

WLMAC Newsletter December 2021

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Frank, Richard and Leon met up with their Puppeteers

Welcome to our December Newsletter – We've had our second club night at the golf club with a drone flying competition. We have an update from David Orrells on his son's Charlie's flying career, indoor flying at Wycombe and more. Finally, thanks to all for putting up with my Newsletters over the last 3 years, Graham will be taking over, as of next month, having had plenty of practice over the last couple of months writing the Newsletters himself.

Parish Notices

Up and coming Club-night / AGM – Thursday 9th December at 20:30, which will be at the Uxbridge golf club with all members/prospective members welcome to attend. There is also a Christmas Dinner beforehand at, starting at 19:00 (for both members and guests), if you haven't already, then email Mathew if you want this and he will add you to the growing list (there are nearly 60 confirmed bookings already).

If attending the Christmas dinner, you will need to pay the cost to the club with your subs – you can't pay the golf club as WLMAC will already have paid them for the meal!

Club membership fees have not been changed this year **and can be paid from the beginning of December.** The preferred method of payment will be by bank transfer to the WLMAC account, as the club now pays for every cheque paid into the club account - see details below. If not paying online, payment can be made on the night at the golf club or by a cheque posted to Stuart Whitehouse, details also below. Charges are as follows:

WLMAC full member: £120 (or 1 instalment of £60 with £60 balance in June)

WLMAC social member: £32

WLMAC Junior member: £35

BMFA membership is: £40 (junior £18, family junior £14)

Xmas dinner at AGM: £11 (£20.50 for guests)

HOT NEWS - WLMAC will pay the CAA fee again this year for each full member, provided your BMFA membership is paid via WLMAC and payment is received no later than 18th January. This means you will save £9.00, if you pay all of your fees promptly.

Paying by **online payment** to the following account (preferred method)

Sort code: 40-38-20

Account number: 41139258

Account name: West London Model Aeroplane Club

Payment by cheque - payable to WLMAC and post to:

Stuart Whitehouse

Orchard End,

Bentley Road,

Slough.

SL1 5BB

The club fee is due by the end of December; members who have not renewed by the end of January may be required to pay the joining fee to re-join. **BMFA insurance lapses at the end of the year, so from 1st January you are no longer insured and must not fly, unless you have paid the BMFA fee to us, to another club or to the BMFA directly.**

MORE HOT NEWS - We have a new arrangement with the High Wycombe Club (HWDMAC) -

Existing WLMAC members with an A cert (or better) can now join HWDMAC without paying their joining fee (and vice versa), for as long as you remain a member of WLMAC. If you subsequently leave WLMAC, the original joining fee for HWDMAC would become payable.

HWDMAC fly from a large, flat new field which became fully operational this year in Cadmore End, on the west side of High Wycombe. They operate 10am until dusk, electric and IC power, all year around, and as a BMFA club have similar rules and procedures to us. You can see some pictures and the location on their website: <https://www.hwdmac.co.uk/> There have long been some links between the clubs, with some members in both clubs, and intermittently joint events or invitations to each other's events. HWDMAC currently organise the indoor flying that a few of our members have been going to.

So if you would like the option of flying at this excellent new site, you can pay both membership fees to WLMAC at renewal time, and we will forward them to HWDMAC as a batch. You will need to contact their membership secretary Mike Winston mike_winston@totalise.co.uk first to express your interest and Mike will send you an application to finalise your application once you have paid their membership fee. He can also arrange for you to visit the field before you decide. Their fees for 2022 are: Senior £120, Junior £35.

Update by David Orrells on son Charlie's flying career - For those who don't remember him, Charlie Orrells is an ex-member who has gone on to play with real planes. His day job is flying for Ryanair from Liverpool Airport. He's had a difficult time recently and has been driving a lorry delivering food for Iceland whilst he was furloughed. He was a member at WLMAC for several years before the lure of real planes took over.

Over the Winter he managed to buy a 1/8 share in a Yak 52. This Yak was built in 1986 as a basic trainer and has passed into private hands. The plane is based at Popham Airfield near Basingstoke. Apart from the initial purchase price he pays a monthly fee to cover the hanger and basic servicing. Further costs are based on the hours flown plus fuel of course. He's taken instruction to allow him to fly the plane and I finally managed a flight with him in September.

The appeal of the Yak is that it will perform aerobatic manoeuvres with two people on board. The hanger contains several other planes including another Yak and a 3/4 replica Spitfire.



The first one is Charlie and a friend, an Easyjet pilot!

On approach on his first solo flight in the Yak.

The taxiing one is with Jane, his Mum who experienced the first flight.

Indoor club night at the Uxbridge golf club- Our indoor meeting on 11th November was a welcome success with a good turnout of members who went early for their evening meal. About 28 members attended altogether for the indoor drone race evening.





A great time was had by everybody. After many, many rounds we had the final and the winners were Mark and Jason.

Indoor Flying at Wycombe (and soon at Aylesbury, as well)- There was three of us who attended the second Saturday at Wycombe's indoor flying. Mathew Kevin and Myself (Graham). We turned up armed with indoor planes, helicopters, and some small drones.

We had a good supply of batteries to last us to the end. This was well worth the £10 to be flying in the warm and with no wind.



The Wycombe Club have invited us to join them for all of their indoor flying sessions at the Wycombe Sports Centre.

All events are Saturdays 4:00pm - 6:00pm (this due to the sports centre's COVID opening times, once they change back to normal then they'll be booked 6:00pm - 8:00pm):

2021

- 18th December

2022

- 8th January
- 29th January
- 19th February
- 12th March
- 26th March

Flying fees are £10/session.

The multi-storey carpark next to the main entrance will be open (it was closed for the previous sessions but is now open), the tariff is 50p for 2 hours payable only with coins.

The Park & Ride carpark is also available but now charges £1.20 for 4 hours, this can be paid for by card.

We have also now been invited to attend the Hemel Club's indoor flying at a venue in Aylesbury. **If you want to be added to their contact group/ receive details then please contact Mat and he will arrange this.**

Harefield (Springwell Lane) Update –

We have received our invoice for the 2022 rent from the new owners (Land Regen) and have just paid this. As you have probably noticed they have been doing some maintenance work at the site and have been clearing the undergrowth from more of the outfield areas. They are also going to be repairing some of the internal trackways and paths, as well as some more security measures. Please take extra care on the access roads, as there will inevitably be a bit more traffic, as lorries/ plant leave and enter the site. It is not envisaged that this will have any impact on our activities.

Pickeridge Farm Update -

We've had further negative feedback from the Environmental Health Officer (EHO) of the South Bucks Council to our planning application. This will hopefully be the last of the issues, and there have been quite a few so far, which to date have all been resolved. Basically, this latest issue relates to noise, we now have to further advise them that our proposed activities should be permitted. We thought we had already done this, by providing the results of the extensive noise testing/ assessment recently carried out for us by a specialist which further proved that the background noise from the local roads would easily mask the noise of our flying/ activities, but they now need more, so that's what they'll get. To this end we have been liaising with various people and organisations with more knowledge than us regarding planning, noise, model flying etc and will submit a revised noise assessment response in due course. In the meantime, we can still use the field and please contact Felix if you want to arrange a visit/ test flight. The runway is coming along nicely due to the care and attention of Tony B.



Last cut of the year and Graham clearing the litter

Tuckshop in the hut- has been re-stocked with goodies – 50p/ item (put the money in the honesty box). Also, there is a good supply of Cup A Soups (these are free).



Feeling peckish, look no further than our hut

Congratulations to Jeff Rooke – for passing you're 'A' test, well done.



Jeff being presented with his well-earned 'A' certificate by club examiner Stuart Whitehouse

New Members- Tom Degel who is on the buddy box training.



At The Field, The Three Puppeteers – Frank, Leon and Richard met up at the field for a joint flight, looked great!



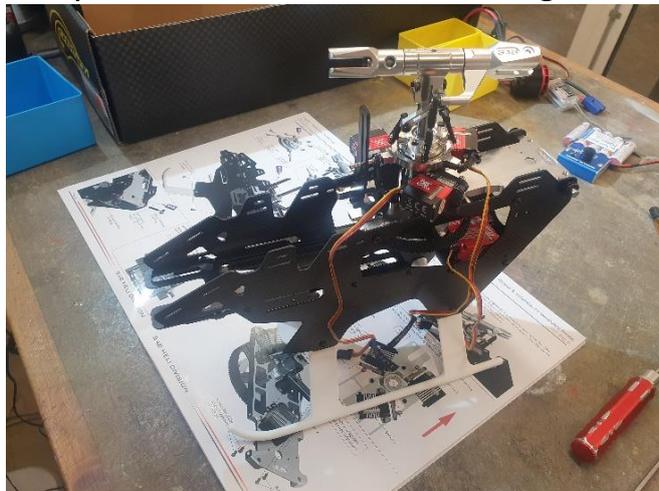
Social distancing

Projects-

Tony Bloomfield- was again at the field with another vintage aeroplane. This was a Majestic Major designed around 1958/9, 90-inch wingspan covered in Solartex. Paw 10cc Diesel, Rc carb and a 15x8 prop.



Mathew's Goblin 380 Heli project- Following Mat's heli' lessons with "Flyin Fish" in the summer, he decided to get a smaller heli to use for when he is practicing for his B test and decided on the Goblin 380, with a Mikado Vbar flybarless unit (mainly because it has a really visible colour scheme and he'd had a go with one as part of his lessons, with this set up). It went together really well and a few days later saw it test flown in his garden.



New Feature – Pilots Gallery-

Mark Pressling flying Mathew's Bell 429 helicopter

Tony P's helicopter is in the background, looking much smaller and only has a 3 bladed head!



Michael Powell

With homebuilt twin from a Graupner kit



Dave Harris



Peter Adams



We think Martin is inside flying the Air Ship



Ok Leon what is this thing for?

Events

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thursday 9 December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 9 December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal

Items for Sale – Nothing this month (please advise Felix or Graham if you do wish to advertise anything modelling related).