

# **BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 133**

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The FFTC held a Zoom meeting from their homes on 12 December 2024.

## **The 2025 FREE FLIGHT PROGRAMME**

We have received some correspondence relating to the Calendar and Notes published in Issue 132. Most of the concerns related to the Plugge Cup and its nominated events. This has been addressed in V2 of the Calendar below. It was also pointed out that there were six events at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Areas. This has been amended to give five at each Area event.

The Calendar that the FFTC will run this year is a change from previous years but please remember that we will review how it went in the autumn of 2025 with another Conference to agree the way ahead for 2026.

## **FFTC 2025 CALENDAR**

### **BMFA FREE FLIGHT CALENDAR 2025 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, Q Team Selection, Women's 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 (V1.0) shown in RED**

### **FFTC 2025 CALENDAR V2**

Date	Venue	Event	Classes	Contact
9 March	Area	1st Area	Open (White Cup, Plugge), FAI (SMAE Glider Cup), Vintage/Classic (Plugge), Mini, HLG/CLG	Area
15-16 March	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	1 <sup>st</sup> F1E	F1E	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
23 March	Area	2nd Area	Open (Gamage, Plugge), FAI (Halfax. Plugge), Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro	Area
6 April	Area	3rd Area	Open, FAI (Gutteridge), Vintage/Classic (Plugge), Mini (Plugge), Micro	Area

18 or 19 April	North Luffenham	Northern Gala	Open (CMA), Vintage/Classic (Caton), Mini, Micro (Falcons Trophy), HLG/CLG. Club Championships	TBA
4 May	Area	4th Area	Team Rubber (Farrow Shield, Plugge), Vintage/Classic, Micro, HLG/CLG (Plugge)	Area
4 May	Salisbury Plain	First Space Practice	S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9	trevor seabrook contacttrevorseabrook@gmail.com
10-11 May	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	2 <sup>nd</sup> F1E	F1E (SMC Trophy)	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
17-18 May	Salisbury Plain	Team Selection	FAI. F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q.	TBA
17-18 May	Salisbury Plain	First Space Team Selection	S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9	Slawomir Zach slawomirzach@gmail.com
24 or 25 May	Salisbury Plain	London Gala	Open (Pilcher), Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro, HLG/CLG.	TBA
1 June	Area	5th Area	Team Glider (Model Engineer, Plugge), Mini, Micro (Plugge), HLG/CLG.	Area
8-9 June	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	3 <sup>rd</sup> F1E	F1E Team selection	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
21-22 June	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	4 <sup>th</sup> F1E	F1E Team selection	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
6 July	Area	6th Area	Team Power (Keil, Plugge), FAI (Peter Buskell), Vintage/Classic (Plugge), Mini, HLG/CLG.	Area
12-14 July	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	5 <sup>th</sup> F1E	F1E Team selection	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
26 or 27 July	Sculthorpe	East Anglian Gala	Open (Hamley), Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro, HLG/CLG.	Michael Woodhouse, michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com>
9 or 10 August	Salisbury Plain	Southern Gala	Open, Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro, HLG/CLG.	TBA
23-25 August	Sculthorpe	Nationals	All classes	Michael Woodhouse, michaelwoodhouse1942@gmail.com>
7 September	Area	7th Area	Open (Frog Senior, Plugge), FAI (K&MA, Plugge), Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro.	Area
13-14 September	Sculthorpe	Stonehenge and Equinox Cups	FAI.	Peter Martin ffworldcupuk@gmail.com
13-14 September	Midland Rocket Club, Twycross	Second Space Team Selection	S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9	Slawomir Zach slawomirzach@gmail.com
27-28 September	Sculthorpe	Team Selection Reserve	FAI. F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q.	
27-28 September	Sculthorpe	Space Team Selection Reserve	S1, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, S8, S9	Slawomir Zach slawomirzach@gmail.com
27-29 September	Near Melton Mowbray or Peak District	6 <sup>th</sup> F1E	F1E Team selection	Ian Kaynes kaynes@btinternet.com
12 October	Area	8 <sup>th</sup> Area	Open, FAI (Mick Duce, Plugge), Vintage/Classic, Mini (Plugge), HLG/CLG.	Area

25 or 26 October*	North Luffenham	Midland Gala	Vintage/Classic, Mini, Micro, HLG/CLG.	TBA
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\*Team selection fall back date.

## 2025 CALENDAR NOTES

Models and classes are as currently specified in the rule book and are combined as shown below and are flown to their specific rules within each group combination.

### Contest groups

#### 1. Open group

- All classes

#### 2. FAI group

- F1A, F1B, F1C, F1P, F1Q

#### 3. Vintage/classic group

- Vintage rubber, glider, power
- Classic rubber, power, glider
- SLOP

#### 4. Mini group

- Mini vintage
- F1H, F1G, F1J, F1S
- E36
- 1/2A power

#### 5. Micro group

- Tailless
- P30
- Co2
- E30
- F1K

#### 6. CLG/HLG group

### Participation – calendar outline

Full details of events are as shown on the calendar

A maximum of 5 events to be held on any one day.

8 Area meetings

Galas – all one day with alternative dates.

- Northern – Easter North Luffenham
- Southern – End May Bank Holiday Area 8
- London – June Area 8
- Midland – October end of summertime North Luffenham
- East Anglia – End of July Sculthorpe

The CD of each Gala will choose and advise 48 hours before the event which day it will be flown, **the CD will make that decision**. A notice of the decision will be posted on the FFTC website by 09:00. **CDs for Galas are needed, no CD will result in no event. We urgently require a volunteer CD for the Northern Gala.**

At a Gala the unused day is available for general flying for those who have the appropriate site ticket and permission.

The team events at the area meetings are for the open group models applicable to the event, being rubber, power or glider as appropriate.

Team selection - 2-day weekend 7 flights May Area 8. Reserve date Sculthorpe September  
Free Flight Nationals - 3-day weekend end of August Bank Holiday Sculthorpe all classes as currently flown at the Free Flight Nationals

World Cups - September Sculthorpe

All contest entries except for Team Selection and World Cup will be awarded senior, junior championship. Plugge points on the events listed in the calendar. See rule book for details.

A flyer can make a multiple entry and max out in more than one class in the group and can make a fly off in both or in either class in that group. CDs will need to prepare sheets to appropriately. Senior and junior Championship points will be awarded to the competitor's best score in the group.

Club championships rotate annually around the 5 galas.

## 2025 CONTEST FEES

The contest fees will remain as the 2024 level.

Single Entry Fees £5 (Covers all events on any single day at Area or Centralised Contests and all F1E contests). Multi day contests £5 per day.

Separate site fee is applicable. Site fee on FFTC sites is £5 per day; non FFTC sites charge may vary.

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 – £10.00 a day plus site fee. £25 to cover all three days.

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

## 2025 SEASON TICKET

The Season Ticket for 2025 has been set at £75. It represents excellent value covering entry to all FFTC run events apart from the Area event site fees and the Nationals. Season tickets for 2025 are available now from John Carter. Please allow 14 days turn around for the licence to be operative.

To apply for a 2025 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: [nordicf1a@outlook.com](mailto:nordicf1a@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 online. The cost is £30 for Salisbury Plain £40 for North Luffenham. The details of the Conditions of Issue and Code of Conduct are included with the application and must be strictly followed.

## FFTC WINTER RALLY

A CHANCE TO FLY TO THE NEW FREE FLIGHT CONTEST FORMULA BEFORE THE 2025 SEASON STARTS

### VENUE NORTH LUFFENHAM

#### DATES

Dates will be subject to the weather forecast on the Wednesday prior to the event, confirmation will be published on the BMFA FFTC web page

**First choice** January 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>

**Alternative choice** January 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>

**Groups** Open, Classic/Vintage, Mini, Micro, HLG/Cat

Model eligibility as published on the FFTC Web page, all models subject to their BMFA rules, Max published on the day of the event

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