

Impington Village College Model Aeroplane Club

Based near Cambridge we fly Free Flight, Radio Control and Control Line aircraft



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Who, where, what, when?



Can you name the pilot, the model, the location and the date? This was a high performance aerobatic model of its day with a distinctive swept wing.

The power in some of these old models with a "60" up front was pretty impressive.

Scale indoor Tiger Moth



This is John Ransons Tiger Moth. John travels occasionally from Felixstowe to fly with us and is an accomplished scale modeller.

This Tiggie is a Vintage Model Company 150% scaled up version that was only made to order!! It weighs 85g and spans 750mm. It has brushless power and 3 channel control.

Miniature marvels



These are Garry Flacks Westland Wyverns spotted having an outing in the sports hall. The front one is Peanut scale (under 13" span) and the rear one is a tiny Pistachio scale (under 8" span). Rubber powered free flight.



John Valiant also had 2 of his Peanut size models out for a flight. An ME109 K-4 and an Ilyushin IL-2 Sturmovik.

The Sturmovik was known to the soldiers on the ground as the "Hunchback" or the "Flying Tank".

During the war, 36,183 units of the IL-2 were produced making it the single most produced military aircraft design in aviation history.

John is busy building a Yokosuka D4Y2 Judy for the Nationals hand crafted as usual from blue foam and using a highly detailed scale plastic model for inspiration.



CLAPA

If you fly Control Line, why not join the CL Aerobatics Pilots Association CLAPA.

CLAPA had a rep for being elitist and only interested in competition but that is no longer the case as numbers have dwindled since its 70's heyday. So for £20 per year you get 6 glossy magazines a year, worldwide Control Line news, tips and advice as well and all the comp information on top. Not to mention a great number of new friends. The website is www.clapa.bmfa.uk



John Copsey pictured in the CLAPA magazine relaxing with his appropriately registered CL stunter.



Gary Church pictured centre in the CLAPA magazine after winning the 2025 Gold Cup.

Bleriot in the open



Gordon Hannahs large scale Bleriot pictured in the car park at IVC before its maiden flight.

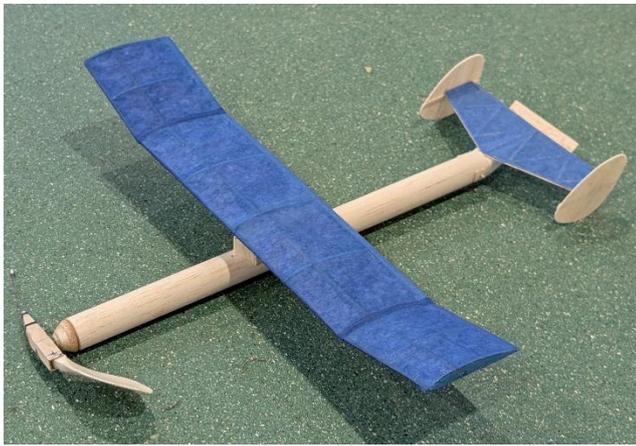
That's a funny prop



This is Phil Baileys single bladed prop based on a competition design from years ago. It has better aerodynamics, less drag when folded and a higher pitch than 2 bladed props.

They were very popular in the 50's and 60's but seem to have fizzled out a bit now.

Phil had his in a nice own design model pictured overleaf.



Phils single bladed model.

More creative modelling



Flushed with his success from the Hawk, Paul Burling has been making something a little more challenging - Concorde! May not have the turning circle, but built in a similar way using the ZY-320 electronics. AUV 24g length 42mm wing span 20mm.



You can buy the ZY-320 planes for about £12 and the only really difficult bit (apart from designing and making your new masterpiece) is extracting the electronics. They fly for up to 15 minutes on one recharge.

Microaces "Secret Santa"



This is the Secret Santa from Microaces this year. It's a "Cricket" and is a departure from the usual construction as it's made from white foam and you apply the covering afterwards. This one had a brushless power train.



Marco looks pleased with his model. It was his first real building project and looked fabulous. It also flew well.

Microaces Bristol Fighter



Another Microaces model, the Brisfit. This was flown by Carl – one of the regular RTP chaps.



Carl with his Bristol Fighter – he reckons that it's the best flying of all his Microaces models due to the generous wing area.

Indoor Control Line



John Copsy with his converted Hobbyking Yak. It's really an outdoor model and much too heavy for indoor CL, but John gave it a good go – see the video [here](#).

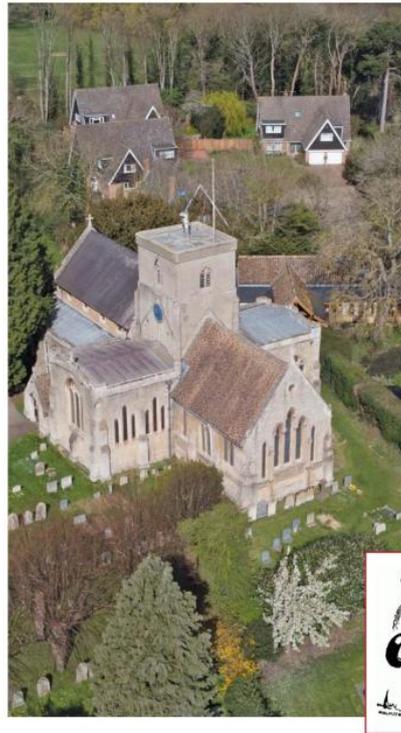
This should however make a good outdoor CL aerobatic trainer using RC to control the throttle.

First 80th anniversary event

This is the all day Free Flight session in the Sports Hall from 9am to 5pm on Sunday 12th April. This will be advertised to all local clubs and is free to attend. Tell your FF chums. At lunchtime there will be an hour of indoor CL. [Website link here](#)

Histon Church Newsletter

NETWORK Saint Andrew's Histon magazine



Winter 2026

February edition

Viewpoint
Eco Church news
Church Diary
Bacon hampers
Welcome, Luke Ellerby
Friendship, Flying and Fun
Community noticeboard
Signs of spring already!

St Andrew's Histon
Photo: Malcolm Bates,
IVC Model Aeroplane Club
Cartoon: Ray Malmström

The club featured in the recent church newsletter with a photo taken by Malcolm Bates DJI mini 2 drone. This is where we will be trying to set a record for the most model planes flown in a church later this year! The full video of the church is [here](#). This also shows the Impington church and shows just how good these little drones are. A video of us testing inside the church is [here](#)

Airfix perfection



This is one of Nigel Perrys many 1:72 scale plastic kits taken to a whole new level by his scale detailing. We will be publishing more photos in future newsletters. Fantastic!!

From the Archive – The Gold Trophy in 1953

The article below is from the Nationals programme in 1953 and of course the current holder of the Gold Trophy is none other than our own Gary Church who will hopefully be representing the UK at the World Champs in Perth Australia later this year.

THE GOLD TROPHY

CONTROL LINE STUNT

The Gold Trophy is the senior event of the year on the calendars of British stunt control line enthusiasts. All modellers must fly their models through a certain pattern of manoeuvres, with points awarded for each evolution performed. The extra bonus points that are awarded nowadays for construction and appearance, have encouraged modellers to produce very attractive models.

Every competitor is allowed eight minutes in which to complete his flight pattern. Between each manoeuvre two laps of level flight must be flown. This is to permit the judges to record points.

Diesel motors of 2.5 c.c. and glow-plug motors of 5 c.c. are the most popular power-plants among stunt enthusiasts.

To become a proficient flyer capable of performing everything in "the book" calls for a great deal of practice with "expendable" models. Control line stunting is perhaps one of the most costly of all branches of aeromodelling, and certainly one calling for skill and dexterity.

