

# WLMAC Newsletter July 2021

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Our first work party since 2019 and a fine turnout of members, thanks everyone.

**Welcome to our July Newsletter** – Including details of our first month of near normality. We had our 1st work-party for ages and prepared the site and hut for our hosting of the BMFA scale event, this was then followed by a club-night/ BBQ. The Dual Ace team had another meet up and flight. Also, Tony B has kindly offered to hold engine workshops for anyone interested. Bucks Search and Rescue team had a training session at Harefield and more. Date change and details for our Fun-day. Also, apologies for last month's spelling mistakes, a glitch in our checking process.

## Parish Notices

**Club Rules** – Mat has placed the updated club rules on the notice board in the hut along with the up to date “Useful contact number list”.



**Family Fun day date change** – We have had to change our scheduled date from 11<sup>th</sup> August to 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Work Party – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August. Work party in the morning is required to prepare for our family fun day. Usual jobs include cleaning the hut and windows, cleaning the chairs and tables, filling in the rabbit holes etc. We need a good turnout of members please, as many hands make lighter work. It shouldn't be too dirty as we have just recently cleaned it for the BMFA event. Usual soup, cheese and French stick will be provided.

Family Fun Day – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August. Mathew will be sending out the usual confirmation email on the Saturday to confirm the event will take place, depending on the weather. We would like members to turn up about 09:00 to get things ready as general flying starts at 10:00. The following jobs will need to be done:

- Set up Gazebos.
- Re-position cones on flight-line.
- Assess wind direction and determine location of pilot's box and BBQ.
- Set up the sound system.
- Put out chairs and tables that were cleaned on Saturday.
- Set up a notice board outside club house showing the day's schedule (time for BBQ food service, event flying times, buddy and FPV information, time for presentation of awards, etc.).

When our event is all over, could members please stay behind for another half an hour or so to get everything put away again (won't take long if everyone helps), that would be very useful.

**Filming at Stockers farm update** – Filming has been progressing at Stockers, their site rep's have been asking us to stop flying when needed, please continue to be polite when asked to briefly stop flying IC planes.

**Pickeridge Farm Update** – Test flying has now started, if anyone wishes to do their required trial flight then please contact Felix to arrange for this. If you are feeling a little rusty you will definitely need to have had some practice or some training flights at Harefield before attempting your trial flight at Pickeridge. After a successful demonstration you will be allowed to fly there.

The planning process is grinding along and the latest advice from the planner is that the required planning committee meeting will now take place in July. It missed the June date because he was still awaiting a report from one of the consultees. Mat has been chasing and we will keep you informed of any developments.

We managed to get the second bollard lock working which enabled Toby to take his big roller into the site. The runway was rolled 3 times, this alongside Tony B mowing. The grass had grown so long Tony had to mow it twice. Afterwards, Mat treated us to a pub lunch in the Greene King, Fox and Pheasant, next to our field. The food was nice, the price was good and they also serve breakfasts from 9.00am. Well worth a visit.



**Test flying at Pickering –** Mark Pressling had a heli test flight session in readiness for a demo evening we have planned with a local Cub Scout group. At the same time a site visit was laid on for Kevin Lambi and Martin Hill. Kevin also managed a drone test flight

**Work party 9<sup>th</sup> June (at Harefield)** – A good turnout of members, early and ready for action. Tony P and Colin cut back the overgrown bushes on the drive up to the field. Tony B Had to cut the field twice, as it had grown so much. James tended to the Astro-turf, treating the moss with Daz and then he sprayed the rest with weed-killer. Mat sprayed the paving and strimmed the car track, as well as cracking the whip with sorting out the hut where the majority of us were involved, not a cup was left unturned. Everything was taken out and cleaned. We were all treated to hot soup and French stick with cheese. This left the club all ready for the BMFA scale event



With the hut emptied, it was cleaned from corner to corner



No fish to catch there Tony

**BBQ at the field 9<sup>th</sup> June** – A full day for most of us after the work party, some flying and training and then onto the evening BBQ. Andy arrived very enthusiastic with some new ideas for the BBQ. Worrying that he would be a little rusty, if he was it didn't show, the food was super. Thanks very much Andy.



Above, Robin walking back after a successful training flight with Mike, above right James also having a training flight with Dennis and to the right, Roy with his Wot4



**BMFA Scale day** – 13<sup>th</sup> June was a beautiful, calm, sunny day and a fine day for WLMAC to host this event. A good turnout from the BMFA scale team and a good number of our own members came to see the display our Andy was there again with his superb BBQ, thanks again. Well done Mathew, for competing and managing to come 8<sup>th</sup>, flying his Yak 50 which he picked up at a club-night for £50. Thanks to Dave Whitley and Mike Marman for sending some pictures.





Chairman Mat flying his Yak 50.



Andy's BBQ was up to its usual high standard, thanks Andy.





First place – Dave Charles



First place light scale. All the names and results will be on the BMFA web site

**The Boys were back on the patch with their Aces** – A beautiful Tuesday afternoon with lovely sunshine and negligible wind, we were back with an additional member Pete Ledger who was ready to join in, flying an all-electric version with lights. All 5 took off safely, after one circuit one of my (Felix) engines stopped and it became a handful to keep flying giving me no choice but to shut the other engine down and glide it onto the long grass, sustaining just a broken propeller and a detached nose cone, lucky me. Pete had problems with his landing gear and also could not fly again. Luckily, they all survive to fly another day. Anyone else want to join us next time?





**At The Field** – Tony B wizzing round in his Mustang profile plane approached by a Red Kite, Who says our hobby scares wildlife?



Pictures by Graham Motler

**Engine Workshops** – Our very own Engine Guru and Field Marshal Tony B has kindly offered to hold engine workshops at Harefield for anyone who has any issues with their IC engines. If you have a running problem, a second hand engine that needs checking, 4 stroke engine that needs its rockers checked, a new engine that needs running in or any other problem, Tony will endeavour to help you out as best as he can. These sessions will be held on most Saturday mornings 10:00 – 12:00 behind the hut (winter months

excluded). Feel free to just turn up but if possible please advise Tony before on WhatsApp or by phone. Sessions will commence on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

**Bucks Search and Rescue** – had their first training session on 10<sup>th</sup> June at Harefield which went well and they sent in a couple of pictures for our Newsletter. They will have more of these throughout the year, so if you ever bump into them please say hi.



Date	Event	Location	Description
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Wednesday July 14	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the Field
Wednesday August 11	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
August	Fun-day	Harefield	BBQ/ picnic and flying. Low-key comp's.
Wednesday September 15	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 14 October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Quiz night
Thursday 11 November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	TBA
Thursday 9 December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 9 December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal