

WLMAC Newsletter January 2022

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2021 AGM and Christmas Dinner.

Your 2022 Committee.



Welcome to our January newsletter 2022-

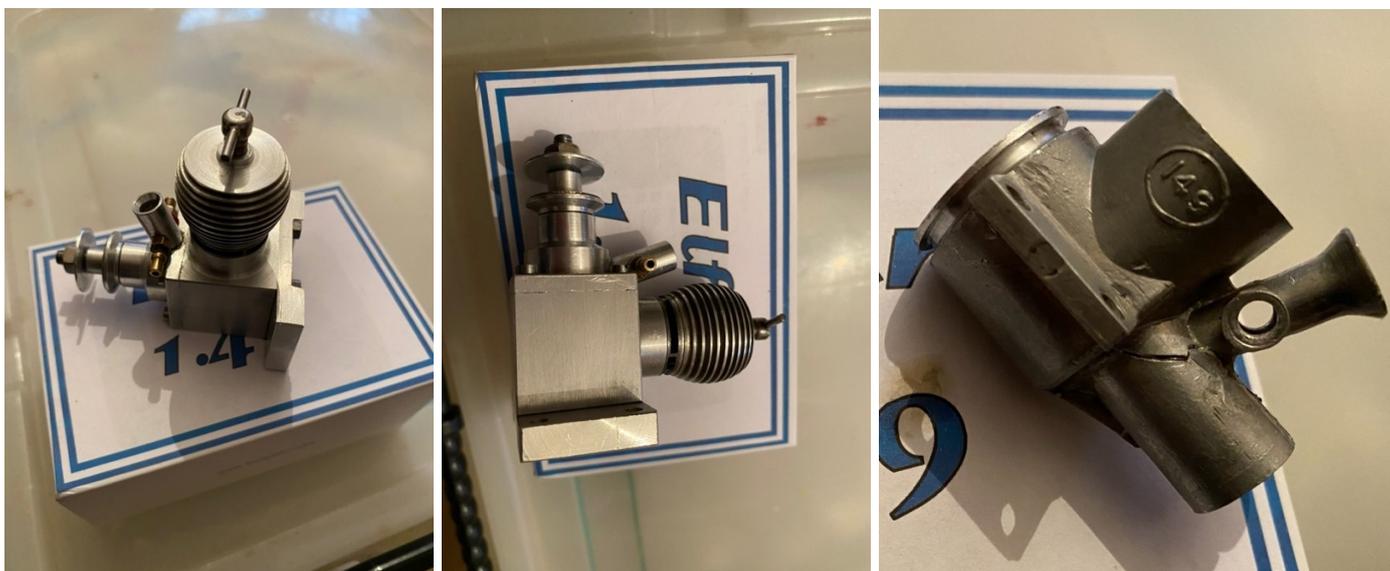
2021 was another strange year, we went from lockdown to nearly normal times. We had plenty of flying days at Harefield and some at Pickeridge. We've had two club nights at the Golf Club as well and Andrew Turner did us proud with his culinary delights from the BBQ back in the summer. I would like to thank Felix and Mathew for their help and easing me into my role as WLMAC's newsletter editor. We would like to thank Krys Holubecki and Mike Faul for all their hard work as committee members, they have now stepped down. Jeff Creak and Andrew Turner have now stepped up to be on the Committee.

Also, if you have any news or articles that you would like to share or anything you would like to put up for sale please let me know. [Watsapp](#) is good or email it to me ([Mad Graham](#)).

CAA Operator ID Reminder — By now most of us have placed our ID on our models. If you are bringing a model out that has not been used for a while, please remember to check it has your current ID, clearly labelled in accordance to the CAA instructions. It can be located on the outside of your model or inside a compartment that you don't need to use a tool to open it.

Parish Notices-

TB Tuning- (They call him Mr Tony Nitro), a tale relating to an old diesel engine from Tony Bloomfield. Dave Whitley was 16 when he flew a free flight model that landed headfirst onto some concrete and split the crankcase of his Elfin 1.49 diesel and there it sat in a draw up until a couple of months ago. The engine had sat dormant for 70 years but now Dave wanted to make a new crankcase on his lathe and so he did, but he wasn't sure if the engine would run. I convinced him it would and invited him to my house to fire it up, well after a few hard "diesel flicks", the engine started to fire and then it was just a case of getting the settings right. Well, I finally got it right and low and behold the engine ran very sweetly too. Dave had done a fine job on the lathe as you can see from the photos, you can see the original crankcase with the crack and the new crankcase that now houses all the original parts from the Elfin 1.49. His happiness was overwhelming that morning that his 70-year-old engine was breathing fire again.



TB Tuning- A new annual award will be issued every year for someone who randomly makes my day.

And the winner for 2021 is Dave Whiteley.



Annual Fee

For those who have not yet paid, the club fee that 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. **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. NB the cut off for the club paying the annual CAA registration of £9 is the 16th Jan.**

Pickeridge Farm- We now have a planning consultant who is attempting to contact our planning officer, to find out for sure what needs to happen next, we are anticipating he will have some meaningful feedback soon and we can then progress the application.

At the field (Harefield)—Training will be back on at the field this year. Weather and Covid rules permitting. Please keep an eye on the WLMAC WhatsApp page.

It was great to see pilots taking advantage of the low fog. We hope you were taking care in the sky with full head lamps, also front and rear fog lights on.



Winter Projects

Kevin Lambi's new indoor Flyer. Version 1 ready! I 3D Printed a prop extender so I could fit a 5 in prop on it... normally takes 2- or 3-Inch prop.



Indoor Flying-

Brain Seymour (of Wycombe Club) sent me this video link of him and Mathew dog fighting with their Microaces Bipe's, filmed by Mitch with his drone, recently, at the High Wycombe sports centre.

<https://youtu.be/fciWB1v1rx8>



Invitation from High Wycombe at the Sports centre, junction 4 M40. All events are Saturdays with the new times of 6:00pm - 8:00pm.

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.

	Event	Location	Description
Thursday 10 th February	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Projects evening
Thursday 10 th March	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Darren Bloomfield will give a talk on RC Cars and how he got into the sport.
Thursday 14 th April	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	The Balsa Bash
Thursday 12 th May	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Skills night
TBC	BMFA Scale	Harefield	BMFA Scale Heat
Wednesday 8 th June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
TBC	Fun Day	Harefield	Club event.
Wednesday 10 th August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 14 th September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 13 th October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Will possibly be another Quiz Night.

Thursday 10 th November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Will be Drone Racing Night.
TBC	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
TBC	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal

Finally: **Happy New Year** to all **WLMAC** members

Items for Sale – (please advise **Graham** if you do wish to advertise anything modelling related).

For sale, ME109 profile kit. I purchased two profile kits a couple of years ago and didn't get round to building this one. Fly's fast with a 46 size IC, even better with an OS 55 which is the preferred engine. Nice winter project. Offers around £70.

please contact Felix.



Mike Marman has two planes to sell, one is a Weston cougar 2000 with an Irvine 46, spektrum receiver ready to fly, well used £80

The second is an eflite Prometheus, fair condition. No receiver £120.

If you are interested in any of the two planes **Mike** is normally at the field for training on Saturday morning

[These are reference pictures only.](#)

