

WLMAC Newsletter April 2020

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Picture by Leon Taylor. Martin Hill picked one of very few decent days in February to fly his airship.

Welcome to our April Newsletter, and what a month March has been. Dominated by the arrival of the dreadful Coronavirus in pandemic proportions, which has affected us all in many ways. I have had to re-write the recommendations 3 times, as the situation kept changing. We have now had all winter to repair our old models and build new ones, all ready for spring. Alas, we've now had to stop flying and a few of our members must be self-isolating due to age or underlying health issues. So, why not take advantage of the time at home and build another model or more? Please send in pictures of any new builds or repairs, we can then all keep in touch via our Newsletter. Be safe all of you, follow the guidance, stay at home and keep modelling.

Parish Notices

Up and coming Club night – All club nights and events are cancelled due to the COVID-19 Corona virus which has affected all of us in one way or another. I have kept the events chart at the end of the Newsletter, in case life returns back to normal over the summer.

WLMAC COVID-19 Virus - We started the month by advising everyone that there will be no more club nights at the golf club but flying at the field could continue. As we progressed through the month and the virus spread all around us, government advice was not to congregate in groups and we were also advised not to make any unnecessary journeys. At that point, our chairman and the committee decided to shut our field down and stop flying completely. The same day, the BMFA also sent us all an email asking us all to stop flying.

Useful links from the BMFA email

NHS precaution information, <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Latest government information, <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

CAA operator ID – In preparation to when we are able to fly again, we should all be in possession of our operator ID, please may I remind you all again to visit our WLMAC website and follow the instruction to make sure that all your models conform to the BMFA rules.

Spektrum AS3X AR636 receiver warning- One of our members recently purchased a second hand one from eBay. We tried to register it on the Spektrum community, but it was rejected. At that point we logged an issue with the Spektrum help desk. A few days later we had a reply advising that this receiver was locked with the

settings for a Parkzone Corsair, the receiver could not be registered or its settings altered in any way.

If you want to buy a second hand AR636 receiver make sure it is not locked.

March club night and Drone racing evening - Considering the media news about the Coronavirus we had a slightly lower turnout of members for the meal, followed up by more members that came in for the Drone racing. The winner was Stuart Whitehouse and runner up was Mark Pressling, a pleasant evening was had by all.



Evening meal at the bar with a reasonable turnout of members.



The heats.



I'm gonna beat you, no you're not, I'll win!



Stuart our winner and runner up Mark being presented with the prize money by Chairman Mat

Projects

Mark Pressling's Profile Zero – With the Fuz nearly complete Mark has been working on the tail section which is the most complicated of all the profile kits. Good job Mark.



Pete Ledger Habu rebuild – following a bit of an arrival, Pete decided that it was worth a try to put it all back together, as he liked the way it handled and it would have been very difficult to replace – Just goes to show what you can do with a tube of UHU Por, some cocktail sticks and a few match pots of emulsion - looking good Pete!



Tony Bloomfield – Test running his Saito 3 cylinder, it's a gas version (petrol not propane – the gas bottles are just for ballast).



Chairman Mat's: Refurbished Yak 50 - Donated to the club by David Orrells (originally a Bill Mercer model). Bought by Mat as no one else wanted it (aaah) – all proceeds went into club funds, thanks David! Mat has jammed a Saito 30cc Petrol in it and given it a once over. It's now ready to maiden. If all goes well and it flies ok he intends to use it to practice for the BMFA Scale competitions.



All events cancelled. Dates not deleted just in case we are able to resume again later on in the year.

Date	Event	Location	Description
Wednesday 10 th June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Sunday 14 th June	BMFA	Harefield	BMFA scale day
Wednesday 8 th July	Club meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Saturday 4 th July	Work party	Harefield	Prepare the site for Fun day.
Sunday 5 th July	Fun Day	Harefield	Annual family Fun Day.
Sunday 26 th July	Coln Valley Festival	Coln Valley Park, Denham	Volunteers required to help at our stall
Wednesday 12 th August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 9 th September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 8 th October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest speaker
Thursday 12 th November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Possible quiz night
Thursday 10 th December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal

