



October Newsletter



A rather poor photo of the BBMF Lancaster overflying the field mid September. It flew over the field but I never had time to change the lens on my camera. Yes, we all stood and waved!

The September Club night was well attended, helped by Roys reminders. The M25 did it's best to disrupt everyone, there was a big accident and the displaced traffic clogged up every road in the area.

Kevin gave a demonstration on soldering, Kevin has kindly listed his recommendations for equipment from Amazon.

Mat covered crimping new servo plugs.

David gave an overview and demonstration of glassing a model.

If you need more information on any on those subjects, please ask!

Please find the items and links to Amazon:

Best Price Square HEAT GUN, GAS, 650C, MICRO-THERM BPSCA MJ-600 - SD01111

By IRODA : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools -Gas powered heat gun for small/medium heat shrinking



3pcs No Clean Soldering Pen Rosin Solder

Pen for Electronics Tapping Wiring Solder, Welding Maintenance of PCB Board, Liquid Solder Pen, Solder Braid Wick Liquid Solder Flux. : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools - Liquid Flux which you used before you tin or solder.

Hakko FX888DX-44BY 100W Dial Control Digital Soldering Station with Soldering Iron - UK Plug : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools - The latest version of my soldering Iron with the ability to change nibs.

Thermaltronics TMT-TC-2 Lead Free Tip Tinner (20g) : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools - Tip to clean and tin the solder tip.

Unusually for Tony B, he had a moment and lost the well known yellow tail AcroWot over the trees to the left. A quick search on foot revealed the rather sad looking plane conveniently placed on the access track.



The Club is going to buy a Sum Up reader to allow card payments for the Shop in a Shed purchases. This is exactly the same as the shops use, tap your phone, card or watch and payment will go through. Hopefully this will make it easier to pay for fuel, propellers etc. We'll still take cash though.

We will NOT use it to take payment at the AGM for Club membership fees. Sum Up take 1.69% from each and every transaction which is not a lot for a simple purchase of a new prop or a bottle of fuel. However, 120 members paying their yearly subs is a lot of money, losing 1.69% of that is noticeable.

So subs will continue to be Bank Transfer, cheques or cash only.

As I'm sure most of you will have noticed, the WebCam has been playing up over the least week or two. Rest assured Mehdi has been to the field countless times to reset it and then fiddle with the computer programme.

There are two likely culprits for the poor performance.

The signal from the camera to the outside world is the most likely cause, we'll address that with an external aerial, it's only 8" tall so will hopefully remain out of sight.

Another cause could be the fluctuating power supply. From time to time the Hut lights flicker and they shouldn't. This is maybe the voltage controller giving up which causes the lighting flicker. This in turn may affect the camera, we'll address both problems. In the meantime, Mehdi has the camera at home so he can give a stern talking to.

However, a new AcroWot has taken to the skies, Dan C has built a kit version and powered it with an OS 55 two stroke engine. Dan glassed the plane and sprayed it in its red and white colour scheme.

Here's Mat helping Dan set up the flight for it's first flight which went very well.



Indoor Flying starts Saturday 4th October!
Handy Cross Sports Hall, 6-8pm,
then again on 25th October 2025. Pay on at gate!

The forthcoming Club Night is next Thursday 9th October. There will be a Quiz with huge, tax free cash prizes for the winners. Come early and enjoy a meal and a natter beforehand too.

The rules are changing (again) for modellers and the Flyer id. Most of us already comply with the new rules, all the information is already on the BMFA Portal which Stuart can check. There are a few members who are not compliant and are not covered to fly.

Stuart will bring a laptop and help anyone with either the RCC (Registration Competency Certificate) test or uploading the information to the BMFA Portal.

Tony B gave an informative and interesting practical talk at the field the other week. It was all about starting, running and tuning four stroke engines.

As with most things, a talk along with a practical demonstration makes understanding so much easier.



Part of the talk showcased the old OS 70 engine that was found in the outfield having been out there for years. Against all odds, Tony has managed to get it to run!

This very engine will be raffled off at the AGM with proceeds going to Charity.

There have been numerous instances of the entrance gate being left open or closed but unlocked. Most of these are down to the Airsoft boys who have guests for the day who don't know the protocol. Please lock the gate with the combination lock if you find it unlocked. It's a judgement call if you think you're the last person on site, in which case, use the keyed padlock.

Of course, if you see anybody else on site or in the bushes as you drive off, just use the combination lock

Over the weekend of Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th October

the Airsoft people are organising a big event over both days.

This event is sanctioned by the field owners who benefit from the increased security the Airsoft lot bring to the site.

To allow them free reign over the site (the runway, pits and outfield are still off limits to them) the Club have agreed to let them have the whole site to themselves for the two days.

That means no flying, no engine testing, nor helicopter flying at Harefield please, just plain dont go to the site.

Training will take place at Pickeridge for those days.

