



**MELTON & DISTRICT MODEL CLUB**  
Affiliated to  
**British Model Flying Association CLUB 605**



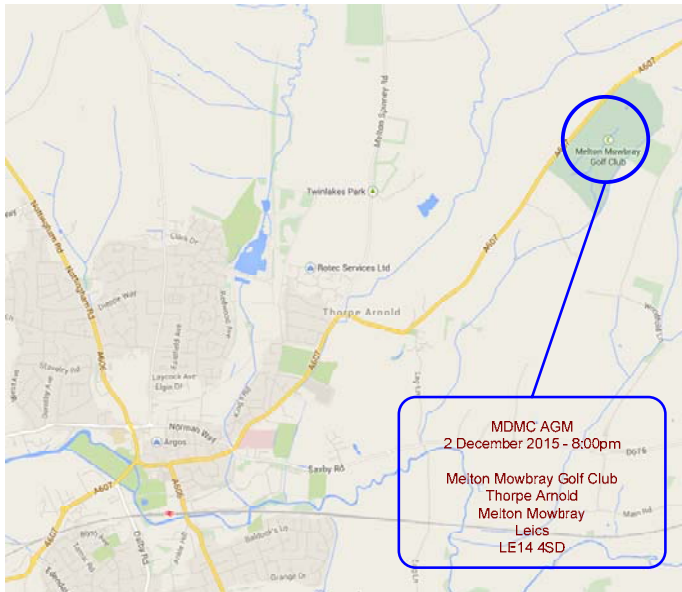
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**Newsletter - November 2015**

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# **2015 Annual General Meeting**

**8:00pm Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015**  
**Melton Golf Club**  
**Thorpe Arnold**  
**Melton Mowbray**  
**LE14 4SD**



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## *Tempus Fugit*

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*Tempus fugit* is a [Latin phrase](#), usually translated into [English](#) as "time flies".

Well it certainly does. It doesn't seem that long ago that I took over as the MDMC Public relations officer (PRO), but I have held that position for six years during which I have produced 22 newsletters, arranged four BBMF flypasts at our annual shows and subjected you to numerous emails!

But it is now time for a change and I will not be standing for PRO at the forthcoming AGM.

I hope you have found something of interest in the past 22 newsletters, and I thank those members who have submitted articles for it.

I wish whoever takes over this position the very best.

**Ray Pinchin**

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## *New Flying Site*

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This is located at Long Field Academy, Ambleside Way, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0BN. It is available to all members for flying indoor and outdoor electric powered models.

Indoor flying is on Sundays at 6pm until 10pm, and continues on a weekly basis every Sunday unless otherwise notified. For indoor flying, models will be restricted to the following sizes: Helicopters up to 250 size Quadcopters up to 150 size Fixed Wing up to 200gm in weight.

In future it is intended to set up an e-mail notification system so that ALL members will be contacted to confirm each Sunday's availability for flying. Richard Sorrentino and Jonathon Muse have kindly agreed to act as co-ordinators.

If you require further information contact Richard: e-mail [sandrajane69@googlemail.com](mailto:sandrajane69@googlemail.com) or Tel: 07855 406184

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## Annual Show

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This year's annual show which celebrated the club's 50th anniversary we probably our best yet with the re-enactment, albeit in miniature, of the famous Dambuster raid. Not only did we destroy our dam, we also managed to destroy several buckets as well!

A new feature was an evening event with fireworks, a beer tent, hog roast and Simon showing yet another of his talents by singing with "Bakers treat" from the back of his vintage truck with Max from Grimsby Model on the fiddle!

Our nominated charity this year was Dove Cottage Day Hospice to which the club made a significant donation. Fund raiser from Dove

Cottage were on site both days and despite initial thought thoroughly enjoyed themselves and brought some of their clients along.

King Lear model boat club came along with their portable pool and the Melton & District Model Engineers provided their miniature ride on railway.

We were unable to arrange for a flypast by the BBMF and had hoped to have an aerobatic display by a Pitts Special, but due to mechanical problems that had to be cancelled. Following valiant efforts by Al Coutts and his wife we had hoped to get a flypast by the Vulcan. But again due to mechanical problems we only managed to get a view of the Vulcan at a distance

All in all the event was an outstanding success. Our thanks to all those without whose assistance the event would not have been such a success. I leave you with some images from the show.

