



February Newsletter
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The next Club night is on
Thursday 13th February

when it's a chance to show off your latest Winter project. It doesn't have to be a half scale rivet by rivet build of anything fancy, we're all interested in anything that flies. It can be still new in the box, half built, completed or just the plans, bring it along to show and we can all enjoy your efforts and a natter.

All future Club dates are on the Website.

Tony B is organising a Chris Foss day at the Club on **Saturday 5th April**. A chance to bring along and even fly anything designed by Fossy. Tony will organise some good weather, we supply the models. I'm sure Andy T will be in attendance and will fire up the BBQ.



We've replaced the Tuck shop box after the mice chewed through a cracked lid, climbed inside and ate loads of crisps and sweets. A few days later they moved onto the table where we keep the tea and coffee, eating the little milk sachets. So far they have not managed to reach the soups on their shelf. If we leave old food in the waste bin, we'll only make matters worse. It's bad enough having mice, we don't want rats too!

The flurry of big spending continues too, we've bought two tea trays to help generous members who make a round of teas. Carrying several cups became easier overnight! Never let anyone tell you that the Club doesn't look after you.



Please ensure that you've paid your subscription for the year. Some members are away on holiday/business so have contacted Stuart to arrange that they'll pay later. But if you're here please make sure that you pay, it's linked to your BMFA and insurance so,

no pay/no fly.

The Club clothing website works well and plenty of members are sporting the embroidered apparel. However, Roy L no longer goes to Harrow quite so often so will only be collecting the completed orders twice a year, at the end of April and then September.

If you cannot wait you can always collect your own, or investigate delivery, call the company direct and ask for Cliff Brook.



In a moment of madness the Committee have spent some money to improve the Hut facilities. Here is the new cooker and water heater prior to installation.

The cooker is for everyone to use, to heat up food throughout the day.

The water heater is to allow hot water to wash everything up afterwards.

Please don't abandon the plates in the sink for others to deal with.

Graham will fit them and then we'll have them inspected before use.

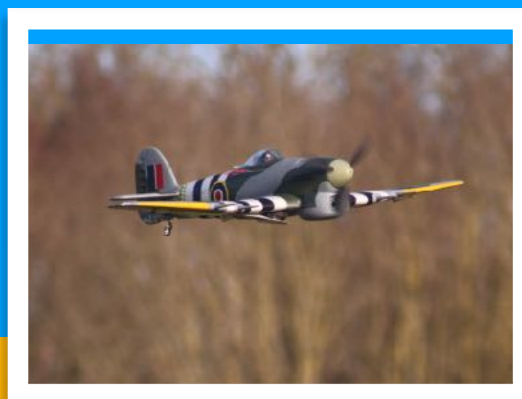
Please ensure that you take your left over food and wrappings home with you. We have mice in the hut and a binful of old pizza and wrappings in the bin will be akin to a fully stocked larder to them.



New member Sunil R passed his A test on 18th January so congratulations to him!

Here he is with Stuart seconds after passing! Sunil wasted no time and was flying solo immediately after this photo.

This is his Typhoon the week after.



We all love a zoom around the skies, especially when the plane is performing well and the skies are blue. Just dont get too over exuberant and fly straight at the pits please. If something goes wrong, or you're a bit too late on the turn away, you could end up with the plane in the pits in a sea of pain....

Here's two more proud inductees at Pickeridge Paul S and Stephen F, having passed the orientation flights allowing them to use Pickeridge site.



We have a small Shop in a Shed, where we keep essentials and bits that you may need to keep you flying when something breaks. We've added a separate folder in Mugshots to show who has a key to allow you access.



Last year I crashed (yet another) plane and damaged the SC four stroke engine. I needed a part from Just Engines that was listed at £15. However, they dont have the spare parts and they said there was virtually no chance of receiving any. So the engine just sat there, too good to scrap but useless without the vital part.

I then found RC Japan who sell a huge selection of new, spare parts. I later found out that James P uses them and that the company is run by a Brit who lives out in Japan. Anyway, I ordered a OS part, four glow plugs and paid postage. It was only £37 for everything, including postage and it arrived in 12-24 days. The part fitted like a glove and Rowan kindly test ran the engine for me. I just need a plane for it now.



Saturday 25th was a sunny day which bought a lot of members to the field for a good days flying. Here's a couple of Neil M's Dauntless



We've had the access road cut back using Toby's big tractor and trimmer, this way the new growth won't be too close to the road when the good weather finally arrives.

It seems a long way ahead but the Family Fun Day has been set for Sunday 6th July. Mark the day in your diary. Bring your family, fly and enjoy a BBQ. It's a chance to bring friends and family to the field to see where you spend your spare time!



Neil M bought up his Hurricane, I never got to see it fly though.



Steve L was out in the cold snap, enjoying his foamy in Richmond Park.



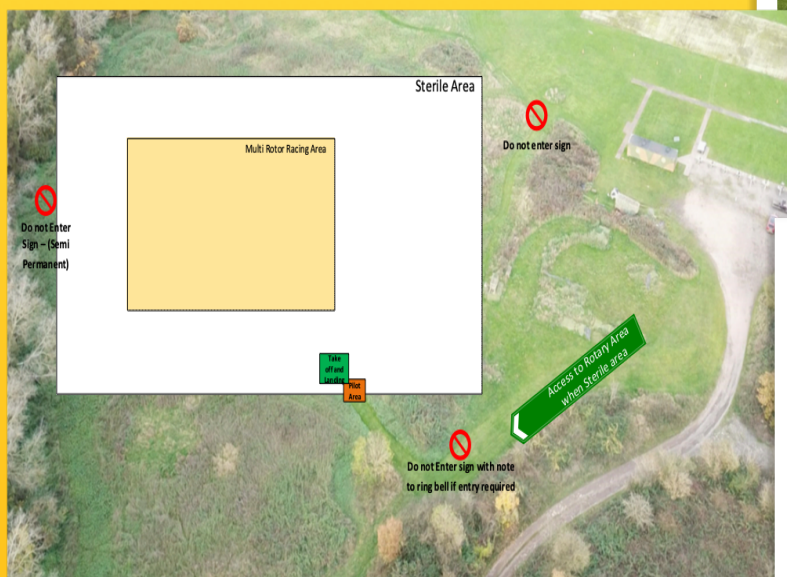
The Club enjoyed a good turnout, despite the cold in early January.

Drone Racing at WLMAC Update January 2024

As you may remember back in the April 2022 Newsletter I got approval from the committee to extend out the rotary patch to have a go at the BMFA achievement scheme Multi Rotor Racing A achievement. I procured all of the required gates and flags and by October 2022's newsletter it was all ready to go.....and that's where it ended up for quite some time.

Fast forward to November 2024 and the club gets a new membership request from Daniel Carbis. Daniel visited the club with the hopes of using drone racing area to practice. What I didn't realise at the time, Daniel was the UK Drone Racing Champion of 2024 and had just come back from China representing team GBR in the FAI 2024 world drone racing championships. Daniel has joined the club and as per club rules needed an A Certificate to fly solo. The most logical was the Multi Rotor Racing A which he took on the 29th December 2024. Quick shout out to Rowan who stayed as I needed a competent observer for the achievement as the examiner I could not be that observer.

With Daniel passing the A and the need to practice for his next events I proposed to the committee to create a "Sterile area" which specifically caters for Daniels needs. The proposal was accepted by the committee and following visual shows the sterile area.



A couple of notes about the area. If you see **NO ENTRY** signs posted you should not enter the rotary area from the field end. If you want to go to the rotary area you should approach from the car track. There will be some school bell style bells that can be rung to alert anyone who is in the sterile area so that they can land safely.

One other very important note is that the rotary area remains a shared area for any rotary activity has a "share and share alike" principle. The good thing about the races gates which have been updated by Daniel is that they can be taken down and put back up quite easily.

I have seen first hand what Daniel can do and it is very impressive. With some club members such as Mathew and Mark engaging in events I'm starting to feel that I want to get involved in some events but more on that in future news letters. If you want to chat about this article or drone racing please feel free to come see me, Kevin L.

Indoor Flying Extravaganza!
This starts at 1pm,
go along and take part or just watch.
If you are going and can give Mat a hand, please contact him in advance.



Big Hall - 34m x 60m x 9.1m ceiling
Sunday 9th February 1:00pm - 7:00pm

Wycombe Leisure Centre HP11 1UP M40 J4

Flying slots repeated every hour for:

RC Scale 15min Shockies 15min Helis 10min Free-flight 20min

Big Prize Scale Conkurs - £100 Microaces Voucher

Entry Fee £15 (Juniors free with paying Adult)

Pre Booking: [https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/
bmfa-ife-2024/bmfa-indoor-flying-extravaganza-2025/e-vkqqqv](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bmfa-ife-2024/bmfa-indoor-flying-extravaganza-2025/e-vkqqqv)



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:



<https://hwdmac.co.uk/indoor-flying-extravaganza-2025>
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Limited no. of tables and chairs available.
you can bring your own if they have got soft feet
e.g. rubber, plastic, or felt.