



Yes, I know it's a bit late, but the sentiment is there. And anyway we have just passed the Chinese New Year and are now in the Year of the Rat. So, —



The next club meeting will be

**Saturday, 8th February, 2020**

and will be the next

**Indoor Flying Evening**

at the Wycombe Leisure Centre, Handy Cross,  
High Wycombe, HP11 1UP (Just off M40 Junction 4)

**From 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm.**

**For further details see October Newsletter on our web site.**

The next event will be on Sunday 16th February and will be  
the second **Winter Build/Social Event**

From 5.00 - 9.00 pm at

Studley Green Community Centre  
Wycombe Road (A40)  
Studley Green, HP14 3UY

**Then on the 22nd February we have**

**The Microaces Fly-In**

**At the Wycombe Leisure Centre as above.**

Jon Porter will be bringing a range of Microaces models to talk about and demonstrate and there will then be time for you to fly your own Microaces models. Hopefully Jon will also bring some kits for sale during the evening. See their Facebook page for more.



## Club Winter Build



The first Winter Build / Social session went off very well with many people coming along to collect their Microaces kits, use the facilities for other work or just have a cuppa' and chat. Thanks to all those who helped set up the tables, etc. and clear away afterwards.

Those who had not tried a Microaces kit before were surprised to be handed a fairly thin and lightweight envelope.



This is because the main structure of the models is made from 2mm Depron foam with a 1mm Depron covering and very thin plastic reinforcement. These are all very cleanly laser cut and look much like a very flat Airfix kit. The printed instructions

that come with the kits are very clear and easy to follow and if you need more help there are various films available on YouTube. All the parts that will be visible on the finished model are printed, on both sides if necessary, so no painting is required.



Coming along nicely

The various parts are easily cut from the support sheets and fit accurately together. The recommended Uhu Por glue works very well. It is interesting stuff that can be used either as a normal wet glue that needs parts to be held together to dry or as a contact adhesive if allowed to dry a bit before bringing the parts together.

The next session will be on 16<sup>th</sup> February so why not come along and see how these amazing kits are going. If nothing else just come and have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee and, with luck, a biscuit.

## Thanks, West London

The West London MAC have very generously offered HWDMAC paid up members some free weekend sessions at their field until our new one is ready. We are very grateful for this and several members took advantage of the facilities in January. Full details have been circulated separately to current members.



## Indoor Flying

The indoor flying events held at the Wycombe Sports Centre are proving popular. If you have not yet given it a try then you are missing a fun couple of hours.



There are many models available for the purpose; neat scale ones from Microaces, more traditional types from Parkzone and E-flight and loads of small drones. And there is no wind to worry about.



Here are a couple of pictures culled from a video by Mitch that show the venue well.

## W A Child Cup

This is one for the more long-standing members. Does anyone remember or recognise this trophy. It was presented to the Club by W A Child & Sons, possibly one of the founding members who had the model shop on Bridge Street, but we don't know when. It is silver and engraved "For Wakefield Class Models" which as you all know are rubber powered. These have not been flown in the Club for many years. It was last awarded to a member who is now 86 and the cup has now been returned to us. There are no winners' names engraved on the cup or the plinth so we can't put any dates to it. If anyone knows anything about the trophy please email [peter@pburnham.uk](mailto:peter@pburnham.uk).



## Arthur Day Trophy

This is another cup that came to light a while back. This is clearly a Club trophy, last awarded in 1987, but for what? No one on the Committee can remember and there is no paperwork to give us a clue. Does anyone remember the cup or for what it may have been awarded?

If we cannot find out what it was for then maybe we need to institute a new competition so we would welcome suggestions. It is a very nice cup, almost 11 ins tall including base and polished up nicely, so it would be a shame to ignore it and consign it to a cupboard again.



## Other Trophies

While on the subject of Club trophies we would like the ones that we do know something about returned please. They have not been awarded for some time due to the relevant competitions being abandoned due to weather or lack of competitors. However, we expect that situation to change once the new field is available so need to ensure the trophies are available and in good condition.



The two that are still lurking out there are the Scale Flying Trophy and the Frank Wright Scale Trophy awarded for static scale models.

If you have either of these awards would you please return it to any Committee member or tell the Editor so that arrangements can be made to collect it.



## How's Your Head for Heights

First-Person-View Of Felix Baumgartner's Space Jump - <https://youtu.be/dYw4meRWGd4>

Austrian skydiver and daredevil Felix Baumgartner jumped from 128,100 feet above the Earth's surface on October 14th, 2012. Seven GoPro cameras recorded the jump and GoPro eventually released this incredible footage, showing from a new perspective of what it was like from Baumgartner's point of view. Baumgartner became the first skydiver ever to go faster than the speed of sound!

The previous similar jump was done by Joe Kittinger Jr. in August 1960.

## Acting Chairman

For personal reasons Brian has had to stand down as Chairman for a while. The Committee have co-opted Ian Thompson as Acting Chairman. We are very grateful to Ian for stepping in.

Ian is a long standing member of the Club and has held various Committee positions in the past.

Brian will still be organising some events and contributing to the general running of the Club and we look forward to his return to office in due course.

## Committee Members for 2020

Office	Name	E-mail	Telephone
Chairman	Brian Seymour	<i>Data removed for Web publishing</i>	
Treasurer	Malcolm Connell		
Secretary	Peter Burnham		
Membership Secretary	Mike Winston		
Newsletter Editor & Web Site	Malcolm Connell		
BMFA Liaison	Mitch Mabbutt		
Field Rep	Neil Rice		

My thanks to those members who have contributed to this and other Newsletters recently.  
Have you got something that you could contribute?

## Meetings and Events in 2020

Date	Day	Event	Location
11 January 2020	Saturday	Indoor Flying - 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Wycombe Sports Centre
26 January	Sunday	Winter Build 1 - 5.00pm to 9.00pm	Studley Grn Com Cent
8 February	Saturday	Indoor Flying - 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Wycombe Sports Cent
22 February	Saturday	MicroAces Fly-in - 5.00pm to 8.00pm	Wycombe Sports Cent
29 February	Saturday	Indoor Flying - 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Wycombe Sports Cent