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## *Model Aircraft Noise*

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Most members will be aware that the Retreat Stud Farm next to our Whissendine flying field is up for sale. Whilst we have good relations with the current owners we do not know any new owners will view our activities. Many flying sites have been lost when new residents arrive due to noise even though they have been used for a long period of time without any problems.

This has recently happened despite the intervention of the BMFA as has been reported in their AGM notes, as reproduced below.

*"On a negative note, it was disheartening to have a perverse legal judgement mean that a club in the south of England has lost a valuable flying site after many years of use.*

*Through the generous financial support from our insurance brokers this claim from a complaining neighbour newly moved into the area was resisted right up to High Court level; the*

*judgement in the complainant's favour came as a surprise to our legal counsel but the high cost of appealing the judgement plus the fact that the nature of the Judgement does not set a legal precedent meant that we had to let the matter rest."*

The BMFA also notes that:

*"The number of clubs with ongoing noise related problems is increasing, I successfully completed the Institute of Acoustics (IOA) post graduate Diploma in Acoustics and Noise Control and am now an associate member of the institute (AMIOA) and am in a position to conduct noise assessments on behalf of clubs.*

*I have conducted a number of these already and more are in the pipeline. Going forward the noise we make and how it is perceived by our neighbours is only likely to become more of an*

*issue, all members should be asking themselves the following question, no matter what they fly and how it is powered. "Is there anything I can reasonably do to make my model aircraft quieter?"*

*It is about protecting your flying sites and the matter must not be taken lightly. This is illustrated by the somewhat perverse judgement that was handed down in the magistrates court against one of our affiliated clubs that was complying fully with the noise code but has had an order banning all model aircraft flying at their site which they have used for over 30 years. We cannot take our flying sites for granted and must take the issue of noise seriously.*

*Whether clubs are having issues with noise, planning or disputes they should contact us early for assistance."*

The planning consent for our Melton Airfield flying site is due to expire and the club is submitting a new planning application to Melton Council.

With this and the sale of the stud farm in mind it is important that we keep our noise levels to reasonable levels.

Members are therefore asked to review their models to ensure that noise levels are not likely to be the subject for complaint that may jeopardise the future of our flying fields.

**Once a site is lost it is lost for ever, so please help to keep ours safe.**

# Anniversary Press Reports



PICTURED: MATT SHIBET  
EVENTS: James Savidge and Tom Williams at the show and, below, some of the model plans

## Model club's showcase

A MODEL club celebrated its 50th anniversary by staging a spectacular show.  
"Melton and District Model Club marked the milestone at its annual show.  
Crowds visited the town's Thorpe Road playing fields to watch enthusiasts from across the county indulge their passion.  
The club was established in Melton in 1965 to cover all forms of modelling.  
It now covers fixed and rotary wing radio-controlled model aircraft, remote control cars and slot car racing.  
Chairman Chris Savidge said: "Our annual show reflected this milestone in our history. In addition to our model aircraft, other local clubs were invited to display model boats on a portable pool, a miniature steam



railway, model railways and radio controlled cars.  
"One special event was a re-enactment of the Dambuster display in miniature."  
Attractions during the weekend show included displays of radio-controlled model aircraft, boats and cars, and slot car tracks where visitors could have a try.  
Proceeds from collections held at the event will go to Melton's Dove Cottage Day Hospice, the model club's chosen charity.

## Spectators enjoy annual two-day event

# Anniversary triumph for model club show

BY JOHN MASON  
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Hundreds of people flocked to this year's Melton and District Model Club Show for a special 50th celebration.

Spectators of all ages were entertained throughout the weekend event by flying displays of different types of radio-controlled aircraft at the Thorpe Road playing field as well as model boats on the pool and fixed wing models.

Visitors were also treated to helicopter and drone displays and for the first time ever there was also night flying.

Among the highlights on Saturday were live music from Baker's Treat, a hog roast and a firework display.

On Sunday there was a



Melton and District Model Club's annual show

re-enactment of the Dambusters display in miniature using pyrotechnics.

Chris Savidge, chairman of the Melton and District Model Club said: "The event went very well and we had around 150 members attend on the Saturday evening.  
"It was great to be able to

celebrate the gothanniversary of our show with an action packed line-up of entertainment."

Other attractions included a tombola, raffle and a range of trade stands.

Proceeds from the event will go to Dove Cottage day hospice in Stathern.

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