

## May Newsletter



## Fossy Day Success

Chris Foss Day was held on Saturday 5th April and a great day was had by all. Tony B had suggested the day and was helped by his beautiful, young assistant Rowen in making sure the day was a success. Andy T ran out the Club BBQ and everyone enjoyed the food. The sun shone but alas, the wind blew as well. Even worse, the stiff wind was straight across the strip causing problems whilst landing. There was a fair smattering of damaged planes at the end of the day, some requiring minor surgery, some were written off. But, it was a good, fun day. The well deserved eventual 'winner' was John M who flew his Wot 4 with gusto. He won an OS four stroke engine kindly donated by Tony B.



The Fulmar Fete is on Monday 5th May. Roy Lanning is after volunteers to help and some WW2 planes to display as the Fete has a VE Day theme. Please contact Roy if you are able to help, attend or take a model. (for static display only)





As reported last month, the Club had picked up several solar panels and three have been mounted on the roof of the hut. We'll keep four, three to replace those on the roof if they get broken. Another one in case we have to revert to one out on the grass. We tried to give the remainder away to High Wycombe Club but they'd just bought some.

At the Large Model Association show last month, Mat offered the excess panels to his Scale buddies. We agreed to give some away to Ramsey Model Aero Club, situated near Huntingdon. They in turn came and collected seven of them and were very pleased and grateful.



No IC engines on these two tables please.

This is a reminder that the two tables next to the large picnic table are for electric planes only. Those who like to sit and eat lunch in the glorious sun, don't like to be deafened and have their food coated in exhaust smoke. So please, if you arrive and need a table for an ic plane, ask around and swap tables rather than use these tables for ic engined planes.



Well done to Gary M who had a successful induction to Pickering allowing him to fly his heli there.



There was a work party at the Pickeridge site and some tables were built. Adrian bought his welding gear along and constructed an armoured housing for the security camera. This camera is used to take images of ne'er do wells and is not viewable by everyone yet. It is hoped that we will eventually overcome the technical problems and link the feed to the web.



The April Club night was swapped from the Balsa Bash as the Golf Club wanted to use the big room for another function. Typically, when we arrived the previous function had finished early and we were once again in the 'normal' room. The Bring and Buy was sparsely attended it must be said, there were a few models for sale and a fair selection of bits. Some sales were made and there was a lot of chatting!



We' ve decided to shuffle dates around  
and the May Club Night will be a

## Field BBQ

held on

**Wednesday 14th May at  
Harefield.**

The May evenings are much lighter than  
those in September. The June and July  
Field BBQ' s meetings will be at  
Pickeridge and in August we will be back  
at Harefield, there will not be a  
September BBQ.

The Club has been approached by the  
Hertfordshire University to help with the  
BMFA Heavy Lift Challenge.

This is a competition for Universities to see  
who can design and build a model to lift  
heavy weight. The Students and Lecturers  
can sort all the design out but they need to  
learn to fly to test their designs.

So we' ve agreed in principle to help. The  
competition is held later in the year at  
Buckminster

The Club will host a round of the BMFA  
Scale competitions on

**Sunday 1st June.**

We' ll fire up the BBQ too. Pop along and  
compete or just to watch, there are always  
some lovely planes on show.



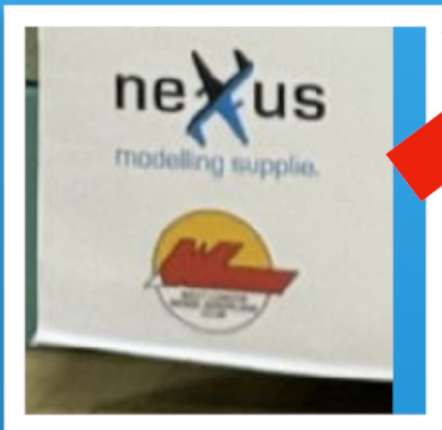
Here' s a couple offling shots of Mark P' s  
FW 190, sadly it never lasted the afternoon.  
Fuel had affected the glue and the engine  
bulkhead failed. But, it did look good!



Chairman Mat took part in the BMFA National Championships over last weekend. His Christmas present was a kit from the Vintage Model Company Chipmunk, he built this to compete in the Wolverhampton contest. The model is then judged against the plans to see how well it was built and then flown. Mat managed to come third, pretty good for his first attempt.

Alas, on the first night there, Mat had his big red van stolen, luckily his model and radio were safely in his hotel room.

The eagle eyed amongst you will see that WLMAC helped sponsor the Nationals. I've highlighted it for you as I had to squint to see it.



I took my Tempest up for a zoom around and Mat used my camera to capture some snaps. Unfortunately, over exuberance got the better of me and I bounced off the floor snapping the prop. Luckily I was able to replace it with my last one. Not able to learn from mistakes, I promptly did exactly the same on the next flight, ending the photo session. But, it was fun!

