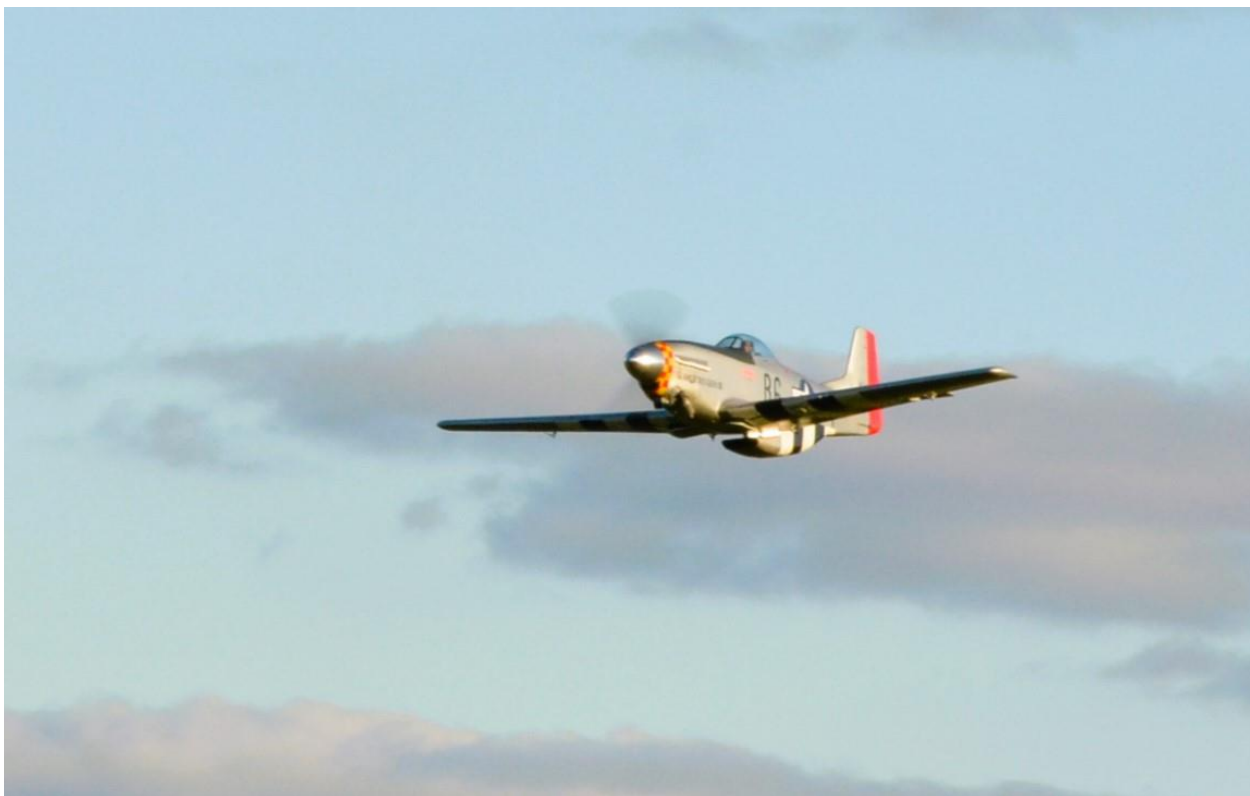


WLMAC December Newsletter 2023

Editor – Graham Motler.



Welcome to the December newsletter.



Richard Saunders' Topflite Mustang takes to the skies.

Welcome to our December Newsletter-

We are still lucky to be having some good weather, albeit cold. Either for flying or for important site improvements and maintenance.

We've had our annual Quiz-night at the Golf Club.

Lots more indoor flying at High Wycombe Leisure Centre.

Very Important - If you haven't already done so then please contact Mathew with your Christmas Dinner booking.

Club membership fees.

Club sub's can be paid from 1st December. The preferred method of payment is via bank transfer to the WLMAC account, as this incurs fewest (no) bank charges. If not paying online, payment can also be made by cash or cheque on the night at the AGM or by a cheque posted to Stuart Whitehouse, details also below.

Subs for 2024 are as follows:

WLMAC full adult member: £130

WLMAC social member: £32

WLMAC Junior member: £35

BMFA membership: £47 (junior £20, family junior £15)

CAA registration: £10 (not payable by Juniors)

Xmas dinner at AGM: £18 (£24 for guests) children £12.

Total for an adult member with BMFA and CAA = £130+£47+£10 = £187.

(or £205 with Christmas dinner)

Account for online payment (preferred method):

Sort code: 40-38-20

Account number: 41139258

Account name: West London Model Aeroplane Club

Payment by cheque – please make payable to WLMAC and post to:

Stuart Whitehouse

Orchard End,

Bentley Road,

Slough.

SL1 5BB

The club fee is 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.**

Our arrangement with the High Wycombe club (<https://www.hwdmac.co.uk/>) flying at their large new field at Cadmore End continues. You can pay their sub's via WLMAC if you wish (their sub's are also £130 / £35 for juniors). Any current WLMAC member with an A-cert can join High Wycombe without paying their joining fee while they remain a member of WLMAC – if anyone wishes to join HWDMAC who is not already a member there, please contact Stuart for details.

Club AGM - 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 14th December immediately after our club's Christmas Dinner.

New members and Training



Well done to Paul Sharphouse Who passed his Fixed Wing "A" Certificate.

BMFA Area roles (volunteers requested by the Area).

Several positions (high-lighted yellow) have become available and “The Area” are canvassing the clubs to find volunteers to help out

South Midlands Area Chairman Education Officer PRO / Webmaster

If you interested in helping, please contact Roy for more information – rlanning@ntlworld.com or 07918 983310

Harefield Site.

Harefield site is as normal looking very good. Just to remind Pilots when you are walking out to the patch if the weather has been bad there is a walkway over to the right from the pits. There is a mesh strip in the grass. There is a well-stocked tuck shop and hot soups, teas, and coffees. Please don't get cold. Hot drinks are free all you need to do is boil a kettle.

We had a couple of impromptu, mini, work-parties at Harefield, to fill in some of the potholes on our access road. Thank you to all that gave up their time to lend a hand.



This is the area you need to follow to the Patch and Flight-line.



Tony doing what he likes best, a bit of IC.



Bob How and Tony Bloomfield catching some rays.



Mathew tweaking Phil's plane.



All about testing and trimming, Peter and Rowan.



On the buddy, Dennis with Kuldeep.



Colin Martin and a photo bombing thumb.



Graham Stone, ready for action.



Four-stroke on the test bench



Nick with his T28.

Pickeridge Site.

Still looking good. We had a bit of excitement the other week. Mathew, Jonathan, and myself, apprehended several people on Quads and Motor cross bikes, riding around the site. We had a polite conversation with them, explaining that the field was private property and they are not permitted to use it. Also, the runway has taken a long time and money to get to the condition it is in. so we would appreciate them keeping out. We'll have to see how this pans out but they did seem reasonably understanding and left soon after.

Again, there has been a fair bit of flying there. Hot drinks are also available for the cold days. There is also an electric wall heater in the cabin. Please remember to turn off any electrical items that you may have used. If you are going there on your own and can remember, then please put a note on the Pickeridge WhatsApp Notice Board. When you arrive and when you leave. Also fill in the Diary. Time arrived and left.

Club night

14th November was our annual Quiz night, at the golf club. As usual the club's generosity knows no bounds and there were numerous and bountiful cash prizes up for grabs There were enough members for three teams. Those deemed the most knowledgeable were press ganged into being Team leaders. Dave Chinery's team came first. Graham Stone's team came second, and Andrew Turner's team came third. Well done to all.



Dave Chinnery has "offered" to come up with the questions for next year, so get studying.

Indoor Flying.

Indoor flying participation continues to grow, especially now that the weather has turned. All are welcome and no previous experience or certification is required. The sessions are very well managed and are split into various slots, depending on the number of participants, types of models etc. This to ensure everyone gets ago and to minimise collisions.

HWDMAC have kindly invited to join them for their indoor flying at the High Wycombe Leisure Centre, see dates below. £10 per session, payable on the evening. Obviously, dust off/ repair/ get spending, so that you are ready.

Dates for indoor flying at High Wycombe Leisure Centre (all times are 1800-2000 local).

- **Saturday** 9th December - 2 zones
- **Sunday** 14th January - 2 zones
- **Saturday** 27th January - 2 zones
- **Sunday** 11th February - 3 zones - FULL HALL
- **Saturday** 24th February - 2 zones - FULL HALL
- **Sunday** 10th March - 2 zones
- **Saturday** 23rd March - 2 zones

Also, from the Aylesbury Club (indoor flying at a new and free venue).

Hi, all Thursday evening is approaching fast so make sure you are all charged up as we all get to check out the new hall free of charge.

The venue is.

The Archery Club

Buckland Village

Aston Clinton

HP22 5HZ

20:00 to 22:00 Thursday 7th September

The other dates of key events for 2023 have now been added to the events schedule (below) and are also available to view on our website.

	Event	Location	Description
Thursday 14 th December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal