



All action at the first Saturday training session of 2024.

## **Welcome to our February Newsletter-**

### **WLMAC virtual shop.**

It's here! Roy has been working tirelessly to get this fantastic new club facility up and running, thanks Roy.

The WLMAC virtual clothing shop is now officially open, via Clothing Express Ltd. Log on via our website and use the current gate code to gain access to it or click on this link <https://myclubkit.co.uk/wlmac-shop/>

This will be collating your orders and taking the payment. Please take note of the delivery cut-off date for the 1<sup>st</sup> round of orders (highlighted below).

If any members need help with placing an order or further explanation, there will be assistance available at the next club night (Uxbridge Golf Course), on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February where examples will be present to view.

To place an order just follow the three easy steps on the website. If you wish to have your name / nickname embroidered, you have an option to do this. There are lots of different colours from different manufacturers. Sizing, we cannot help you with this but once club members have ordered their preference then we can compare if you are unsure.

The company will batch all the orders placed by the cut-off date of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024. It is anticipated the turn round on the full order will be approx.,14 days after this. Following this initial run, we will update you with the next cut off dates etc, this to ensure regular availability across the seasons. When the complete order has been produced the company will notify Roy and he will then arrange for collection. Distribution will be at the field and or at a following club night. Please keep a note of what you ordered.

**Harefield Site** Still looking good. Just be mindful of the ground conditions around the flying areas. Appropriate foot wear should be used, cold and wet feet are not good when you are trying to concentrate on your flying. Also keep to the mesh area when walking out to the flight line. Tony will soon start mowing and rolling the grass area and we'll have a work party at some point to do the necessary seasonal maintenance

**Pickeridge site.** Mathew is in the process of preparing the documentation for the planning application. The current temporary permission runs until June this year and we need to have this submitted a few months ahead of it's expiration. He has been in contact with the planners, the local parish etc and he and Felix have also taken the photos required. We would like to thank Felix and anyone else who has helped getting the facilities there to their current excellent standard which in most respects at least equals those of Harefield and for his efforts over this time managing the site and the induction of members who would like to fly there. It is great seeing it being put to such good use. If you plan on going, please when you are there notify the WhatsApp page so we can disarm and arm the cameras. Felix has also changed the combination lock numbers, so that these are now the same as Harefield.

Also, we have had some water pipe fittings in the end of the container freezing and forcing some joints, Felix has added some heavy insulation to the pipe work and installed a trace heating element to the tap end. There is a good stock of free soups, teas, and coffee for you to use. We would also like to thank Bob for donating a power supply for charging just bring your own adapters and don't forget **NO CHARGING INSIDE**. There is an extension cable to put out through the window to the charging bench.



Water pipe work and new tap fitted.



Power supply.

The patch and pits are looking really, really, good. The runway drains brilliantly and is not at all soggy, despite all the recent wet weather. At some stage this year Felix & Jeff will be arming themselves with power tools and wood to repair and build new flight prep benches at Harefield. We will then transfer some of the existing benches over to Pickeridge.



## Training.

We are still providing regular training at Harefield, weather permitting, on Saturday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. Soon our trainers are going to undertake the BMFA training achievement test, the area training examiner will come and check their skills and pass judgement on them.



Even if you already have an “A” you can still come along for some advanced training (Beyond the “A”). If you fancy learning a specific manoeuvre, just bring along a suitable aircraft and ask one of the trainers. Also. If you’re feeling a bit rusty visit on Saturday and get some reassurance.



There will always be somebody there to give advice.



Tony & Rowan, engine testing.



**Club Nights.** Our first indoor club night of 2024 is at Uxbridge Golf club, this week Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm. Show & Tell for your Winter Projects. There will also be a bring and buy table available. Don't forget if you are eating get there earlier. NB Harvil Road has reopened.

**BBQ's at the fields.** The committee has decided when we get back to BBQs at the fields we are going to alternate them between Harefield and Pickeridge – see the events section at the end of the newsletter or on our website for details.

**Your Projects.**

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

A follow on from last month's pictures. I have been keeping an eye on Mathew's new build. Looking very impressive, a Blackburn Firecrest which he has designed and is scratch building.





## Indoor flying



Indoor flying at the sport centre High Wycombe is still gathering a good number of pilots. In the warm and with no wind.

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



**BMFA South Midland Area Presents**

**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.hhmfc.co.uk](http://www.hhmfc.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** 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	Show & Tell for Winter Projects.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Drone Racing.
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 Evening.
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June.	BMFA Scale	Harefield	BMFA Scale Heat
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Fun Day	Harefield	Club Event.
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July.	Field Meeting	Pickeridge	BBQ & Electric Flying.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Meeting	Pickeridge.	BBQ at the field
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest Speaker TBA
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Quiz Night.
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
December 12 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal