



Roy is requesting for a fuel bowser to refuel Tony Bloomfields awesome looking IC turbo fan Jet.

**Welcome to our March Newsletter-**

So, we are now into March. The weather has been hit and miss so far. We have still had plenty of training at Harefield. First indoor meeting at the Uxbridge Golf club was a success. We are now getting a steady stream of Pilots at Pickeridge site. Felix is do in a grand job with inductions.

## Club Nights.

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/>

Our first indoor club night was in the warm and good grub. At Uxbridge golf club. Apart from bringing your projects it was a good chance to get out and meet fellow members for a bit of a social.

Some of the new clothing arrived, very impressive colours, sizes were correct fitment. There is a very large selection to pick from. From very warm weather tee shirts to cold weather clothing. Don't forget the top of your heads and necks. Protection of these areas is paramount on sunny Days. Two types of hats are also on the list. For you guys who are going to Corfu in May, brimmed hats are a must.

Roy has done an excellent job putting our online shop together. If you can't find something you might like talk to Roy with your suggestions



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Felix with his new warm jacket and Cap. Looking good.





Tony Bloomfields Byron f16, Rossi 91, Byron fan and Futaba Radio.

**Harefield Site** Still looking good. Just be mindful of the ground conditions around the flying areas. Appropriate footwear 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.



Len Likes to Brave the Weather.

**Pickeridge site.** 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. The Ground here Drains very well. We are pleased with the now growing number of Pilots that are taking advantage of the site. The Pub is over the and they serve very good Food. We are getting some good feedback with the fine facilities, including a nice warm hut with refreshments, food warming facilities. Battery charging outside on the charging table. Some of the members have been going there to sit in the warm and just chill out. We have noticed that there have been able to take off and land planes with small wheels. This is very encouraging to prove the Strip surface can accommodate all your flying needs.

### **Training.**

There is still a steady stream of training at Harefield, of course this is dependent on weather. Its not so much the cold this time of the year, it's the mist and wet stuff. Don't forget there is after A cert passing advanced training. Don't be shy give it a try.

### **TBT Monthly Tips.**

I have been asked by Tony Bloomfield to include a new section in the Newsletter. He will be sending me some tips for all you budding IC enthusiasts each month.

### **This month's Tip.**

after putting in after run oil in your engines store them nose down to keep oil on the bearings, and every 3-4 weeks turn the engine over a couple of times.

Tony and his new student are still carrying IC surgery on Saturday mornings. Advanced warning helps. Bring your own fuel as many of you run different fuels. It is recommended to remove them from your aircraft beforehand, this saves a lot of time.

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### **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@thecareavanman.co.uk](mailto:service@thecareavanman.co.uk) Also, pictures of any new equipment you are getting to grips with.

Thank you, David Orrells for this Article.

Dear Graham,

I was the field last Saturday, but the weather was poor, I took a camera and took a couple of snaps. I've already sent them to Nick DeSilva who is the owner and flier.

Not a lot else to say about it really, a big, electric foamy that we all know and like.

The white twin engine foamy is mine, nick named Fat Albert. It was used by the first owner as a long range FPV plane, probably quite illegal, they stripped out the long-range stuff and gave it to me. It's got a Speedy Bee flight controller inside, a GPS receiver and an FPV camera. Kevin is helping me with it as it's light years beyond my current understanding.

So, now it will launch and fly totally normally, I must give every input for it to fly just like every other plane at the field. We've turned all the other bits off. But we hope to activate other guidance systems for no other reason than we can. I don't have any FPV goggles (yet) so the first stage is to activate the auto launch function. This will allow me to throw it into the air and controller will do the rest, climb the plane away and loiter at a pre-programmed.

height. It can also self-level and loiter, all on my instruction. It can also have a return top home (RTH) ability which will then loiter over the runway upon its return, hence the GPS thing in the rear fuselage.

Fear not, I have no intention in flying it far away, it will stay within 'line of sight' even if the flight controller is flying it. The FPV is the last part to be activated, with drones I can already fly around the field, I have no desire to fly it over nearby towns! The camera in the front is no longer connected.

Here are a couple of snaps form the Mavic, this was a couple of weeks ago.

See you soon. David.





Thanks for info and Pictures David.

### **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.



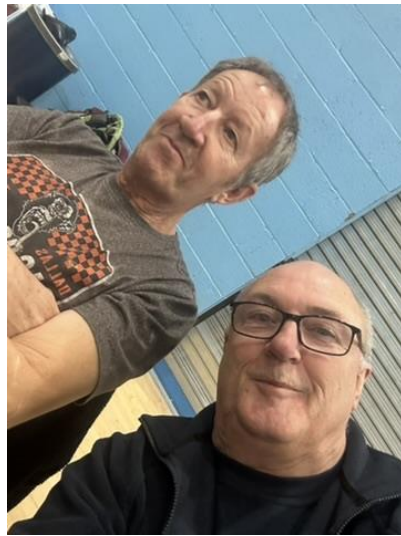
Team Talk



Felix on the Heli.



Samson Wants a Helicopter.



Derick it's not IC.

### **Indoor extravaganza.**

The indoor flying at Handy cross sports centre was a success. Doors opened at 13.00 hours. Some of us arrived earlier to help with setting up the full hall. Tables and chairs also help putting the sports equipment away. Plenty of Pilots arrived. The afternoon was split up into different flying groups. This was done to keep all aircraft from safe from collisions. Some of the aircraft manage to park themselves on top of the Heating panels in the roof. And I include my self in this category. My M2 helicopter is awaiting the sports centre to recover it along with another 7 aircraft. John from micro aces joined in with the flying. He had a nice selection of his products on display. He also supplied a Voucher for the raffle prize. We finished flying at 19.00 hours that night. Would like to thank Brian Seymour for all his efforts again this year for setting it up along with all his helpers. This was a joint project, High Wycombe club, West London and Hemel Hempstead.







Brian and Helper Ian.





Micro Aces Display.



Our Kevin with the 360-degree Camara.

We also had pylon flying around Balloon's on strings attached to chairs. There were 2 types of aircraft. With wheels and without. Wheels took off first then a few seconds later hand lunch was released. As many laps in an allotted time. I think our Mathew came second.

These was on display as you came into the main entrance hall, awesome workman ship.



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**

- **Sunday 10th March - 2 zones – 17.00 to 20.00.**

- **Saturday 23rd March - 3 zones – 18.00 to 20.00.**

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.

**Items for sale.**

Dave Chinery would like to sell his Black Horse Mosquito. 64 inch wingspan RFT with Futaba R617FS Rx. Flaps, mechanical retracts. Flies on 2 X 3S Lipos. Very good condition, only flown a couple of times. Well worth £200, will except £150 for a Quick sale.



	Event	Location	Description
Thursday 14th March	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Drone Racing.
Thursday 11th April	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	The Balsa Bash.
Thursday 9th 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