

# PLANE PAPER

**Free Flight in the South East**

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3rd Area Meeting, Ashdown Forest, 6th April 2014

## **First time in 88 Issues, 14 years — no flying at all !**

3rd Area Free Flight Meeting, 6th April 2014, Ashdown Forest.

Friends Clump car park.

I realised visibility might be an issue on the drive to Ashdown today, whilst fumbling around for the car fog lights switch, going through Wych Cross and this proved the case as we pulled into Friends Clump car park.

Vis was down to around 150m maximum at ground level, you couldn't see any of the land marks like the Lodge Radio Station, Camp Hill etc or the valley we usually fly across. It was murky, misty, cold and drizzly most of the morning, wind SSW 14-16 mph.

Despite this there was good flyer/club support considering the conditions, but most sensibly departed just around midday or earlier, once they realised it was all a bit hopeless. Myself, Dad and Rob stuck around a little longer till about 3.25pm and although the mist and drizzle did clear and it brightened up early afternoon, the wind also increased and it was still swinging to the woods so, with no obvious improvement likely, we decided it was a good time to pack up and go home, a bit earlier than planned. Its always disappointing not to even open up the model boxes or put a model in the air but there's also no sense in flying models straight into trouble, this was def a day not to do that.

Hope for better weather and more favourable direction next time out.

Gary



*Not a lot to see !*

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*“What am I doing here ?”*



*“Phew, I thought I’d never find it.”*



**RAFA Positions**

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	Total
East Grinstead	1	43.5	0						44.5
Crawley	0	50.5	0						50.5

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