

**Impington Model Aeroplane Club**  
 Founded in 1946 by Ray Malmström

100 Years of British Model Flying

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Pictured above are 3 of Clive Andersons 1/2 scale Wakefields. Never a man to build just one model, Clive writes –

Here is a picture of my latest builds. Three 1/2 size Wakefields - a KK Gypsy, a Judge which won the comp in 1936 and a Ron Warring zombie. I have always liked Wakefield models and in the 1980's I took part in the anniversary comp at Warwick race course flying a KK gypsy. On the first flight it landed on top of the tote building and I had to get up on to the roof to retrieve it. The second flight it landed on the golf course beyond the race course but it was a great day's flying.

In the early 90's I took part in the euro champs at Middle Wallop with Copland and my Gypsy. Bob Copland was there and he kindly signed my model. When it came to my turn to launch, off it went a truly superb model - 4 1/2 minutes out of sight and lost - never got it back!! Hey ho, not to worry - next up the Gypsy. We lined up at the round flying table with my model fully wound. As I approached the table the prop shaft broke and I was left with the tailplane and the prop and just a mass of crumpled balsa and tissue, but I still like Wakefields.

Guess the model.....



Made by a prolific producer of tricky to fly scale subjects. Answer overleaf.

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Years of British Model Flying

You will know that this year the BMFA is celebrating 100 years of British Model flying. Our own Public Open Day on 3<sup>rd</sup> April is part of this, as will be our private club "Birthday Bash" in June. Any further ideas welcome!!

## Gordons Antoinette

Well done if anyone guessed it. Gordon Hannah writes - I am attaching a photo of my latest creation. It is an Antoinette Monobloc of 1912. At nearly 16m span it was very large for its time and intended to be a 3 seater for military usage, following on from an earlier design for a 2 seater in 1911.

Copper cooling pipes ran along the outside of the fuselage. The undercarriage was particularly complicated with 2 wheels under each wing. For the 3 seater an additional wheel was added and the three were fully spatted. Needless to say with only a 60 horse power engine the 1911 achieved no more than a hop! The 3 seater fared little better, crashing when its wing fell off on a demonstration flight.

I hope the model does better, but am not holding my breath.

## Staggering about?



No, he wasn't drinking too much over Christmas, John Clarke was busy building a Microaces Staggerwing. This is based on the famous Beech Staggerwing and John reports that it was a tricky b\*\*\*er to build and fly!!  
Video [here](#)

## Lower, Lower.....



Who said there weren't any old, bold pilots?  
Alans Explorer survives once again!!

## Another easy to guess intake



They will get harder!!

## Old Newsletters

Since 2014, when Bryan Gostlow took over the newsletter, they have been on the website and I continued this when I took over in 2017.

In my model room I am storing newsletters in hard copy from 1982 (4 box files) edited by such stalwarts as Peter Hoskison, Chris Hinson, Tony Harper, Mick Flack, Dave Burkin, Roger Hines and Gordon Hannah.

I have now received "orders that must be obeyed" to vacate space in my storage to accommodate knitting wools etc. Is there anyone out there who would be prepared to scan them in so we can put them on line, or who would like to keep them safe for future reference. They make interesting reading on many fronts including the fact that the club subs in the mid 1990s were £23 so todays subs at £28 are pretty good value!!

## New world record – see P3





Bruce pictured at a Saturday flying session with his Gymminie Cricket that achieved an impressive flight time of 3 minutes and 5 seconds!!

Whilst this may not quite make it to the Guinness Book of Records, It's a very impressive feat and definitely a world record for the Impington Sports Hall this year. The gauntlet has been thrown down!!

## Membership renewals

Over 60 members have renewed already so many thanks to them. Remember that in addition to the club membership you need to renew your BMFA membership and also (unless exempt) your annual £9 Operator ID – the Op ID number should now remain the same to avoid re-labelling your models.

A link to our guide to registration etc is [here](#)

## A tough old bird?



Malcolm Bates pictured with his Arrows Hawk after an "arrival" embedded it in the mud and broke the whole nose off.

These planes are almost indestructible but the next time it flew, there was no power and it staggered along for 100 yards or so before pancaking in again. The whole ducted fan was caked in dried mud!!

Step forward Bryan Kenzie with the solution – run the motor and spray water into the air intake to loosen the mud.

This worked brilliantly and the next time it flew it was back to its old self and once in the air you'd never know its chequered history.

## Caption Competition



A desperate duo are pictured with chuck gliders. As usual with these 2, they flew beautifully.

## Brace, Brace, Brace!!



Chris Strachans Jackrabbit pictured in its box with the tail and wing cunningly braced to prevent warping.

## Peterborough Flying Aces

We have been invited send as many flyers as possible to the annual Flying Aces FF Nats at Ferry Meadows on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

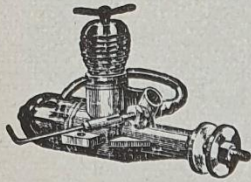
There will be multiple Events for Free Flight Scale and Sport models. No R/C nor I/C. Insurance essential. Toilets and Café on site. Full details, [www.peterboroughmfc.org](http://www.peterboroughmfc.org)

Contact Fr Luke Goymour 07752 236645 or [revgoymour@googlemail.com](mailto:revgoymour@googlemail.com)

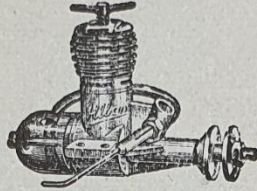


A fine selection of Diesels from the 1958 Aeromodeller

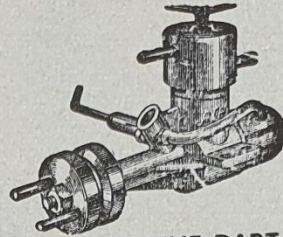
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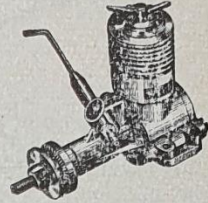
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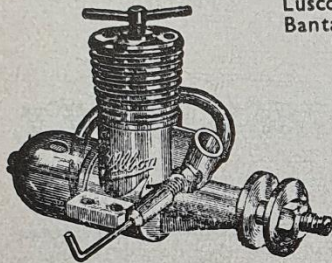
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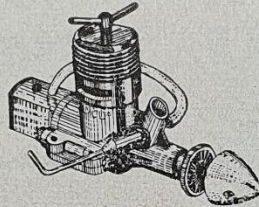
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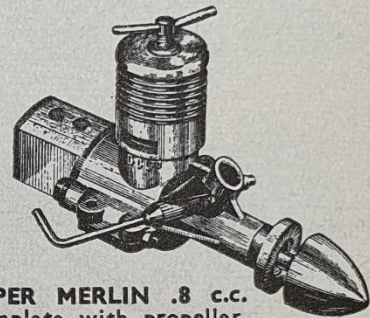
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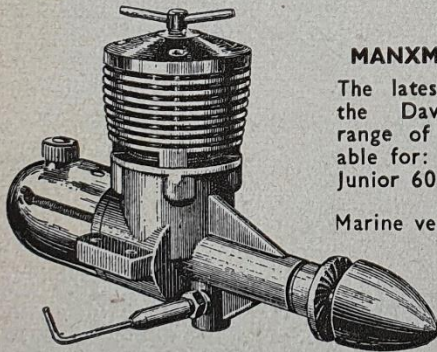
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