

15 May BMFA World Record attempt, Knettishall

Event Information

The site is open from 10:00 to Dusk. The record attempt is at 12 noon

The British Model Flying Association (BMFA) world record attempt is open to all flying models, powered, controlled, or not. That includes chuck gliders and paper planes.

The attempt MUST take place at any of the associated club flying sites - that's potentially over 800 locations...simultaneously at 12noon, 15 May 2022.

Bury Model Flying Club are taking part in this record attempt and invite all Club members, plus their family and friends, to take part at our Knettishall site.

The record attempt is to be ratified by the FAI (the International Federation for Air Sports) based upon confirmed documentation submitted by the local coordinators

Friends and family - bring a simple chuck glider

All visitors can join the record attempt - so long as they have a small, light, 'free flight' aeroplane and register with the co-ordinator at Knettishall on the day.



Aldi and Lidl occasionally sell something very suitable. Also available from The Tank Museum for about £4 +p&p.

On top of that, before 11:30 and after 12:30 visitors (min age?) can try their hand at flying a radio control aeroplane with a flight under the supervision of an experienced pilot.

BBQ



We are providing a BBQ, soft drinks and facilities.

The BBQ will be providing morning bacon/sausage rolls and a variety of food for lunch, including vegetarian options. Those with special catering requirements are welcome to bring food for cooking on a meat free griddle.

There will be no charge, but contributions for the catering will be gratefully received and any surplus will be donated to the East Anglia Air Ambulance Service (unbelievably, like the lifeboats, reliant on charity donations).

A chair or picnic blanket would be useful.

Inevitably, BBQ service will at best be limited between 11:30 and 12:30.

The Area

Now model flyers are a keen bunch, but it's fair to assume that their kith and kin may want more from a day than throwing a glider, eating a BBQ and watching some flying.

So some thoughts on making a day of it:



For the local history buffs, the airfield is part of what was once a US B17 airbase. There is a US War Memorial in the South Eastern corner by the crossroads.

For the curious and insatiably active there is more than just history, farmland, a private airfield and model flying site at Knettishall:



Knettishall Heath Country Park is a hop and step to the North West, with forest, horses, deer and one of the few Suffolk designated wild water swimming river locations plus car parking, picnic areas and facilities. There is a pedestrian gate to the forest just a short walk north of the factory gate entrance to the flying site. You can see the cottage adjacent to the gate from our flying area.



If the river appeals, you are best driving round to the car park.



The park edges the Angles Way, Peddars Way and the Norfolk Coast Path (as opposed to the Norfolk Coastal Path!) national walking routes. West Harling Heath is a short walk beyond Knettishall Heath along the Peddars Way/Norfolk Coast Path.



For the seriously energetic why not travel by bicycle? National Cycle Route 13 which links Bury to Thetford passes right through the old B17 runway along a Roman Road running North/South.

BMFC Participants

There will be general flying opportunities for Club Members before 11:30 and again from 12:30 until dusk.

Club flyers are expected to be conversant with Club rules. Specific Knettishall information is available in the current handbook and on the website (Members Only tab behind the Obligatory password).

Specific World Record Attempt controls will be in place all day. Flyers will be briefed. Meanwhile be aware that for safety reasons access will be via the factory gate only.

Your record attempt steed must be capable of slowish circuits and a grass field landing.

We are also hoping that you can bring along an 'interesting' model to join our static display - it doesn't prevent you from flying it during the day.

More information will be posted on the Club website - <https://bmfc.bmfa.org>