

WLMAC Newsletter July 2020

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Secondary field offered to WLMAC by Suez, at no extra charge. An opportunity that cannot be overlooked!
Aerial shot by Mike Marman.

Parish Notices

Up and coming club nights etc. – All cancelled until further notice.

As we have not had any club nights for a few months now the Committee decided to hold a Zoom video meeting on Thursday the 25th June at 8.00pm, to have a chat and also discuss the current situation at the club. In particular, to discuss the possible new flying site offered to WLMAC by our current landlords, for which the Committee has decided to start the planning application process, to find out if it will be viable. This seemed to work largely ok but with the expected few technical difficulties. At one point there were 19 members involved. We'll definitely have another one at some point, probably after any major changes to the Covid protocols or a further update regarding the planning applications etc.

BMFA Exemption period for CAA operator ID – Please remember that the exemption period for all BMFA members runs out on 30th June. Please make sure all your models have been marked and displayed according to the rules. **YOU WILL BE BREAKING THE LAW IF YOU FLY YOUR MODELS WITHOUT THEIR LABELS.**

Peter Dorow - Sadly chairman Mathew reported the sudden passing away of Peter on 5th June. Peter had been a long-standing member of our club, he was always pleasant, cheerful and a good friend too many of us. We will miss Peter.



Police site check – Local beat officers have been provided with the gate code/ keys and have been patrolling our field on a regular basis. Their presence is very much welcomed, this will help with security and keep our site a safer place.

Possibility of WLMAC having a second field- Chairman Mat advised the Committee that our landlords Suez have offered our club a second field at no extra cost. This field is at Pickeridge farm in Fulmer. Google Earth link <https://www.google.com/maps/place/Pickeridge+Farm,+Slough+SL3+6HA/@51.5634223,-0.5796942,784m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x48766584e1afc685:0x63ab1de18dc7f06e!8m2!3d51.5634223!4d-0.5775055>

They have been getting complaints from the locals about people accessing the site without authorisation and causing a nuisance. Suez are happy with the way we

manage our present site in Harefield and would like us to apply the same discipline to this new site. It is substantially bigger with plenty of room for all our requirements. Planning permission will need to be obtained to enable us to fly there. There is also the possibility of having services provided, Electricity, Water and a telephone line. The Committee agreed unanimously that it is very much an appreciated offer, an opportunity that appears “to good to miss” and could safeguard the club’s future. Mathew has already written to the South Bucks planning office and also approached the BMFA who said that they will be able to assist in obtaining planning permission, if required.



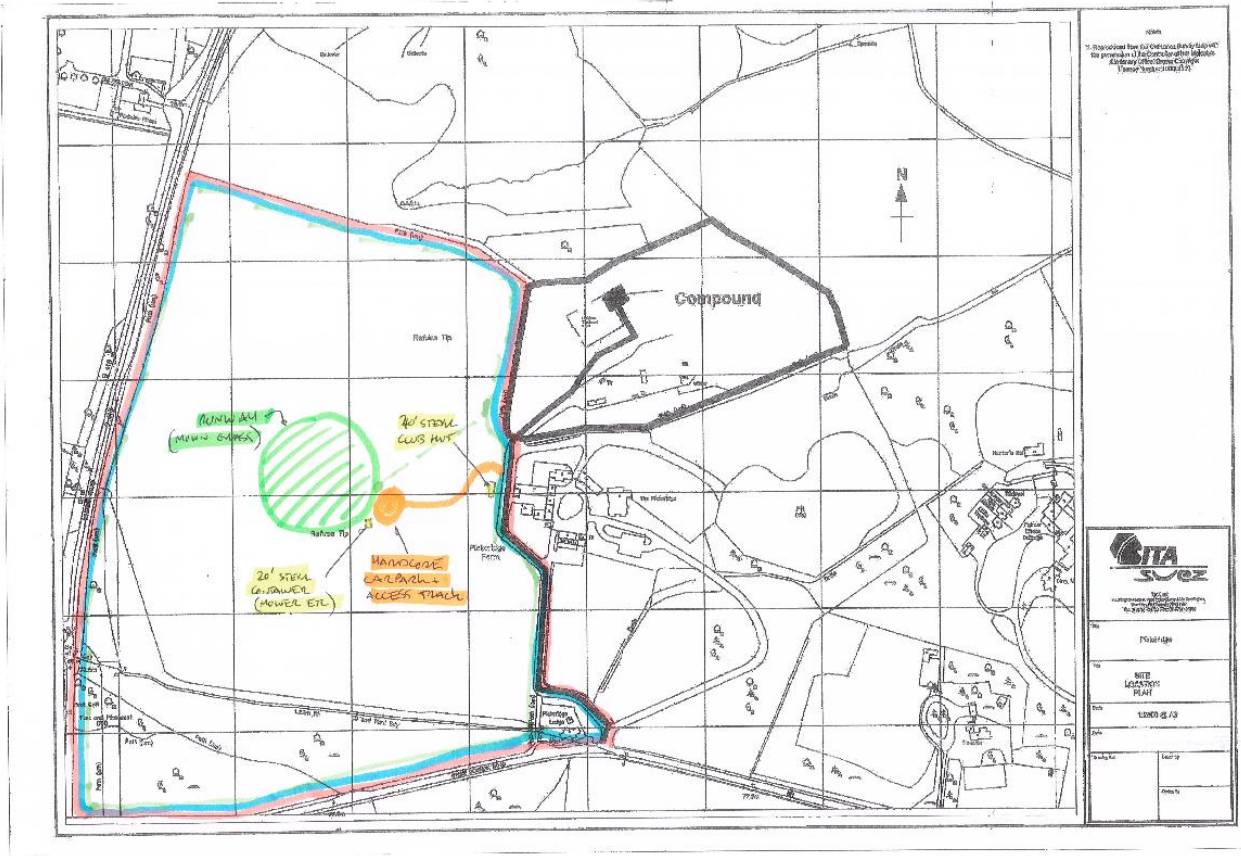
Pictures by Mat, entrance to the field.



