

Local Photographic Society Visits the Fleetwood Model Flying Club

Bispham Photographic Society were invited by the Fylde Coast Model Flying Association to visit their model flying site adjacent the Fleetwood Nature Park.

Thirteen members from the photo club turned up and enjoyed an interesting evening at the field. The model flying club put on both a static display and a continuous flying display using aerobatic, scale and trainer type model aircraft and helicopters.



Electric powered Spitfire flies past. For the photographers.

An anyone who has tried to photograph full size aircraft will know that it isn't the easiest

form of photography. Model planes can be even worse! You never really know where they are going to go to next! So it proved quite a challenge to take decent pictures.



Petrol powered Edge 540 - a large aerobatic model coming in for a low pass flown by Kevin Longworth

Nevertheless, here are some of the results. Both clubs are always keen to take in new members - if you fancy actually flying model aircraft, The Fleetwood club will welcome you. They will teach you to fly and are lucky enough to have their own examiners to get you through from student to qualified level.

Likewise, if you would like to learn how to use that camera which may perhaps be gathering dust, then the

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photographic Society
can teach you how to
use it properly. They
meet every Thursday
evening at the
Bispham Community
Centre.

Both hobbies are
quite challenging in
their execution. Both
hobbies can be
extremely expensive
if you decide that
you just have to have
the very best equipment. There are cameras
and lenses costing thousands of pounds.
There are also model aircraft and control
equipment which can make a £10,000
budget look silly.



*Kevin Longworth again, this time flying a Raptor helicopter
Kevin is one of the flying instructors.*

bought second hand and cost just £300
which included 2 lenses. It works well.



Carl Skovlund landing with a wing just brushing through
the long grass at side of the landing strip.

In the real world however, you can get
just as much enjoyment from economical
equipment. You can actually get flying
for less than £200.

In many ways it can be argued that there
is more achievement in making
something that does not cost a fortune
operate in a satisfying way. The camera
which took produced these pictures was



*Some of the display models - most of these are
produced from inexpensive kits.*