

April Newsletter

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Improvements planned for April.



In line with the BMFA 'Inclusion and Access' document that was updated and circulated to Clubs last year, the Club are going to make some changes to allow Disabled members easier access. The document lists several changes and improvements that most Clubs should be able to carry out without too much problem.

The easy ones like wheelchair access to the Club hut, entrance gate and flight line will be made in the April work party. The harder ones have some knock on for the rest of us but these changes are important to allow access for all and improve inclusivity.

The main change is for the car park, the area laid in red stone becomes a **Disabled Persons Car Park**. Only those members, or guests, who display a Blue Badge will be allowed to park there.

We'll build a new path to connect it to the existing pathway that runs in front of the tables. The existing path will be relaid to allow a gentle slope down to the Club Hut, this will allow wheelchairs to enjoy a gentle downhill roll, complete with gravel trap to stop over-runs.

Similarly, the three tables nearest the Club Hut will be painted blue and will be for use by disabled members, they should be left clear by the rest of the Club membership in case a Disabled member arrives. We'll investigate either building a ramp access or lowering the hut to allow level access. The Constitution, Club rules, Fly/No fly areas will need to be printed in Braille and displayed in the Club Hut.



Well done to Maxi P, our youngest A certificate holder, Maxi passed his examination with Kevin on Saturday 22nd March. I'm sure that it won't be long before he's impressing us all with his flying!



Similarly, well done to Kevin E who passed his Drone flying A certificate with Kevin too. The hours of practice have paid off!



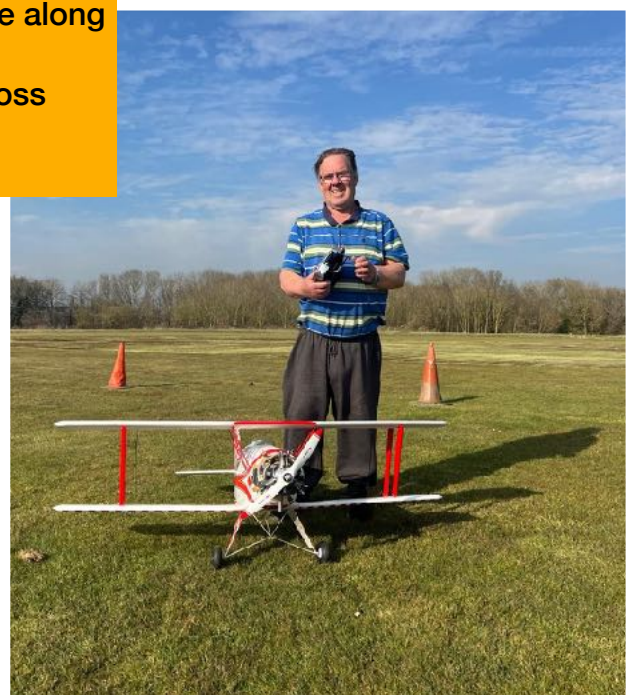
There was a practice recently for the Chris Foss Day which is coming on

Saturday 5th April,

a smattering of Fossy models were lined up for a snap. On the 5th, the Club BBQ will be fired up by Andy, who is slowly recovering after dislocating his knee. So come along with anything Fossy and enjoy the day!

Any model can fly, it does not have to be Chris Foss model, the more models, the merrier.

Tony B maiden'd his Seagull Bucker Jungmeister the other day, I think the smile says it all! This is powered by a three cylinder Saito FG33 petrol engine. The plane has a 65" wingspan and displays the colours of Bev Howard, an aerobatic Champion from the 1920's.





Mehdi was flying his red Decathlon on the sunny Thursday recently when he became slightly disorientated over the tress by the quarry. The plane danced the jig of death and disappeared behind the trees and Mehdi set off to find the bits. He returned to the field to show his plane virtually unscathed, suffering a tiny tear in the covering and one strut broken. The plane had landed in the bushes and was nearly good enough to fly again.

Which is more than can be said for Mick K's plane that suffered from tail flutter on the same day. The tail feathers exploded and the plane hit the floor at a rate of knots. Mick took a black bin liner out for the bits...



Club night for March was Indoor Drone racing and much fun was had by all. There wasn't a great turn out in numbers on the night. Andy won a princely £20, Mike was second with Adrian third.

Club Members Dave Chinnery and Micheal Powell both attended a day's instruction at Buckminster recently, to allow them to become Scale Judges for competitions, the sort Mat flies in. Well done to both of them.

The next Club night on Thursday 10th April has changed to
Bring and Buy

We're in the Carvery room at the Golf Club which isn't big enough for the chuck gliders.

Time for a clear out or a chance to buy something new!

Bring anything modelling related, stick a price on it and sell it!

Likewise, turn up with a pocketful of cash to buy something new!

We have enjoyed some sun recently, good enough to tempt out some nice planes. Here's Colin and his Black Horse Turbo Beaver with a 2250 mm wingspan. It's powered by a Saito 150 glow engine.



This little Chipmunk is Mat's entry to the BMFA Scale Indoor Championships in at the end of April, held in Walsall. It's tiny, light very cute. I'm sure we all wish him well, the Club is one of many sponsors too.



Neil's Hurricane has enjoyed the sun too, it will look even better once the cowl goes on. It's powered by a petrol Saito four stroke and sounds great.



On the same sunny day Gun Jason flew his Spitfire too, it's the Flightline 1700mm wingspan one, it looks marvellous as it zooms around.