Ground view of the field



Suez have offered to lower some gas monitoring points to ground level, placing manhole covers over them.



Site plan showing our proposed layout, this is what has been sent to the planning office.

Big thanks to Jeff Creak – For cutting down some trees to the right of the patch, almost in front of the mound. A small work party will be called for mid-July to clear the branches, logs and move the lumps of concrete from around the various trees prior to annual cutting of the grass in the outer field. The trees were getting taller and would soon be a hazard to planes if left.



Tony Taylor is still the new “Father of the club” – Last month I mentioned that Tony had called Mathew to advise him that he is now the most senior member. Tony has since contacted me as he was worried that this had sounded a little insensitive after Lloyd’s death. Tony had actually called Mat to offer a “well done” to our committee in getting the field open for flying so quickly and efficiently and he just happened to mention he was the oldest member at WLMAC.



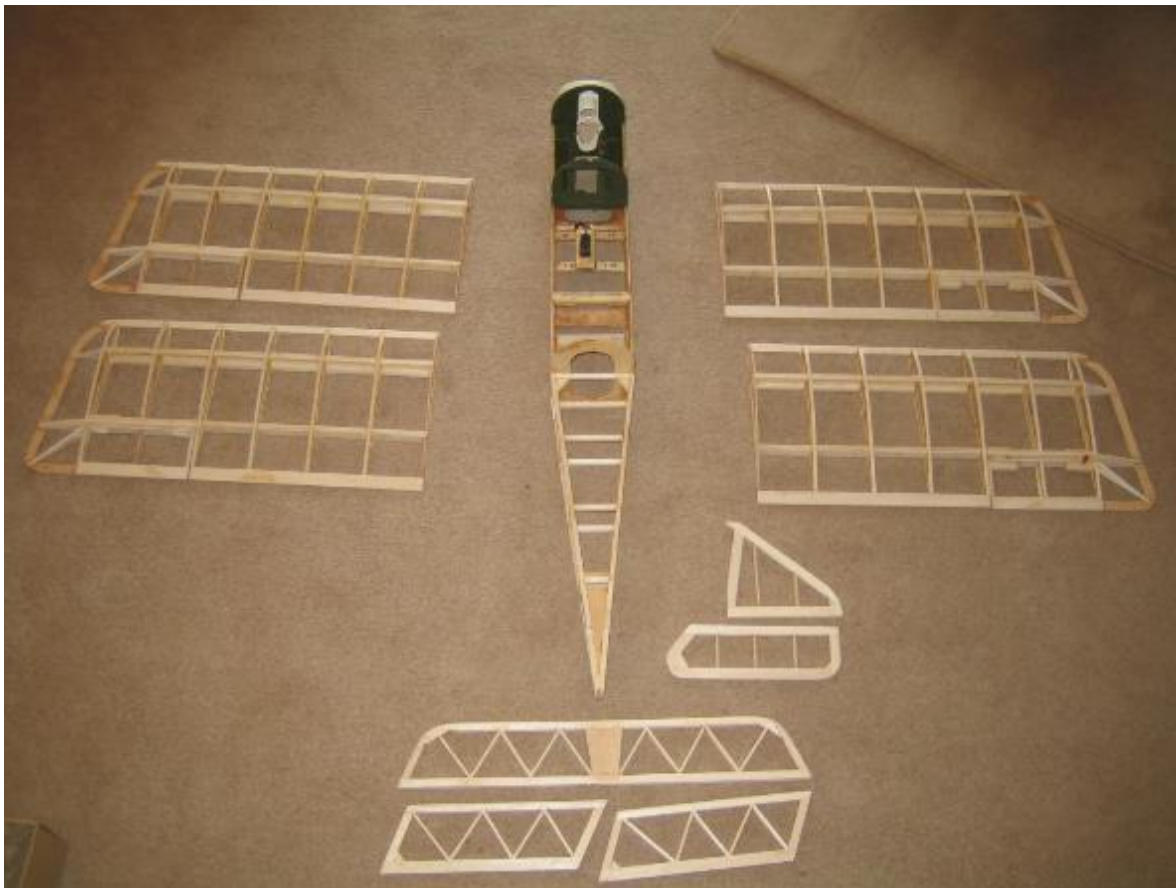
Tony also sent in another picture of himself

