



Field Marshall Tony gets his new shiny mower.

Parish Notices

Up can coming Club night - Thursday 9th May, first-aid talk and skills night: Most of us have little involvement with first-aid and have forgotten when they last had a briefing, so as many of us as possible should attend Kaiyo's model flying specific briefing (about 20 mins). Skills night – Mathew / Jeff Creak will be bringing a transmitter / model and will demonstrate how to set up the radio, including Expo, Rates, Travel, Sub trim etc, I will be displaying how to set up the basics of an AS3X system - AR636 (Felix). If anyone has a particular issue please bring along your gear and we'll try to help with that as well.

Note from Roy Lanning relating to the up and coming first-aid talk: None of us are getting any younger, and we must look after ourselves, and others. Here you have an opportunity at our next club night to hear some words of wisdom from Kayio our guest speaker about just that. You hear on the news of a Cub scout saving someone life for what he remembered in Cubs well it's our turn to listen. How can we help others – What if – Oh yes, the recovery position (how do I do that) little thing that may make a big difference to your fellow club mate or indeed you may be the recipient of their knowledge if something happens YOU! Please come along the May club night you never know it may come in handy. I am sure Kayio will make it an interesting session.

Vandals strike again – An arson attack setting light to two of our benches on 5th April very close to our hut. They also burned some of the timbers used for the car track.



Damage close to the hut, fortunately very little damage to our hut.



The culprits, not very clear images, but they have been passed on to the police.

Tuck shop – can members please refrain from paying for items in the tuck shop using small change and especially copper coins!

Our Field Marshall gets his new mower – The new mower arrived on Wednesday 10th, we were given a demonstration on its functions and away we went. We managed to sell the old mower for £50



The delivery



Demo



Both Mathew and I had a chance to have a test drive.

Richard Saunders Wot 4 caught in the Trees – A special thanks to Richard for sharing his experience with us:

Here are some pix of the gallant rescue of my errant Wot 4.

(NB the landscape format pic is the right way up; he really is climbing out on a limb before heading up towards the plane.)

A momentary lapse of orientation on my part whilst turning on finals near the trees at the western end of the strip resulted in the Wot 4 settling gently into the tree tops.

As you can see, the plane was left hanging by its tail from some very spindly branches - well beyond the reach of the club's Aeroloop. (Which, alas, I damaged during my initial efforts to dislodge my pride and joy - and promise to repair as soon as I've got hold of a suitable noose for the business end of the pole.)

Tony Parrott pointed me to the tree surgeon's number posted under the map of the field in the clubhouse. He arrived within the hour and his young oppo (whose name I really should have asked - sorry!) was up the tree like a rat up the proverbial. This guy's agility - not to mention cajones - was amazing.

He lowered the plane back down on the end of a rope absolutely intact, then swiftly followed it. Equally intact, I'm relieved to report. Money - and very reasonable money at that - exceedingly well earned.

Happy landings,

Richard (Saunders)



Stuck



The climb



Nearly there



The salvage

Car track and heli patch update

Tony called up a track work party on Saturday 20th April, we had a good turnout of members to help.



More Good news about Charlie Orrells – Last month Charlie proudly presented us with his pilot's licence. This month dad David emailed Mathew more good news as follows:

Mathew

Charlie receive a job offer 5th April, to work for Ryanair starting on 24th June at East Midlands Airport. The type approval training takes a couple of months and he'll hopefully start flying passengers in September or so.

He receives a low salary to start with (but only after he starts carrying passengers) but then again he doesn't have to pay any or much for the course (I can't remember if they charge £5,000 or not). One of his EasyJet mates has just been charged £35,000. So, it's swings and roundabouts. Once he starts flying, he'll obviously be closely monitored/taught/assessed but once he's got some experience, his pay will go up substantially.

He's volunteered to be based in Spain but he'll not be posted until near the end of his type approval course. Until then he'll go back to driving bin Lorries in London.

He had a one-day course to prepare him for the interview and then a 2-hour session on a simulator in Dublin the night before his interview. The interview included a sim session, hence the practice the night before. These two things helped and have paid off!

So, we're very pleased with him, it's a lot of very hard work but he's very nearly there!

Well done Charlie!

Club Meeting, Balsa Bash – A good turnout of members, the majority came early for the meal and 6 members participated in the Balsa bash. The standard of the gliders' performance is improving each year.

The build



Test flight



Final throw



The Winner, Mike Marman



Well done Mike, that's two wins in two months.



Well done all.

Projects

Watford Wayfarers mass build- I'm also a member of the Wayfarers and I joined in on the build where approximately 20 members took part and thought it would be interesting to feature my effort in our newsletter. It was designed by member Bob How, the fuselage was built by a member with a CNC machine and the wings were bought in. A number of different planes were made. My completed Pro-fighter Mustang is printed below, Tony Bloomfield who is also a Watford member is also making a Mustang. May be an idea for our club next year for a similar idea? Felix



Events

Date	Event	Location	Description
Thursday 9 th May	Club meeting	Uxbrdge Golf Club	First Aid talk an Skills night
Sunday 9 th June	BMFA	Harefield	BMFA scale day
Wednesday 12 th June	Club meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 10 th July	Club meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Saturday 13 th July	Work party	Harefield	Prepare the site for Fun Day
Sunday 14 th July	Fun Day	Harefield	Annual family Fun Day
Wednesday 14 th August	Club meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 11 th September	Club meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 10 th October	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest speaker
Thursday 14 th November	Club meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Quiz night
Thursday 12 th December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal