 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.

# CONTEST START TIMES

Please note that the start time for all Free Flight Competitions has been moved back to 10:00 to comply with DLA licence requirements. The end time remains at 18:00 or 2 hours before sunset or otherwise advised in the contest notice.