

# WLMAC Newsletter November 2022

Editor – Graham Motler.



Our first real work party at Pickeridge, a fantastic effort by all involved and lovely weather for it.

**Welcome to our November Newsletter**- We are still lucky to be having some good weather either for flying or for important site improvements and maintenance.

**Club AGM and Nominations** - Members of the committee who organise, regulate, and run the club are not self-appointed - they are elected by the membership, at every Annual General Meeting, which this year will back at **Uxbridge Golf Club** on Thursday 15th December immediately after our club's Christmas Dinner (Mat will email details of this in due course).

So, once again we invite volunteer members to give their serious attention to the Club's routine business. [The club constitution calls for 21 days' notice](#) for an application for Committee membership, so the application form is shown below. Put yourself up for a year's service on the Committee by getting yourself a proposer and a seconder from among your fellow members, filling in the form overleaf and firing it off to the Secretary, Roy Lanning.

## COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

Candidate name (and Email address, please).

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Proposer.....Seconder.....

I agree to serve on the Committee for one year.

Signed.....Date.....

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**Harefield site.** Harefield, as usual, is looking very good with well-manicured grass on two areas of the site, including the helicopter and multi rotor areas.

Training is still in progress but is weather dependant. Saturday morning training is still full on but Wednesday evening training is starting to get to the point where the nights are drawing in and its happening earlier in the afternoon, weather permitting, the instructors will make decisions whether to hold off or train on the day.

There are cup-a-soups available in the club hut, all you need to do is boil the kettle (emptying the soup into a cup/ mug and adding the boiling water and stirring also helps).

**Pickeridge site.** October see's even more activity with more and more members enjoying flying there. We had a real good turnout of members to get onboard with the first of many works and maintenance parties. The all-familiar hole filling and levelling of the runway. Weed killing was taken care of. We also needed to rake the pit area of the loose stones, we put these to good use and made a ramp at the end of the new container.

Andy Turner again was in his normal location, by the side of the cooking equipment. Hot soup was on hand with added spices. Cups of tea and coffee and cheese rolls. Again, great job Andy.

After we had completed the work, it was all over to Felix. He is doing a great job continuing with the inductions of pilots, at the field.

The induction is an important aspect of being granted permission to fly at Pickeridge, this is taking place to show members how the security protocols operate and explain the site-specific flying rules and flying limits etc. Inductees will also need to carry out a successful test flight. There will be an interactive demonstration of how the main gate operates, including the use of the security bollards a further demonstration of how to drop and again to raise and lock them. These are quite heavy to use, also if you lower them to fast you will get a nice wash from the water inside the outer tube. Then you will be taken to the flying field and the flying area will be shown including some marker posts which have been located on our western flying boundary, as an aid to its location, no flying beyond any of these. Most important you will be asked to demonstrate that you can keep your aircraft within the boundaries. The unlocking/ locking of the cabin will also be

demonstrated (this contains welfare facilities, the rules/ field plan and the attendance/ flight log book (which needs to be completed by everyone, every time they visit). On completion of the induction, you will be given your new and shiny keys for the various gates/ the cabin and let loose. A big thank you for Felix undertaking this task.

Felix and Jeff have had their trusty wood working skills and tools out again. There is now a heavyweight, mobile leaning bench/ rail with wheels. This has been constructed this way so that it can be repositioned to suit the wind direction and that big moving yellow thing in the sky. It also identifies the location of the pilot's box on any given day.

The following selection of photos give an idea of what's been going on.







**Club night at the golf club.** Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October.

David Orrells gave us another talk about his time working in Ukraine. This time, with the ongoing problems they are having out there, it made a lot more sense. There was a good turnout of members that night. Tony Bloomfield displayed his nearly completed Hanger 9 Pitt's S2B. The power plant is a Saito FG61Ts four stroke petrol engine. I will be doing a feature on this build when I get the ok from Tony.



There was more than this.



Our next meeting at the Uxbridge Golf Club will be Thursday the 10<sup>th</sup> of November. This will be our annual Quiz-night. As the generosity of the club knows no bounds, there will of course be cash prizes for the best teams. Don't be shy give it a try.

**Indoor flying.** So, indoor flying has now started at High Wycombe and Aylesbury. The dates and venue information is detailed below. Some of our members attended the first of these, at High Wycombe, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

When we arrived, the flying area was in 1 third of the hall. This was from 18.00 to 19.00. there was a 15-minute separate allocation for Shockies and Scale planes. Then at 19.00 we were allowed to use another section of the hall so Brian split the two groups. There were also helicopters and quads and a hovercraft.





There seemed to be a lot of prop-hanging going on.



John Marr with his rebuilt Seagull Pioneer. Having instruction from Dennis. We like lots of smiles.



**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.** This was the L.M.A indoor static exhibition at the Gaydon Motor Museum. Mathew, David Orrells and I were chauffeured to the venue off junction 12 of the M40, by Roger Darvell. We felt we needed to call into the service station at junction 8a M40 for a very good priced Full English. Entrance fee for the event was £10 if you had your BMFA membership with you. There was as usual a trade area, if you needed to stock up on your materials and kits. There were some very large aeroplanes on display. Also, some lectures going on free of charge. We attended a lecture on how to do fibreglass covering which was very informative, by Paul Dudley from Kingfisher Aviation.







That's a few grands' worth sat there David!

**Indoor flying date info from Cliff (Aylesbury Club) and Brian (Wycombe Club).**

**This season's indoor flying, 8pm to 10pm on the following dates: - At the Guttman Centre, Aylesbury, HP21 9PP.**

**2022**

4th November  
18th November  
2nd December  
16th December

**2023**

6th January  
20th January  
3rd February  
17th February  
3rd March  
17th March

**High Wycombe dates at Wycombe Sports Centre. Opening times are 6pm to 8pm. Handy Cross, HP11 1UP.**

**2022**

19th November  
10th December

**2023**

7th January - Full Hall Extravaganza  
4th February  
25th February  
18th March - Full Hall Extravaganza

**Also, looking forward to next BMFA South Midland Area Extravaganza.**



The Date for this has now been agreed Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Entrance to the hall will be at 13.00 and finish at 19.00.

Entrance fee will be £15 per person.

Change of flights time slots will be 20 minutes per class.

Scale, shockies and free flight.

We'll have drones and helicopters with the RC like we did last year.

The venue for this will be the same as this year.

Wycombe Sports Centre, Hand cross junction 4 M40.

## Up and coming Events

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Quiz Night with cash prizes.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals and Christmas Dinner.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal.