



Happy New Year to the WLMAC membership.



### **Welcome to our January Newsletter-**

The Committee would like to thank everybody who gave up their time, contributing to the club and its activities over this past year. There are far too many to mention, you know who you are. Without this help we would not have the fantastic sites and facilities that we do.

What a year it was (see the previous excellent newsletters, if you've forgotten). More recently we've had our AGM where the Committee for 2024 was elected. Also, despite some sunny weather in November, the weather in December started to deteriorate with winds and heavy rain. Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> proved to be a bit windy for our trainees but the instructors were at the field drinking hot drinks all wrapped up warm in the clubhouse and ready for action, just in case. We had a good display from our two intrepid I.C. pilots, Tony and Rowan were pushing the aircraft to the limits with high turns, low inverted passes and flat out pull ups. They even got a round of applause for their landings into the strong wind.

### **AGM Club night.**

The Christmas dinner was excellent. Service was very good and the food was great. There were no alterations to the 2024 committee, as everyone agreed to stand again. The discussions following this included suggestions for some club events including various flying competitions. Roy advised that the new WLMAC online clothing store would soon be completed and gave an overview of how this is intended to be used – an email bulletin will be sent out soon and will provide full details.

**Subscriptions.**

Please, if you haven't paid your Sub's yet then please do.



Your 2024 Committee.

Colin, Roy, Jeff, Mike, Stuart, Mathew, Andrew, Felix. Apologies from myself as I was in hospital.



An excellent turnout, ready for the Christmas Dinner and then the AGM.





Another important part of the evening, collection of sub's.

### **TB Tuning-**

The annual award is issued every year for someone who makes Tony's day with regard to model engines. This year the prize was awarded to our very own Rowan Stanton.



## New members and Training

Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of December was our last training day of 2023. There was a full complement of instructors at Harefield. We had 2 brave students, Stephen Finnerty was under instruction from Dennis. Mathew was getting some instruction from Kevin. And of course, the IC twins were also there. The club hut makes a great retreat for discussions about transmitters, model setups. Also, for food and warmth.



## Club Fuel Update

We would like to thank John Fowles for keeping our shop fully stocked with the fuel for the i.c. pilots, over the years. The club will be liaising with the new owners of Southern Modelcraft and will update the club with any new arrangements. In the meantime, we still have good stocks of the popular “brews.”

Note from John -

As from the 1st of January 2024 the Club will be taking over control of the fuel supplies, so if you need fuel initially have a word with Mathew for more details. Apart from the regular ones there is a new high lube 20% synthetic available now. I would like to thank all the members that have supported me over the years. John Fowles.

## Harefield Site

Harefield as usual is looking tip top. Don't forget to use the hidden pathway to the flight line so we can keep grass damage to the minimum. Tuck shop and refreshments are kept to a very high standard with thanks to Andrew. The weather in December started to deteriorate with winds and heavy rain. Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> proved to be a bit windy for our trainees. The instructors were at the field drinking hot drinks and wrapped up warm.

We had a good display from our two intrepid IC pilots. IC Tony and Rowan were pushing the aircraft to the limits. High turns low inverted passes and flat out pull ups. They even got some round of applause for their landings into strong wind.

This year we have had a great display of aircraft.







The one that got away, well done Kevin with the AeroLoop.

### **Work parties.**

This year's work parties have been especially busy. With the entrance road, the patch, the club hut and the grass cutting at Harefield. Also, all the site work carried out at Pickeridge including the cable and water pipe installations, the electrical work inside the hut, the construction of tables and benches, the CCTV and general field maintenance. Not forgetting all the help and support from Suez. The list goes on and on.





Pothole work party. Great job guys.

### **Pickeridge site.**



It would be rude not to – some heli' flying at Pickeridge.

We had some unwelcome visitors turn up and were riding around the site on motor cross bikes. Mathew, Jonathan, and I were alerted of this and within 15 minutes we were on site and caught up with a couple of adults in charge of a few youngsters with their machines. We explained that it was a private site and that they were not permitted to use it. They were very polite, apologised and said they wouldn't be back. We also requested that it would be good if they could put the word out. No damage was done to the main patch. There were some tyre tracks in the pits area. The picture on the left picture shows them under Felix.

### **Club Nights.**

We had some interesting club nights in 2023. The first one was a new item to the club. Life skills organised by Roy and his wife Jill.

The usual Club nights have been booked again for this year but if you have any other suggestions or ideas then please contact Roy.

Our first club night at Uxbridge golf club this year is in February. This will be Projects Night. So, bring your builds with you (whatever stage they are at).

### **Your Projects.**

If you have any projects on the go and would like to have photos in the newsletters throughout the year, just email them to me. [service@thecareavanman.co.uk](mailto:service@thecareavanman.co.uk) Also, pictures of any new equipment you are getting to grips with.

Our first new project this year is one by our chairman, Mathew. He has gathered information from lots of sources in order to scratch build a Blackburn Firecrest and if it flies ok he intends to use it for the BMFA scale competitions. Initially he is building a 1/9 scale version to check his design, if all goes well, he will then go for



a 1/6 scale version. He designed it on the computer using an Autocad program. The bulk of the parts were then cut out on his laser cutter. I have seen these in the flesh, the edges are very finely cut which helps with fitment. The construction phase is well underway.



The Firecrest build.

## Indoor flying

We have had an update from Brian Seymour reference the Indoor Flying Extravaganza 2024.



**Big Hall - 34m x 60m x 9.1m ceiling**

**Sunday 25th February 2024 1:00pm-7:00pm**  
Wycombe Leisure Centre HP11 1UP M40 J4

**20min flying slots repeated every hour for:**  
RC Scale RC Aerobatic Free-flight

**Big Prize Pylon Race - £50 Microaces Voucher for the Champion!**

**Entry Fee £15 (Juniors free with paying Adult)**

Pre Booking: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bmfa-ife-2024>

Pre-booked tickets include entry into the prize draw for  
a £100 Microaces Gift Voucher  
<https://microaces.myshopify.com/>

Additional activities: Aerojet build & fly for juniors, RC Flight sim, RC Trial Flights

### Further Info:

[www.hwdmac.co.uk/indoor-flying-extravaganza-2024](http://www.hwdmac.co.uk/indoor-flying-extravaganza-2024)

[www.hmfc.co.uk](http://www.hmfc.co.uk)

[www.wlmac.co.uk](http://www.wlmac.co.uk)

[www.bmfa.org](http://www.bmfa.org)

Limited no. of tables and chairs available.  
you can bring your own if they have got soft feet  
e.g. rubber, plastic, or felt.

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).**

- **Sunday** 7th January - 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

The other dates of key events for 2024 have now been added to the events schedule (below) and are also available to view on our website.

	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Projects evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	The Balsa Bash
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Skills night
TBC	BMFA Scale	Harefield	BMFA Scale Heat
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Field Meeting	Harefield	BBQ & Electric Flying.
TBC	Fun Day	Harefield	Club event.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Will possibly be another Quiz Night.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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