

The next club meeting will be

Saturday, 4th April, 2020

and will be the next

Indoor Flying Evening

at the Wycombe Leisure Centre, Handy Cross,
High Wycombe, HP11 1UP (Just off M40 Junction 47)

From 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

For further details see October Newsletter and our web site.



These events have proved very popular and this time we hope to have three zones of the sports hall, that's 3 basketball courts or 12 badminton courts. That is a good volume of space to fly in, not quite an aircraft hanger but meeting there. Almost any model suitable for indoor flying should be suitable. We are also trying to get an extra hour.

The cost will still be £0.00 if you will be flying and you must have proof of BMFA membership available for insurance purposes.

There is prior event on Saturday 21st March which will be the BMFA Scale RC Indoor Competition Taster Event

From 5.00 - 8.00 pm at

The Wycombe Leisure Centre as above.

It will occupy two zones and is intended to provide experience of indoor scale competition, so its scale models only.

This event is a fantastic opportunity to try your hand at BMFA Scale RC Indoor competition flying. The keys to fly models in the same style as their full size subjects. Should your flying style be calm and sedate then choose a subject that flies in a calm and sedate manner and fly your model in a calm and sedate manner to score well. Fifty percent of the flying points are awarded for take-off, landing and smoothness of the overall flight. These three areas are key to scoring well. There will be BMFA judges on hand to explain the competition elements and you can fly a competition schedule to see how you perform. The cost for this event will be £15. For further information on this event contact Danny Fenton 07402 766399



See BMFA Scale Website for rules and further Scale Competition information: <https://scale.bmfa.org/>

We will also remind you that on Tuesday 28th April there will be the annual Concours Event which will be held at the Wycombe Judo Centre in Booker.

This is the same place that we used last year and found to be very satisfactory.

The evening will include a Bring & Buy facility and there will be food provided.

Further details next time.



Well our first go at organising a semi-commercial indoor event went off extremely well. The three zone hall was big enough to have many models in the air at once without much risk of collisions although there was the odd comment of “Where’s my plane gone?” The far corners were a long way from the pilots box.

Microaces, who sponsored the event, had brought along a wide selection of their models to exhibit and demonstrate and we had around 40 visitors who came from far and wide. Most people came to fly and most were flying Microaces models. However, there were a few models from other manufacturers that provided interesting comparisons. Also there were several visitors who just came to be spectators and at least one went away holding a kit and promising to come to a Club evening.

There were a couple of visitors with major YouTube channels who took a lot of video during the evening. Some edited versions of this are already on line so if you did not get along and would like to see what it was like look at Cliff Harvey RC Planes at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZD3E_YG4xl&t=5s or Essential RC at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rDX7IH4G2DA&t=51s>.

If you fancy trying indoor flying then we heartily recommend these models. You do have to build the model first but if you have done any kit building in the past you will find the job fairly easy. Unlike a traditional kit these start life as a flat pack with a small bag of accessories. The parts are provided as sheets of thin Depron foam and plastic that are mostly pre-cut but still have to be released from the supporting sheets. Where appropriate the parts are pre-printed so no extra decoration is required. Very good pictorial building guides are provided and there are videos on YouTube and other building guides on the forums. Do make sure to use the recommended UHU-por glue. Spares and accessories specific to a model or to help with building are available.



Power is provided by a tiny geared motor while the receiver and servos are a small integrated block similar to items provided with other indoor models. Most are just 3 channels which is generally all you need.

Most of the models are biplanes inspired by WW1 aircraft and are very attractive. However, there is a new range of cabin monoplanes that can be considered an introduction to building techniques and flying.

Much more information on the Microaces web site <https://microaces.myshopify.com/> or on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/microaces/> .

We hope to do it again next year, possibly with extended hours and other manufacturers in attendance.

We have also provisionally booked the hall for indoor flying next winter. More details nearer the events. So you know what to do during the traditional damp summer months or while you are hiding away from viruses.

