

BMFA Free Flight Tech Committee News. Issue 139

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2026 FFTC

The FFTC for 2026 has undertaken its first meeting on the 12 November as required under the SMAE Articles of Association, Article 4.2.8. The positions on the committee have been agreed amongst the members as follows.

Chairman – John Carter

Secretary – Simon Dixon

Treasurer – Phil Ball,

Technical Council Delegate – Steve Philpott

PRO – Ken Faux

Safety Officer – Phil Ball

Rules Officer – Mark Benns

Results Officer – Simon Dixon (Neil Allen compiling and posting the results)

Specialist body representatives – Trevon Seabrook for Space and Ian Kaynes for CIAM/F1E

MIKE WOODHOUSE

Few people have put as much dedication and hard work into the good of Free Flight as Mike Woodhouse. Mike has guided the FFTC as Chairman for as long as most can remember and has been on the committee continually for the last thirty plus years. I was on the committee in the late seventies and early eighties, and Mike was there then too. We should all be very grateful for all the work that Mike has done on behalf of the whole free flight community during all those years. Sincere thanks Mike.

FREE FLIGHT CONFERENCE

The conference took place on 19 October at Buckminster. It was attended by thirty-one people including the members of the FFTC that were present. In summary, the vast majority agreed with the proposals for the 2026 programme that had been put forward by the FFTC. There was no support for the 2024 programme, one person wanted to stay with the 2025 programme, and 25 agreed to follow the 2026 programme (four were against and two abstained). The full minutes have been submitted to the BMFA to post on the website (From your search engine type in BMFA Downloads, then select Minutes and Agendas, then Technical Committees, then free flight). The minutes should be on there soon.

2026 CONTEST CALENDAR

FFTC 2026 CALENDAR 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, 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 () shown in RED

Note: Space and Slope Soaring events dates to follow.

Date	Venue	Event	Classes	Contact
1 March	Area	1 st Area	CR (Gamage), CG, CP, F1Q(Plugge), F1G/ F1H (Plugge F1H), CRP/VRP/SLOP (Plugge SLOP) CLG/HLG	Area
22 March	Area	2 nd Area	CR, CG (Plugge, Team Model Engineer), CE, F1C (Halfax, Plugge), 1/2A/F1J (Plugge F1J), Classic G/Vintage G, E36	Area
3 April (Good Friday)	North Luffenham	Northern Gala	CR (Caton), CG (CMA), CP (Hamley), CE, MV, E36, 1/2A/F1J, F1G/F1H, HLG/CLG Club Champs CR, CG, CP, CE	FFTC Lead Stephen Philpott
26 April	Area	3 rd Area	CR, CE (Plugge), CP, F1A (SMAE), Co2/E30/P30 (Plugge E30), CRP/VRP/SLOP (Plugge VRP, Frog Senior SLOP), MV	Area
9-10 May	Salisbury Plain	Team Selection F1A/B/C/Q	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	FFTC Lead Mark Benns
23-24 May	Salisbury Plain	London Gala	Saturday – CG (Pilcher), CR, CP, CE, MV, HLG/CLG Sunday – Classic G/Vintage G, CRP/VRP/SLOP (Falcons SLOP), 1/2A/F1J, F1G/F1H, Co2/E30/P30, E36	FFTC Lead Simon Dixon CD Chris Redrup chrisredrup@yahoo.com
7 June	Area	4 th Area	CE, CG, CP (White), F1B (Gutteridge, Plugge), F1G/F1H, 1/2A/F1J (Plugge 1/2A), HLG/CLG (Plugge)	Area

28 June	Area	5 th Area	CR, CG, CP (Plugge, Team Keil CP), F1Q, MV, Classic G/ Vintage G (Plugge Classic G), E36, Tailless (Plugge),	Area
26 July	Area	6 th Area	CR (Team Farrow), CG, CE, F1C (Buskell), 1/2A/F1J, Co2/E30/P30 (Plugge co2), CRP/VRP/SLOP (Plugge CRP)	Area
16 August	Area	7 th Area	CR, CE, CP, F1A (K&MAA), F1G/F1H (Plugge F1G), E36 (Plugge), HLG/CLG	Area
29/30/31 August	Sculthorpe	Nationals	All events – Details to follow	CD TBC
12 September	Sculthorpe	Stonehenge Cup	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	FFTC Lead John Carter CD Peter Martin ffworldcupuk@gmail.com
13 September	Sculthorpe	Equinox Cup	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	FFTC Lead John Carter CD Peter Martin ffworldcupuk@gmail.com
20 September	Sculthorpe	East Anglian Gala	CG, CR, CP, CE, Classic G/Vintage G, CRP/VRP/SLOP, Co2/E30/P30, MV, Tailless	FFTC Lead Ken Faux
19/20 September	Sculthorpe	Team Selection Reserve Date	F1A, F1B, F1C, F1Q	FFTC Lead Mark Benns
4 October	Area	8 th Area	CE, CP, CG, F1B (Duce), MV (Plugge), Co2/E30/P30 (Plugge P30)/ Classic G/Vintage G (Plugge Classic G)	Area
24 Oct0ber*	North Luffenham	Midland Gala	Classic G/Vintage G, MV, 1/2A/F1J, Co2/E30/P30, F1G/F1H, E36, HLG/CLG	FFTC Lead Phil Ball
31 October-1 November Or 7-8 November	Buckminster	Buckminster Gala	TBC Note: Final date to be announced a few days in advance as site is weather critical.	FFTC LEAD Simon Dixon CD Stuart Darman

*Team Selection fall back date