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# Full Steam Ahead!

After nearly a year of treading water, the Club is once more busy and getting busier. The lease has been signed and, as long as Sita can't find another use, we're on the land for another five years. So, the good weather over the last couple of weeks has seen the field full of fliers and activity. The Committee had a meeting and is starting to prepare for the upcoming AGM, we'll use this to gather ideas from everyone and ask you to comment on some existing ideas. We can then prioritise what we do first and find out what is important to the Club.



We've had the outfield cut using this tractor and Freddy cut nearly everything in his path over a couple of days. Even this machine cannot cope with the big bramble bushes so he cut around them, phase two is to bring in a hedge cutter which will be dropped onto the brambles and eradicate them. We'll repeat this programme next spring when the new growth has started which will then severely limit the brambles ability to grow so healthily next year. This will allow us to find any planes more easily and retrieve them too.



**Work Party on Saturday 31st October at 10.00.**

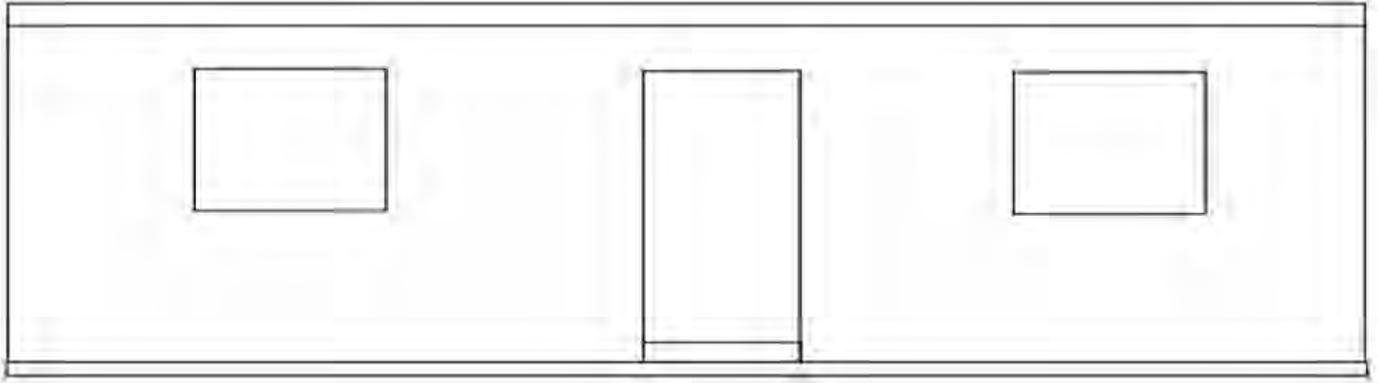
Halloween this year is being marked with a work party to carry out some essential works that have been allowed to build as we were unsure about our tenure.

Work will be carried out on the road to fill the potholes, remove weeds from the AstroTurf and several other jobs that I can't recall.

The AstroTurf weeds have already been killed, we just need to remove the residue.

Soup lunch will be provided! Please turn up and help, its always handy to bring a spade or fork too, you never know what we may find to do.





The crude drawing above is of our Club House, the hut needs another coat of paint which we'll all slap on next year during a work party. We need a colour scheme and we're asking you for a design. The easiest way is to hold a colouring competition, print out the page, colour it in and send the results in. Either pin them to the board in the hut or send them/hand them to any of the Committee member you meet. We'll have a Judging Panel and we'll paint the hut next year in the winning design.

I would suggest that we don't use Day-Glo colours, we don't want to advertise ourselves too much! As with all competitions, please include your name and age so we know which category to put you in.

## Membership Fees Set to Increase.

The last year has been one of uncertainty and worry about the future at Harefield. Chairman Mat has contacted virtually all members either by phone or e mail over the last weeks. He's been trying to gauge the appetite for a fee increase to cover the rent that we are now going to pay for the next five years.

There will be an increase at the next AGM to  
Adults £120 (an increase of £35)  
Junior £47 (an increase of £15)  
Social Members £32 (no change)

### Plus your BMFA fee.

We will introduce the option of half year payments but the BMFA will have to be paid in full.

So, £60 plus the full BMFA fee now, the other £60 in July. Or you can pay in full for the whole year, you decide.

## Winter Soup and Washing Up.

The Clocks go back soon and with the change comes the Winter selection of soups in the Club hut.

Once more the dreadful state of the kitchen has been bought up. The mugs are not self cleaning and cannot be left 'to soak' for days on end.

We may well remove all mugs and ask you to bring your own if things don't improve.



A before and after shot of my Ripmax Bullet, the spiders that inhabit the leaning rails caused me to try and scratch my ear and fly at the same time. I obviously can't do both.





Please stop jamming rubbish in-between the slats in the picnic table and leaving it for someone else to dig out and throw away!

The Autumn sun meant that the field was full of fliers on a sunny Wednesday afternoon. It was during this session that another request was made to the Committee and, after discussion, we're going to implement it.

The large picnic table has been a big success and it's very popular with fliers. The two starting tables right next to the picnic table are also popular but when the plane is run up prior to flight it coats the picnickers in smoke, oil and noise. We are therefore going to stipulate that the two tables next to the picnic table are reserved for electric powered planes only. We are going to paint the two tables in a suitable colour to remind everyone about this new rule. Chairman Mat is buying the paint and we'll ask someone to paint the tables during the Halloween work party.

Our enviable and flourishing model flying club prides itself on being democratic, we even introduced a Constitution! Members of the committee who organise, regulate and run the club are not self-appointed. They are elected by the membership at every Annual General Meeting in December and new members are always welcome. Once again we invite volunteers to give their serious attention to the Club's routine business. Our constitution calls for 21 days' notice for an application for membership, so the application form is shown below. Put yourself up for a year's service on the Committee by getting yourself a proposer and a seconder from among your fellow members, filling in the form and firing it off to the Secretary, Roy Lanning.

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### COMMITTEE MEMBER NOMINATION FORM

Candidate name and E Mail address please.

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Proposer.....Secunder.....

I agree to serve on the Committee for one year.

Signed.....Date.....

PRINT THIS PAGE AND RETURN FORM TO Roy Lanning. WLMAC Secretary. 5, Thellusson Way, Rickmansworth WD3 8RB

## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary.

Thursday 12th November, Chuck Glider Competition at the B of B Club

Friday 13th November Indoor Flying at Vyners School, Ickenham.

Thursday 10th December, AGM at the B of B Club.

Friday 11th December Indoor Flying at Vyners School, Ickenham

### Thursday 10th December Annual General Meeting at the Battle of Britain Club.

This is your chance to discuss the way our Club is headed, we've had a worrying year but things are looking up. We've had a fee increase to cover our costs but should we cut back on our social engagements to reduce costs? Cut out the Club BBQ's?

Scale Day is in need of some thought too, the number of fliers continues to decrease and has done for some years. Should we change to a Family Open Day? Exactly the same as our previous Scale Days but without the competition element to the flying? A celebration of our hobby, our field and a chance to invite friends and family out to our field for a BBQ and a lovely picnic. Fliers would be encouraged to fly and show off their planes, we just won't judge and score planes as we have in the past. Would this encourage more fliers to actually fly?

## A Second Container?

We are looking into the possibility of buying a second container for the field. This one would allow us to move all the white plastic chairs out from our club hut and take the mower, we'd then get rid of the old mower container. We are considering offering storage space for rent in this new container too. You would get your own space where you could leave wings and bits that cause you storage problems at home. We haven't decided how much space or how much rent but we are trying to gauge if there is any interest in such an idea.

Personally I would love to be able to leave some wings at the field, I'd probably not leave the more expensive fuselage with its receiver, engine and bits but I'd risk leaving the Wot 4 wings with its single servo. Have a think and we'll be asking about it at the AGM.

## The Car Park.

The concrete blocks that stopped errant drivers reversing into the pits have been removed. They were a bit dangerous and certainly the car would come off second best in the event of any error of judgement.

There are now a line of cones to show the limit of the car park. Please do NOT reverse through them and into the pits!



Here's a snap of Mike Marmans Domi-8-Trix, a pretty little model from Hobby King. He had to add all the hardware and motor but he flew the model the other day. All went well, some of the controls were overly powerful but nothing that can't be sorted out. It's got a wingspan of 1200mm (four foot in old money) and all for £75!