



Annual Report to members 2022

Chairmans Report - John Wynn

I'd like to thank all the committee members and other club members for all the efforts throughout this year. Special thanks go to Ann Parker for the years of hard work in being our Treasurer and also to Paul Burling for taking on the unenviable role at such short notice.

The following reports cover very fully the club's activities this year, and I'd like to say that without the enormous work that Alan has put in, we would not have such a successful club. Other club members that need special thanks, are those that do sterling work on our behalf without being on the committee and who contribute so much to the running of the fly days, the birthday bash, the Girton fete and the Malmstrom cup. They all put in so much effort on our behalf, so many thanks to you all.

The new format for Saturday meetings in the Sports Hall is going to be a trial run and I hope it satisfies the members, but as always nothing is set in stone. If club members find it's not to their liking, we are always available to hear comments and different views.

Best wishes to you all and as Ray Would say "keep 'em flying".

Secretarys Report – Alan Paul

This was the first year since 2019 that a full programme of events was held and the club made every effort to take advantage of this.

Probably the most significant event was the decision taken in October following a full vote and consultation process to end the weekly evening meetings in the gym and move to Saturday afternoons in the much more suitable sports hall. The new arrangements start in January 2023 and will be reviewed over the summer. Change is always difficult, but the general consensus is that this will be a better use of the facilities and should encourage more people to have a go at indoor flying – after all, with the weather in this country why not?

The first big event of the year was our Public Open day held in April – the first since 2019. This event is always much appreciated with competitions and a raffle so thanks to the organisers Michael Marshall, Gordon Hannah and Tony Harper and to the BMFA East Anglia Area for providing prizes. A second event was held in October and the plan is to continue these events next year.

The BMFA centenary world record attempt was held on 15th May and the club gathered together and got 34 models in the air at 12.00 noon precisely to contribute to the new world record of 3,109 planes airborne at one time.

The Ray Malmstrom Cup for control line aerobatics was held at Girton in June and was won by Gary Church. Gary was then selected for the UK team for the CL world championships, so well done to him.

Friday evening meetings on the playing fields were plagued by wind at the start of the season, but we had some great evenings with the usual eclectic mix of FF, CL and RC flying coexisting amicably – where else would you find this I wonder?

Also held in June was the annual Club Sunday “Birthday Bash” BBQ on the IVC playing fields. The weather was a bit windy for the Malmstrom Trophy for any of Rays FF designs so this was put off for a week and was won by Chris Strachan.

In July we had an evening visit by the Cottenham Cubs – a fantastic evening where they all had a go at FF and RC flying and also watched some CL. They went away with BMFA catapult launched Aerojet gliders to build with funding from the BMFA East Anglia Area. The cub leaders said it was the best event they had been to all year!!

We have also continued Ray Malmstroms passion for introducing young people to the hobby and give a free flight Tradfly model to all new juniors. This has led to a resurgence in FF amongst young and old members including diehard adult RC flyers who have bought them for £10 each.

In July the club was once again asked to provide a display at the Girton fete which we were happy to do in return for the cheap rent and use of the Girton field for flying. We had a good radio and control line display with a lot of interested spectators. The BMFA provided us with a display permit which is needed to validate our normal insurance.

In October the club was invited to fly indoors in the Airspace Hangar at Duxford as part of a BMFA initiative led by the East Anglia Area and 25 members turned up to fly FF and RC all day and entertain quite a big crowd. This was a fantastic days flying for us and one that we are hoping may become a regular fixture. The clubs involvement at Duxford has led to several prospective new members contacting us.

The search for a new club flying site proved to be as difficult as we had anticipated. Thanks to Dave Kay and David Stopher for their efforts. We were looking for a site that was already maintained as we didn't want the hassle of mowing rotas etc, but clearly this was going to be tricky. The team have reviewed and ruled out over 10 sites during the last year. The search continues but as a background activity rather than a full on search. In the meantime we have Girton as an official site with Cottenham and Longstanton as unofficial sites.

