

WLMAC Newsletter March 2023

Editor – Graham Motler.



Welcome to the March newsletter. February was another varied month for the club with the “Indoor Extravaganza” at High Wycombe sports centre, Life Skills at the Golf Club and training at the field.



Fixed wing ‘A’ certificate passes. Peter Adams on the left and Louis Budry right. Congratulations.

Skills night Uxbridge Golf Club

On the 9th of February we had a Life Skills event. This was organised by Roy Lanning and was presented by Mark Winn and his assistant Jill Lanning. This was a very successful evening. There was an eye-opening lesson on CPR and Resus Annie played a big part of the evening.

Mark has sent some helpful links to the first aid information.

<https://www.sja.org.uk/first-aid-supplies/manuals-and-guides/first-aid-manual-and-guide/>

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/first-aid/learn-first-aid>

<https://what3words.com/>

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/first-aid/first-aid-apps>

We will also be having more skills training at the field later in the year. Mark Winn will be joining us again, so he can advise on 1st aid relevant to our particular activities at the field.



Roy, Mike and Jill.



As you can see there were plenty of resus units available for our members to practice on. Steve managed to get down on the floor. Even Felix's wife Rita joined in. John dived in as well, making sure he had his hands in the correct placement for chest compressions. Life skills are not only for the club fields.

YOU NEED HELP?

With your Flyer I.D.? Luckily, at the next club night (which is Drone Racing) and for any of you that are still having difficulty or can't be bothered to do it for yourself, Kevin has offered to help any member sort their BMFA Flyer ID request/ next of kin updates etc. Make yourself known to him on the night and he will sort you out.

Further Flying Tuition (at the field).

Due to the ongoing and more recent success of the WLMAC training programme, we are running out of trainees, and it will take a few weeks to get some of the new applicants that require training onboard. So, on this basis, we are going to offer the training team's services, to the rest of you, for a bit. So, if you're feeling rusty or just need some pre-season handholding then come along on Saturday mornings (weather permitting) and shake off those winter blues and get yourselves ready for the flying season.

They can also help with model set-ups, pre-flight checks, and other aeromodelling advice – You don't need to pre-book, **just bring your stuff**. There will also be the opportunity for some buddy flights on the club's trainers if you haven't quite got anything suitable to fly.

Also, for the more competent/ adventurous we can help you get started with or extend your aerobatic flying capabilities "Beyond the A" – NB you don't necessarily need a dedicated aerobat, most trainers can do the basics.

Propellor Safety - Painting your tips.

After a recent incident at the field regarding some sore fingers. I have tried to find some information on the painting of propeller tips for safety purposes. There is not a lot of information out there but they become invisible at high speed. For full size, the tips are painted in a high visibility contrasting colour, this is to stop the ground crew from walking into them. I am a ground crew for a company called Adventure 001 Experiences whom offer a helicopter flights. Even helicopters have painted tips on the rotors. So, on this basis, it might be a good idea for us to paint the tips of our props, obviously make sure this doesn't affect the balance of them.

Also, some further discussions at the field (Mathew, Stuart and Mike) agreed that a "Tool Box Talk", at the field, during one of the field meetings with actual demonstrations of prop safety would also be beneficial – watch this space for further details.

The other issue that has been brought to the attention of the committee is loose clothing and other dangly items. These can cause a serious hazard. So, either keep your jackets and fleeces done up or remove them and definitely nothing dangly.

Harefield site. Harefield, as usual, is looking very good with well-manicured grass for the main strip and the rotary areas.

There is also a very well stocked shop. This has lots of spares that you may need if you have broken something at the field. Also, for you IC enthusiasts there are glow plugs and fuel in stock. Please ask a member of the committee to unlock the cupboard. A large variety of props, wing bands, wheels, connectors, Eneloop rx packs, battery testers, knives, various glues and lots of other stuff is available. Most of the stock, apart from the fuel, is supplied from Brentford RC Shop.

TB IC Tunning. The first of the Saturday IC workshops will be held on Saturday the 25th of March. Please could you book this with Tony Bloomfield. He will inform you of what you need to bring with you. If possible, the IC engine should be removed from the plane, have good glow plugs and your type of fuel would be a good thing.

Work parties. When the weather starts to get a bit warmer, we will be organising work parties at both sites. The main issue at Harefield will be sorting the potholes. There is plenty of material for us to use for this. Wheelbarrows/ shovels would be helpful if some of you could bring some with you. Of course, our very own Chef Andy will be cooking the hot food for every one who helps. Mat will send out emails with details nearer the time but they will be sometime at the end of March/ early April.

Hidden walkway to the Patch Harefield site.

There is a hidden walkway from the pits to the right-hand side of the patch with a plastic ground reinforcement mesh rid that is integrated with the grass. As you know the grass from the pits to the patch can get a bit boggy so it was decided that this would be installed to ensure that there was a “safe” route out to the strip for times when the ground gets a bit soft.



Thank you, Felix, for the photo – walkway location in green.

Pickeridge site.

There is a new 2023 diary/ logbook in the club hut. For anybody who attends please record your visit/ aircraft flown etc.

The areas of the strip that were taken care of at the last work party are coming along nicely with the new grass areas looking good. The runway is coming along nicely, as we get out of the winter months and it does drain very well, so no issues with using it. Tony Bloomfield has been over there with the ride on mower to keep the grass in good shape. If you are ever over there and notice any depressions in the patch, there are shovels in the store end of the shed and plenty topsoil adjacent to the runway.

At some stage this year we will further improve the infrastructure. There will be a 230v mains cable, water pipe and data cable installed from the Suez compound to our hut. This will allow us to install some CCTV equipment. There will be some “special” work parties required for this. Suez will be doing the digging and back filling, we will have to install the cables and pipe etc. Also, we will have some more “normal” work parties, mainly to make a picnic bench and to carry out further runway maintenance etc.

Kevin and Felix have located some camaras in the trees at the entrance to the site. There has been some fly tipping at the gate near the main road. We have advised this to the local council and Suez are obviously aware. If you get to the entrance and there is rubbish dumped there, please take some photos and send them to Felix. Do not remove it, only relocate what you need, to gain entry to the site.



Pickeridge main entrance fly tipping – we can still get in.

Club nights.

The current dates for 2023 have now been added to the events schedule (below) and are also available to view on our website. Uxbridge golf club meeting on March the 9th is drone racing. We will be using the club's drones. These will be all prepped and serviced by Mike and Kevin. There will be prize money for the winner and runner up and probably some sort of nefarious handicap system to even out the playing field. Don't be shy come and give it a try. Mathew will again be sending out the menu for those of you who get there early to enjoy some great food.

Fulmer Fete. We have been invited by Fulmer Parish to Participate in their Fete. They will be closing the road at The Blackhorse pub, set up time 13.00pm on the 15th of July. We will be organising a static stand with various models on display. We are also thinking of having a small area with some obstructions for those of you to have some fun with your Rock Crawling vehicle's. Also, if you have any surplus, modelling or BMFA mags that you no longer need, could you please leave these in the clubhouse (at either field), we can then hand these out to anyone that shows any interest.

Indoor Flying. Indoor flying has been good over the winter months. At high Wycombe we have had many nights with the full hall. Brian has the two hours organised with 15minute slots - Scale and Shockies. The idea for slots is to ensure the large planes don't damage the smaller scale planes. There is also an area for the pilots who wish to practice with their helicopters and drones. High Wycombe, Hemel Hempstead and West London clubs again laid on a 6-hour extravaganza at High Wycombe sports hall. This was divided into three categories. Shockies, Scale and Free-flight. The air was constantly full. There were many pilots. A flight simulator was outside the entrance to the hall. We also had a spectacular scratch built model, on display, just inside the entrance of the building. We would like to thank Microaces for the Raffle prize donation of £100. Anyone that had pre-paid online was eligible. The prize was won by a very deserving Dawn.



Felix with Richard Crapps scratch-built Stampe.



The pits.



No ticket, you can't come in.

Watford Swap Meet.

Below are the details for this year's Watford Swap Meet. So, if you fancy your chances at a bargain or want to get rid of your old tat/ quality preloved modelling goodies then come along.

We've reserved a couple of tables for WLMAC stuff – you'll still have to pay the entry fee if you attend.



WATFORD WAYFARERS

MODEL AERO CLUB

Affiliated to the BMFA (Club No. 269)



Spring Swap Meet

29 April 2023, 10.00* - 2.00

The Hub, Gold Hill Baptist Church

Church Lane, Chalfont St. Peter, Bucks. SL9 9RE

What 3 Words: jets.apply.fade

The swap meet is for aeromodelling items only.

*Setting up for sellers, 9.00, public entry from 10.00.
Closes at 2.00 pm.

Tables for sellers £7, including one entry.
Tables must be booked in advance.

Alternatively, bring your items along and let us sell them for you. £1 per item entry plus 10% commission on sale.

Public entry to the swap meet £3, free for accompanied under 16's.

Tea, coffee and soft drinks plus a selection of edibles for sale.

Car parking available further down Church Lane (flies.tracks.label) - First hour free, then £1.40 for 2 hours etc.

Contact - Andy Todd 07973 326888 or
admin@watfordwayfarers.club



Remaining Indoor dates.

Aylesbury dates, 19.00 to 21.00 on the following dates: - At the Guttman Centre, Aylesbury, HP21 9PP.

2023 - 3rd March and 17th March.

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

2023 - 18th March - Full Hall Extravaganza (RC only).

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	Event	Location	Description
Thursday 9th March	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Drone Racing
Thursday 13th April	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	The Balsa Bash
Thursday 11th May	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	TBA
Sunday 11 th June	BMFA Scale	Harefield	BMFA Scale Heat
Wednesday 14 th June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
TBC	Fun Day	Harefield	Club event.
Wednesday 9 th August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 13 th September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 12 th October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Will possibly be another Quiz Night.
Thursday 9 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

Items for sale.

Jason Schofield is asking £50.00 for this Spektrum DX7 transmitter. Please make contact with him for further information.

