

# WLMAC Newsletter January 2020

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## **2019 AGM committee having just been re-elected for 2020**

Wishing you all a Happy New Year and welcome to our first Newsletter for 2020. I hope that this year will be even more successful than last year for our club and members.

## **Parish Notices**

**Up and coming Club night** – No January meeting. Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, Projects evening at the golf club, Come early for an evening meal and bring in your winter projects for all to see.

**Annual fee-** For those who have not yet paid, the club fee was 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. **Also, the BMFA insurance lapses at the end of the**

year, so as 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. Also, remember to go on line to complete your **CAA registration**. NB the cut off for the club to cover the cost of the £9 registration is 14<sup>th</sup> January, make sure you renew by this time or you will have to pay this / register – if you need any assistance contact Mathew.

**Sad news of one of our long-standing members-** Ian McPherson died at home in his wife's arms at 2pm on 13th December. He will be cremated in Amersham without a service.

Ian was an enthusiastic member of our Club for 25 years. Previously, in his career with the RAF, British European Airways and British Airways he amassed 17,000 hours as pilot in command of many types ranging from Meteors to Boeing 737's



Ian next to a Meteor at the RAF Museum

**A good turnout of members on 30<sup>th</sup> December** – Nice weather brought a few of us to the field for our last session of the year.



All stopped for lunch and a quick photo

**Christmas meal and AGM-** We had a great turnout for our Christmas meal and there were a number of wives and partners that came along as well. The meal was very well presented by the golf club and was enjoyed by all.

After the meal we were joined by a number of members that came along to pay their subs and attend the AGM. At the meeting, our committee resigned and was re-elected. Chairman Mathew summed up our very successful year thanking all that had helped



We all met at the bar for drinks before our meal.





All fed and watered, we moved across to pay our subs and attend the AGM



Frix in his Biggles outfit, including his own jacket. Very nice.

Frix sent in a picture of himself ready to have his first flying lesson in a Tiger Moth at Duxford. His family had bought him the lessons for his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Frix had to delay the lessons as he has been unwell for a while and had been having hospital treatment. The good news is that Frix is a lot better and plans to fly RC soon at the club. We look forward to see you Frix.

**Jeff Creak sent in a Youtube link relating to the history of the Polish Air Force and the RAF-** You may be interested in the link below – a brief look at the Polish B of B contribution – they were pretty good and led the way in tactics and fighting methods.

Here is the weblink for *Polish Airmen Fighting for Freedom*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QBivxITPpTE>

The short film provides an overview of the history of the Polish Air Force and the PAF Memorial Committee exhibition at RAF Northolt.

## **New member**



Welcome to our new member Peter Adams who is a trainee, good luck Peter, you are in good hands with our chief trainer Mike Marman.

## Events

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Projects evening
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	TBA
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	The Balsa bash
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	TBA
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	BMFA	Harefield	BMFA scale day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Club meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Saturday ? July	Work party	Harefield	Prepare the site for Fun day. Date to be decided
Sunday ? July	Fun Day	Harefield	Annual family Fun Day. Date to be decided
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest speaker
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Possible quiz night
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal

