



NEWSLETTER

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WORK PARTY DOES THE BUSINESS

Fortunately the good spell of weather in the middle of February held out so that we managed to complete the work party planned for the 18th. We had an extremely good turn out of enthusiastic members who, with a flight of wheelbarrows, soon distributed top soil and turf to the rabbit holes on the field.

Other members, some accompanied by their whole families, then set about the task of filling the holes with seeded top soil and laying the turf on top to provide a flat surface suitable for model aeroplanes immediately. Whilst the rabbit holes were being dealt with, Des Wheatley and Leon Taylor's grandson, James, cut back the grass and weeds to the east to progress the extension of the field. To round off the session the energetic members removed the remainder of the old top soil near the pits to fill general depressions around the field that become deep puddles after

extensive rain. This view from the pits shows the extent of the work and the impact this has had out to the east. The committee thanks everybody concerned for their support.



Chairman's Cub landing on the repaired strip

Bring and Buy

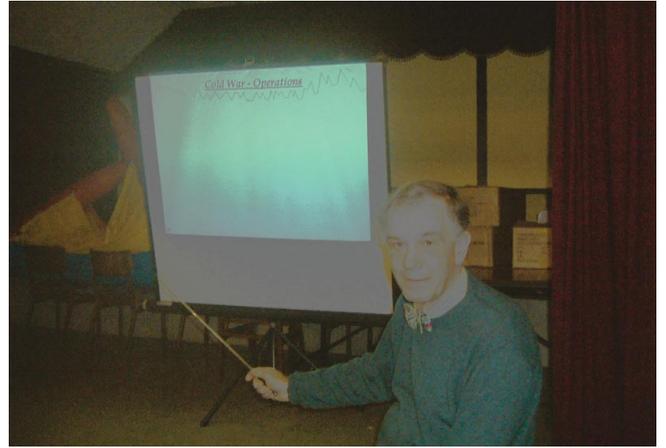
Our **May** meeting will be a bring and Buy. So get your stuff ready as this will be a good opportunity to sell or buy at the beginning of the season.

Our Next Meeting at the Battle of Britain club will be at 8.00pm on **Thursday, 11th March 2004** when Group Captain A V Hall RAF (Ret'd), will talk about the organisation, operation and development of the RAF Museum since its opening in 1972.

Henry Hall joined the RAF as a Halton apprentice and after a career as an engineering officer retired from RAF Bentley Priory in 1996. He then joined the RAF Museum where he is now the Director of the Curatorial Division and responsible for the collections on display at Hendon and Cosford, and the Reserve collection at Stafford.

MILITARY AIRCRAFT HISTORY SORTED

Tony Taylor has captured this picture of Alex Weiss during his extremely well researched talk at our February meeting at the Battle of Britain club which covered a very rich period of British aeronautical engineering innovation. In his review, he dealt with an amazing number of different aircraft providing the key performance facts and figures. With Kevin Walton's help with the PC and the projector he was able to show clips of many of them flying.



NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

A warm welcome to new members Richard Norman and son Geoff (13) who together took up R/C flying about three years ago and since then have regularly flown electric park flyers and foamie slope soarers, the latter at Ivinghoe.



Entirely self-taught until now, they have joined WLMAC hoping to develop their skills and experience, particularly of I/C powered aircraft and with that in mind are now putting the finishing touches to an ARTF Spacewalker and a Kyosho Spitfire. A measure of their enthusiasm for the hobby is their personal web-site dedicated to model-flying. Have a look at it on: www.flying-models.org We think you'll be impressed.



NOISE TEST DAY

John Fowles is the committee member responsible for our campaign to reduce noise. The club chairman has tidied up the club's noise register and John has the noise meter in his possession so we are ready for our spring noise test day which will be held on March 13th.

When considering model noise levels effective silencers are essential, but remember that:

REVS EQUAL NOISE: REDUCING THE REVS REDUCES THE NOISE'.

A more satisfactory and permanent way of reducing the revs is to load up the engine with more pitch. An aluminium disc with several holes drilled into it, inserted into a standard silencer, produces a substantial drop in exhaust noise with little effect on the performance. This applies to silencers that can be dismantled. If yours can't, then consider adding yet another silencer to the one you already have.



*Now that they have John Fowles running
Noise testing I'm taking no chances.*

HELP YOURSELF

Des Wheatley's son drafts model aeroplane plans for one of the major model magazines. From time to time a few samples are going spare. Des has placed these in the clubhouse for anybody that may be interested. In the main they are quarter scale "scratch build" plans. Plans are available now for the TSR 2, De Havilland DH 60 Moth, PFALZ E1 Eindhoven and FOKKER D.VII. If you have any questions then contact Des.