New Field Progress

The planning application for flying at our new field in Cadmore End is now moving on apace. A pre-planning meeting has been held at the site with the Planning Officer. They were very positive and supportive of our endeavours and so a full planning application has just been submitted following a lot of work getting the details right. The timing for the completion of this process is a little fluid but it is estimated that it could take up to two months.

That does not, however, mean that we have to wait for the planning process to be completed before other work can proceed. Separately the wording of the agreement between our Club and the Farm

owners is now being finalised and should

be ready for signing shortly. Once signed the patch can be prepared, the grass seed purchased by the farmer and, subject to the weather being suitable, the seed can be sown.

In the mean time we thank you for your support and patience in this matter and we look forward to getting airborne again.



Site view looking west taken from where the mower and equipment store will be located.

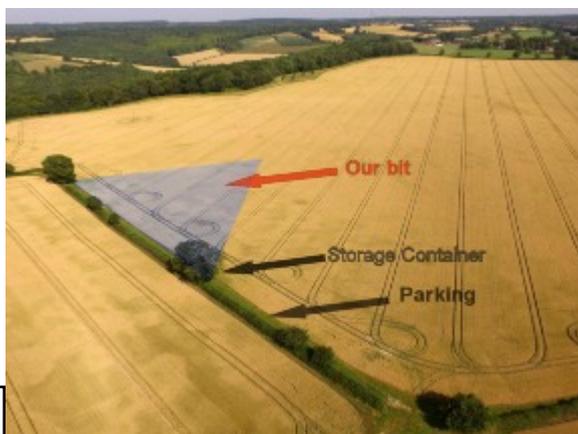
For those who did not get to visit the site last year here are a few pictures that show what we will be getting. You have to imagine a nicely mown green sward.

Further news will be published as we get it.

Aerial view looking north-west.



Site plan



Coronavirus and Model Flying

If you have a valid email address registered with the BMFA you should have received a recent bulletin *Model flying and the COVID-19 Virus - News Release 17-3-2020* setting out the BMFA's views and advice about model flying in the current virus-ridden situation. Their comment that flying outdoors is still acceptable so long as reasonable precautions are taken is realistic but in our case academic as our new field is not yet ready. However, it may be good for those who fly at alternative sites.

Unfortunately indoor flying is not a sensible proposition as pilots are much closer together and there are other issues such as air conditioning that can cause problems. This can be a particular problem for those in the At Risk categories.

The BMFA have, therefore, cancelled the indoor scale taster event that we were to host this weekend. We are also reviewing our own events and it is likely that they will also be cancelled.

Anyone who has been flying at the Aylesbury club's indoor events should note that they have also been cancelled.

A bit of fun from YouTube

A Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird gets a speed check from LA. Part of an illustrated talk by a Blackbird pilot. This must be the ultimate in oneupmanship.

<https://youtu.be/Lg73GKm7GgI>. Listen to the route of the training mission and check it on a map of the USA - serious distance.

There are obviously several SR-71, both model and full size, clips on YouTube but this one is fairly good. Nice having a hard runway to fly off. <https://youtu.be/Birlrtrl2i8>.

Oddments

Thought for the day -

Live life like a proton - stay positive!

My daughter is having to work from home but she is finding it difficult as the Lego people keep stealing her mouse. Hopefully tomorrow we will find out why.



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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
29 February	Saturday	Indoor Flying - 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Wycombe Sports Cent
21 March 2020	Saturday	BMFA Indoor Scap... - 5.00 to 8.00pm	Wycombe Sports Cent
4 April	Saturday	Indoor Flying - 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Wycombe Sports Cent
28 April	Tuesday	Concours and Bring & Buy Event - 8.00 to 10.00pm	Wycombe Judo Centre
02 May	Saturday	Indoor Flying - 6.00pm to 8.00pm	Wycombe Sports Cent

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