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The Westland & Yeovil District Aeromodellers newsletter February - 2010

Bearley keys

We will be replacing all the keys for the gate padlock at Bearley. This is because the original padlock was cut during the recent theft of a trailer, and unfortunately the new padlock has different keys. Dave G will be organising this.

N.B. The initial emails incorrectly gave the contact name as Mark.

Bearley frequencies

There is a small group flying from a field about a mile away. To avoid frequency clashes, we have agreed to us only channels 64 and above, while they use channels 62 and below.

N.B. This applies to 35Mhz only, those on 2.4GHz don't need to do anything.

Bearley field

Grass length – Len (the grass cutter man) hasn't been able to get to the patch for a while. However during the recent cold snap, Dave G and the editor, both flew 50 sized planes with 2½" & 3" wheels without any issues.

Parking (all weather) – there is currently only very limited all weather parking; however Andy (our landlord / farmer) is clearing the area on the left of the gate, to solve this.

Parking (on grass) - during the current damp season, please have an active friend or two on hand ready to push your car out of the muddy grass if you need it.

Walking – The path from the parking to the patch needs some work, until then wheeled boxes are not recommend unless the ground is frozen, or has dried out a lot.

Gates – there are 3 gates between the parking and the patch. Two of the "gates" are more like movable fencing, and need only one hand to open or close; however the final gate is heavy metal and may need both hands to lift. All "gates" should be closed when the last person leaves; which gates to keep closed while we fly is dependent on where the animals are grazing.

Peg Board – This is currently in the editor's garage, but will soon be stored in the hedge by the final gate to the field.

Summary – Will be better than Merriott in the summer when it's dry.

Charger Found

The editor has a charger found after the 3rd February indoor flying, contact him if this is yours.

Indoor flying (on Wednesdays)

The editor has organised more indoor flying events, at Crewkerne Sports centre.

- **Wednesday** 24th February 2010 (1 hour 8pm to 9pm)
- Every 3rd and 4th **Wednesday** in the month March onwards (1 hour 8pm to 9pm)

See Indoor flying Poster March 2010 in the newsletter archive.

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Change of monthly Meeting date

Following the success of last month, the monthly meetings will be rescheduled to a Wednesday 24th February at 9:15pm in the George Hotel in Crewkerne, then the 4th Wednesday in the month from March onwards.

Blackdown R/C FC swapmeet

Blackdown club has invited us to their "swapmeet" at Dunkeswell Aero Club on Tuesday February 16th at 7.30pm. This is a free entry and no selling fee event.

See Blackdown RCFC SWAPMEET event in the newsletter archive.

Yeovilton Model Show 2010

The BMFA will be doing a flying display at the Yeovilton Model show 2010 on Saturday 13th February. The show is mostly Airfix type plastic models, but good for small tools, and entry is included in the (possibly Gift aided) annual Membership which you may have if you attended the Autumn Model Show on 17th October 2009.

Newsletter distribution

This newsletter is meant to be for all members, but currently I just post a copy on the web and email every-one; this means people not on the net don't get to see it. I also print a few copies, to bring to club meetings and the flying patch.

Does any one have a better way of doing this (apart for letter post which we can't afford)?

Please ask me if you prefer paper a paper copy.

Websites & Contacts

Clubs	
Blackmore R/C FC	http://sites.google.com/site/blackdownrcfc/
Bristol Model engineers	http://www.bristolmodelengineers.co.uk/
BMFA (our entry)	http://www.bmfa.org/links/Model_Clubs_UK/index-14.html
Ilminster R/C club	http://www.ilminster.net/
Model Engineers	www.communicate.co.uk/twc/yeovilmodelengineers
New website	http://myweb.tiscali.co.uk/westlandaeromodeller
Newsletter archive	http://www.home9999.plus.com/WHLMAC/news.htm .
Fields / slopes	
Corton Denham	http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=363300&Y=123400&A=Y&Z=120
Merriott	http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=345590&Y=113575&A=Y&Z=120
Westlands	http://www.streetmap.co.uk/map.srf?X=353300&Y=115755&A=Y&Z=115
White Sheet	http://www.artemisdriving.co.uk/whitesheet/index.htm
Bearley (near Tintinhull)	http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/ms?hl=en&ie=UTF&msa=0&msid=113704047685900907589_0004742ce6b09714a030b&ll=50.982965,-2.720425&spn=0.0062,0.019205&t=h&z=16
Crewkerne Sports Hall	http://www.somerset.gov.uk/somerset/communityliving/leisurecentres/directory/details.cfm?ID=6
Simulators	
Aerofly	http://www.aerofly.de/
FMS	http://fms.pathbot.com/
Shows	
Eastnor Castle	http://www.eastnorcastle.com/special_events.aspx
Much Marcle	http://www.largemodelassociation.com/eventcalendar.htm
Woodspring	http://www.woodspringwings.co.uk/shows.html
Ezone	http://www.ezonemaq.com/

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Articles, cartoons, notices, better photos & other contributions

If any of you have anything interesting, amusing or informative that you would like to share in the newsletter please send it to me, by e-mail is best (my address can be found here :- <http://www.home9999.plus.com/contact.html>). But any material will be gratefully accepted, at monthly meeting, or on the field. I can also be contacted on 01935 445311 or 01935 823409.

Flying Times

The permitted flying times are subject to common sense and courtesy :-

Day	Notes	Merriott field	Westland's aerodrome ¹	Bearley ⁵
Monday	78dBa or less	Closed	18:00-20:30 ²	09:30-20:00 ²
Tuesday			Evenings ²	
Wednesday	Summer only		17:00-20:30 ²	
Thursday			Evenings ²	
Friday			Evenings ²	
Sat & Bank Holidays			12:00-sunset	09:30-13:30
Sunday			09:30-13:30 ⁴	
Any	Silent flight ³		All day	

Note :-

- ¹ When closed to full sized aircraft.
- ² Flying should cease at sunset on either site.
- ³ NOT all electric models are silent, please be considerate.
- ⁴ Helicopter's only.
- ⁵ Channels 64 upwards only 35MHz (no limitations on 2.4GHz)