

WLMAC May Newsletter 2023

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Welcome to the May newsletter.

Thank you, to those who have provided photos etc.



Another Fixed Wing A for WLMAC this year
Well done John Marr.

Harefield Site. All in fine fettle. NB we will be having a work party, in the near future, as soon as it dries out a bit more!

Pickeridge Site. Felix and Jeff took on another project, this time to construct a large picnic table with built in seating, this is similar to that at Harefield, so members can take the weight off their feet and have a civilised sit down. Also, there is a new 2023 diary/ logbook in the club hut for anybody who attends please record your visit/ aircraft flown etc.



The main entrance at Pickeridge has now had some extensive work carried out by the owners, this in response to the continuing onslaught of fly-tipping. There are now a new set of gates that are a bit nearer to the road. There is still enough distance between them and the main road for a large vehicle to pull off the highway. Once through the gates you will need to open the second set of original gates. Then you will encounter the fabulous new gas assisted bollard that has also been fitted.



Club nights – You need help!

On the 11th of May we are having another skills night at the Uxbridge Golf Club with a new twist (we have nicked the idea from the Wycombe club). This time you decide what you want or need assistance with – you will need to bring along whatever it is you want help with together with your own tools and equipment and there will be a ready supply of “experts” willing to assist/ interfere with you. So, if you need pointers setting up a model/ radio, want to learn how to solder, get tips on covering or assistance with a build or repairs bring it all along. If unsure of what to bring then you can phone Mathew or ask him at the field, preferably beforehand. Get there early if you are planning on eating, the menu will be sent out nearer the time.

The recent club night at the Uxbridge golf club was a great success. It was the Balsa bash/ free flight competition. There was a large variation of models built, from Andrew’s delta wing to the more traditional glider style of planes.







First prize went to Robin.



Second place was Andrew.



Third place was Roy.

Well-done to everybody who took part.

Projects

Next month we will be doing an article on the awesome biplane of Tony Bloomfield.

In the meantime -

This was sent in from Pete Ledger.

The new Flex RV8 2m. Takes a 6s lipo, has an Aura 8 gyro which assists with the flying and has certain mixes in it to ease the workload of the pilot.

Next trip out is to find out how it flies without any gyro controls.

But it is very nice to fly and has a great presence in the air. This one is the night version and is full of Led's.



Richard Saunders biplane.

Maiden at the field. Took about 3 attempts before he managed to take off his Flair Fokker DVII.



Here's a bit more info: I built my Ugly Fokker because I reckoned all those Flair Puppeteers and SE5As in the club needed a bit of opposition. There's a Laser 70 hiding beneath the dummy BMW straight six. The colour scheme is a kind of fantasy mash-up of various Fokkers - but it felt like some kind of lozenge scheme had to be attempted. So, the underside of the wings sports a hand-painted pattern courtesy of a fist full of sample pots from B&Q. She took a lot of coaxing to get off the ground for her maiden - with a lot of trimming help from Tony B. She definitely wanted to put her nose down - still working out if this is a result of a tad too much downthrust, an over safe dollop of nose weight or all that built-in positive incidence on the tailplane. But - hey - see lived to fly another day.... Cheers, Richard.



Later, in May, a fair few of us will be flying out to The RC Hotel in Corfu. Several of our members have been holidaying there since 2004. The only time it was not possible to go was of course during the COVID lock down.

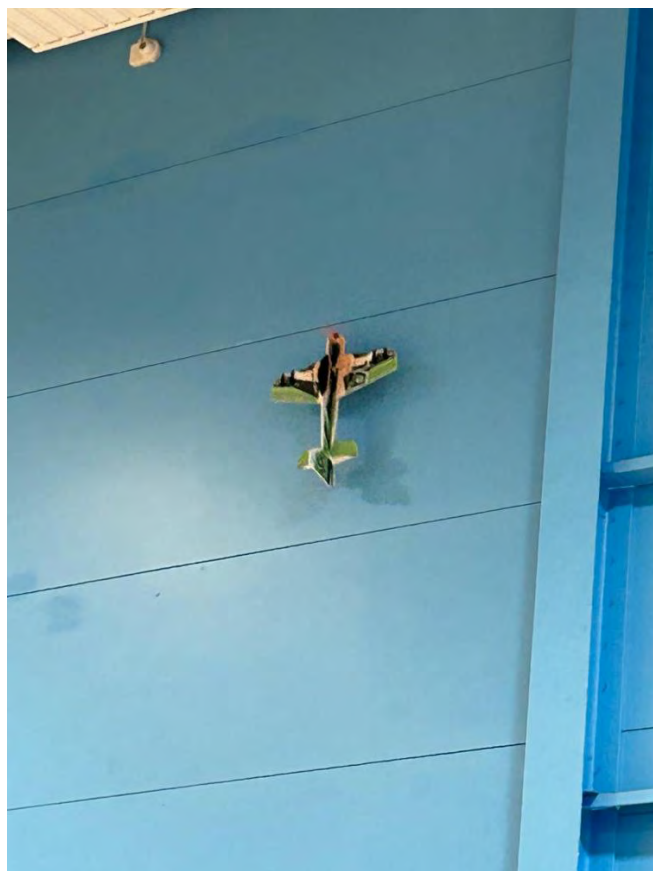
There will be an article of this in next month's newsletter. There is a large variety of planes and helicopters to fly. It is a very professional set up. Food is great, beer is always cold, and the swimming pool is very inviting.



Indoor Flying

The indoor flying season has now come to an end. It will be reinstated later in the year when the evenings start to draw in. We would like to thank Brian Seymour and the lovely Dawn for all their hard work organising these indoor events. It was great to see the progress of the Streff jets from flat white sheets of Depron to the works of art in their full livery.







Dawn prepping her biplane for flight.



Mass launch of Streff Jets.

Sunday 19th June.

We are hosting another of the BMFA scale heats at our Harefield site. The club hands over our facilities to the “Lords of Scale” for one of the BMFA scale competitions which are held all over the country throughout the flying season. If you fancy entering talk to Mathew or otherwise just come along to spectate. Andy will be firing up the BBQ for lunch. All club flying will be suspended while the heat takes place (it usually finishes by 5.00pm).

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.

	Event	Location	Description
Thursday 11th May	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Skills evening
Sunday 11 th June	BMFA Scale	Harefield	BMFA Scale Heat
Wednesday 14 th June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
9 th July	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