Brentford RC monthly flyer – Peter advises that none of his suppliers have any stock and he wanted to mention that the suppliers will be increasing their prices. Peter Just sold 2 models seen below, they really caught his eye for exceptional quality. They are a new Extra and a 15cc Carbon Cub. If they interest you then please contact Peter for pricing, he will be happy to price match.

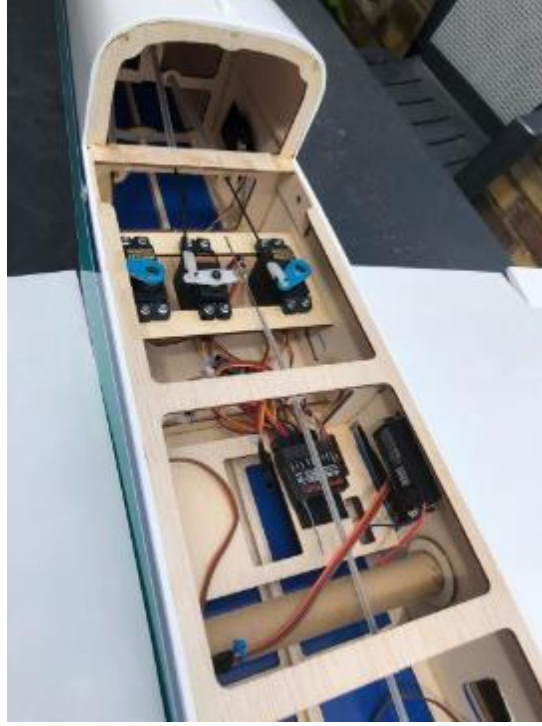


Projects

Frank Dalby-Smith SE5A – Project is progressing, still need to build the wing centre sections. These are just the basic woodwork sections at the moment with no hardware catered for, like wings strut fixings etc, so still a heck of a lot to do yet.



Tony Bloomfield's Dual Ace – Tony has been working on a Seagull Dual Ace kit for the last couple of months, over all it has not been a difficult ARTF kit to assemble. The kit was purchased from Peter at Brentford RC. It is powered by two OS 55AX engines. Altogether, there are now 4 members with the same plane, we plan to meet up soon and fly them all together. All 4 are powered up with different engines and Tony has kindly prepared and sprayed 4 different coloured propellers to help identify them.



Mathew's Tornado refurb – Some more progress since the May Newsletter, Mat not only has had to replace the veneer on the wings but the foam underneath was in a sad state. It now looks much less horrible and is ready for covering.



Stripped down to basics, even the foam was damaged



Ready for some covering.

Events are all cancelled, details left on in case the restrictions are lifted

Date	Event	Location	Description
Wednesday 8 th July	Club meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Saturday 4 th July	Work party	Harefield	Prepare the site for Fun day.
Sunday 5 th July	Fun Day	Harefield	Annual family Fun Day.
Sunday 26 th July	Colne Valley Festival	Colne Valley Park, Denham	Volunteers required to help at our stall
Wednesday 12 th August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field

Wednesday 9 th September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 8 th October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Guest speaker
Thursday 12 th November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Possible quiz night
Thursday 10 th December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal

BRENTFORD RC PROMOTION

Please contact Peter at Brentford RC If you are interested in purchasing any modelling items, advising him that you are a WLMAC member, on 07956 581697.