Having not had a Christmas Party since 2019, we are having a Christmas meal at the Histon Smokehouse in December. We may revert to a DIY party next year, but this does depend on suitable volunteers coming forward!

To crown the year off, club president Chris Strachan was awarded the prestigious SMAE medal for his many years contribution to model flying. Many congratulations to Chris for this thoroughly deserved award.

The website continues to attract new members and it should be the first port of call for members to check what's going on in the club.

Club Officers

Ann Parker has now retired after many years as club treasurer and we are very fortunate that a very keen RC and FF flyer Paul Burling has agreed to take on this very important role. Paul was voted into the post at an EGM held on 14th July 2022.

The club thank Ann once again for her sterling work from 2014 to this year

All the other officers have agreed to stay in their roles for another year. No volunteers came forward to apply for any of the posts, but we would welcome new people on the committee to provide a balanced set of views.

Chris Strachan –	Club President
John Wynn –	Club Chairman
Alan Paul –	Club Secretary
Paul Burling –	Treasurer
Stuart Marsden –	Safety and Welfare Officer
John Clarke –	Membership Secretary
Steve Mynott –	Control Line Rep
Tony Neal –	Radio Rep
Position Vacant –	Indoor Free Flight Competition Sec
Position Vacant –	Outdoor Free Flight Competition Sec
Steve Mynott –	Radio Examiner
Alan Paul –	Newsletter and Website editor. Data Protection Officer

Membership secretarys report – John Clarke

The club continues to attract new and retain existing members. We have a total of 100 members (including 3 honorary members and 10 juniors who do not pay a subscription).

This is up 10 on last year and has gradually increased from 62 in 2016. This is probably because of the wide range of disciplines which the club offers, the very low membership fee and the excellent promotional activity including the displays at the Girton fete and Duxford, the informative website and the Newsletters which all give a very good idea about what we do.

This year we attracted 12 new seniors and 7 new juniors. New members frequently say how welcoming, friendly and helpful the club is to them so well done everyone!

Safety and Welfare officers report – Stuart Marsden

I am pleased to report no major incidents in regard to safety, however we must all remain vigilant. Please try to think of each club member being a safety officer and that means you and me.

We did have a close call on the control line circle, when a young footballer encroached the circle. Thanks to the model flyer in question, evasive action was taken, with the footballer moving away to safer ground. After this incident we amended the guidelines for flying at Impington to say there was to be no RC or CL flying till any random footballers had been asked to move to the far NW end of the field by the caretakers houses.

Once indoor flying moves to the larger sports hall, there should be less opportunity for incidents, with sessions clearly defined for free flight and radio. I mention this, as there is nationally, as well as at Impington, a rapid growth in drone flying and our small gym is in practice not really safe for mass radio flying, whether it is a drone or a fixed wing aircraft.

Moving to the larger space does not mean we can take our eyes off safety issues and I would ask all model flyers to consider others before themselves and always check their models before flying. In case this isn't clear, I highlight propellers being undamaged and secure, Radios serviceable, batteries fully charged and flying surfaces secure. Unless you can fly in a controlled manner don't fly.

I do not wish to be overly controlling and wish all our members happy safe meetings. I believe the ethos of our club has always emphasised Friendship and our meetings are equally social gatherings as well as flying model aircraft, so please do keep your eyes open even when not flying.

To the best of my knowledge we have not had to deal with any welfare issues this year, although this hasn't always been the case. Let us all look forward to a new year and chapter in our wonderful club.

Treasurers Report – Paul Burling

The full accounts are on the last page of this report. The committee are mindful that the club has a healthy bank balance and it has been the strategy for the last couple of years to use some of this to subsidise club subscriptions and reduce the balance over the next 7 or 8 years to about £5,000.

You will see from the accounts that our bank balance is £1,381 less than at the end of last year. This is for 2 reasons -

1. The club paid for free indoor flying Saturdays last winter as a thank you for members who couldn't fly during parts of the pandemic
2. When we resumed indoor flying this September, it took a while before numbers crept up to the break even level.

High Street banking is becoming a thing of the past with many High Street banks closing down, forcing small companies and individuals to bank online. As your Treasurer in waiting, I was tasked to transfer over to online banking for

IVCMAC. I found that this was not an easy task. It involved many forms to be completed and a visit to a NatWest Bank manager. Many banks are not interested in small clubs like ours unless you are willing to pay for the privilege.

Fortunately IVCMAC bank with NatWest and they are one of the few high street banks that do not charge for banking online. Their system (Bankline) has been designed for small to medium enterprises, charities and clubs. The NatWest Bankline is the process which we now use.

Bankline gives us as a club complete control of our account and lets us view our balances in real time. We can tailor the access rights and user privileges allowing selected committee members to monitor and counter sign any payments. This process allows full transparency giving up to date information on credit and debit transactions. In addition we can if needed, change any names on Bankline if an individual was to leave the club.

The preferred payment method into the IVCMAC account is digitally i.e. BACS or mobile transfer. However there may be times when cash needs to be handled but for security and traceability this should be strictly kept to a minimum. Cash is not easily paid into the IVCMAC account and it is costly to visit a NatWest bank or possibly a Post Office. Not all Post Offices offer the service of paying cash into our account.

The transition of IVCMAC accounts from Ann Parker to myself has been seamless and I just wanted to say a big thank you to Ann for all her help and support. This is much appreciated.

I will be your Treasurer from 1st November 2022 and I will try to streamline the future accounts so that they are easily understood by any member of the club. I have asked Alan Paul and John Clarke to pull together a budget for 2022/23 as these are uncertain times financially. This is shown below.

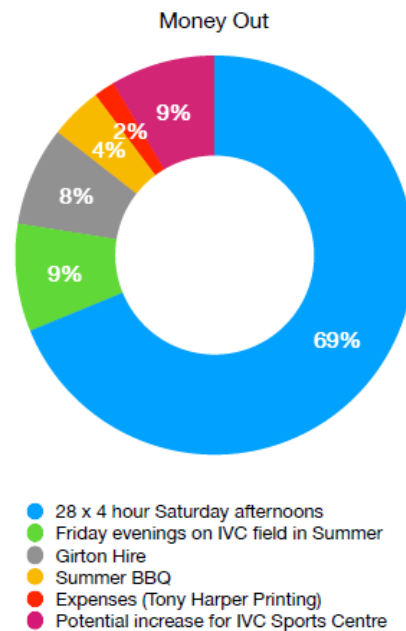
Ann has completed the accounts for 2021/22 IVCMAC financial year and after this date I will be presenting the accounts from 1st November 2022.

Budget for 2023

Income	
Membership Fees	£2,347
Season Tickets for indoor Flying	£900
Total income	£3,247

Expenditure	
28 x 4 hour Saturday afternoons	£2,427
Friday evenings on IVC field in Summer	£308
Girton Hire	£283
Summer BBQ	£150
Expenses (Tony Harper Printing)	£60
Potential increase for IVC Sports Centre	£300
Total expenses	£3,528

Money Left Over	
Income minus expenses	-£281



This is an agreed loss to gradually reduce the club funds to £5000.00

Club Subscriptions

The committee has decided that the membership fee for adults of £28 will not increase for 2023. This very low fee has not increased for over 5 years. Juniors are free.

As previously notified, there will be a new charge of £30 per year for indoor flying in the big sports hall. This covers the anticipated 28 sessions of 4 hours so is incredibly cheap working out at about 26 pence per hour if a member attended all the sessions. Indoor sessions for juniors and spectators will be free.

The BMFA fee for adults has gone up from £40 to £42 for 2023 and juniors from £18 to £20 – both still good value when you consider the insurance alone.

Any Other business raised by club members

Prior to the annual report and at the on line AGM, members were asked to contribute ideas and raise any other business. The first 2 items were submitted prior to the AGM and items 3 to 7 were raised at the AGM.

AOB item 1 – Gordon Hannah asked if we could publish a list of members names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers. This was to enable members to contact others and share information and experience. There are data protection issues, but other clubs do this successfully. The committee agree and we will write to members asking them to “opt in” for this. The information will be held securely and shared via an e-mail to those who opt in.

AOB item 2 – Gordon Hannah suggested that club members with experience in different areas of the hobby could pass this information on to others at short “show and tell” style sessions. Examples of potential subjects include making spoked wheels, composite material construction techniques and care of Lipo batteries. The committee agree and suggest that this could be done at the Saturday sessions – either in the sports hall or in the cafeteria area. If members with something to talk about could pick a date and time, we will publicise this in the newsletter and by e-mail.

AOB item 3 – Paul Hoey asked that the assistance to the club provided by the BMFA East Anglia area be noted. The club are very grateful for this assistance which included very nice prizes for the first public open day in April, a donation of £200 to purchase BMFA freebies for the Cubs visit in July and setting up the marvellous Duxford flying day in October – hopefully to be repeated in 2023.

AOB item 4 – John Wynn asked that Michael Marshalls work in organising the Sculthorpe free flight gala over many years be recognised. This is a great event and much looked forward to and the committee thank Michael for his hard work.

AOB item 5 – Stuart raised the issue of flight safety. George Adam also commented that we must all be aware of the risks whether indoors or outdoors and not be afraid to step in and advise if any unsafe conditions develop. This applies not only to club members, but also to the general public who may appear on site. The guidelines for Friday evening flying on the field have been amended to say there is to be no RC or CL flying till any footballers have been asked to move to the far end of the field and out of harms way.

AOB item 6 – John Clarke said that he would implement Gordon Hannahs proposal for a members contact list in February once the membership renewals were completed. We would attempt to list members interests as well.

AOB item 7 – The committee voted to give their thanks to Ann for her work as treasurer over many years and to make her an honorary member of the club.

Approved by IVCMAC Committee at the AGM 7th December 2022

Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club
Profit And Loss Account
For the year ended 31 October 2022

		2022	2021
		£	£
Income	Membership Fees	3,481	3,042
	Less BMFA Membership	<u>-1,284</u>	<u>-896</u>
		2,197	2,146
	Fly day October	211	-
	Less Fly day expenses October	-228	-
	Fly day March	300	-
	Less Fly day expenses March	<u>-255</u>	<u>-</u>
		28	0
	Competitions	80	110
	Less Competition expenses	<u>-169</u>	<u>-97</u>
		-89	13
	Saturday afternoons	296	73
	Saturday afternoons expenses	<u>-1,625</u>	<u>-650</u>
		-1,329	-577
	Building society interest	-	2
	Miscellaneous	<u>5</u>	<u>20</u>
Gross income		812	1,604
Expenses	Sports hall gym and field	-1,854	-824
	Hire Girton	-165	-142
	Newsletter	-67	-74
	Miscellaneous	<u>-107</u>	<u>-112</u>
		-2,193	-1,152
Net profit/loss		-1,381	452
Balance brought forward from previous year		<u>8,998</u>	<u>8,546</u>
		<u>7,617</u>	<u>8,998</u>
Balance at Bank		7,644	9,938
Cash in Hand		15	60
Prepayment - Girton PC		118	-
Creditor - ELA Active Ltd		-	-705
Creditor - Flyday Expenses		-	-19
Creditor - CC Council Grant Balance		<u>-160</u>	<u>-276</u>
		<u>7,617</u>	<u>8,998</u>

As per the constitution these accounts have been signed off by club sec Alan Paul and membership sec John Clarke