

WLMAC Newsletter September 2021

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Family Fun Day flyers. A good show was put on by all, in spite of a breezy, cloudy day.

Welcome to our September Newsletter – An active month for most of us, starting with some sound testing at Pickeridge for our planning application. We had our BBQ at the field on club night, then followed by our later than originally planned Fun Day, help on the Saturday and the Sunday was plentiful, thanks to all. It was lovely to be back to normal club activities having missed out on so much last year.

Parish Notices

CAA Operator ID Reminder – By now most of us have placed our ID on our models. If you are bringing a model out that has not been used for a while, please remember to check it has your current ID, clearly labelled in accordance to the CAA instructions.

DVD's and Books Kept in the Hut – Members are reminded of the aeroplane related books and DVD's which are available for members to borrow. Also, if anyone has any books or DVD's to add to our collection, please leave them in the hut, on the bookcase.

Family Fun Day – Preparations for our Family Fun Day started on Saturday 28th, we had a fantastic turnout of members. Tony B finished off the lawn area which he had been working on all week. The rest of us did the usual cleaning and tidying up of the hut, Also, cutting the overgrown areas of the drive up to the field, filling the potholes etc. We were then all treated to the usual hot soup, bread rolls and nibbles. Thanks to all, the field looked great. Also, a big thanks to all who stayed behind to help tidy up at the end.



All hands on deck the hut cleared of rust and painted, come on Mat stop talking, do some work.



James on the grinder.

Cheer up Tony, your work is done the lawn is looking great.

Andy all ready for the Big BBQ session.



Rabbit holes filled Jason and Tony, time for some grub.

Mower over worked Tony?

Fun day Sunday - An excellent early turnout of members again, the chairs and the Gazebo's were out before 9am. Andy was also there early with the BBQ and treated us

with bacon and egg sandwiches, Andy set us all up and ready for an enjoyable day. Peter Emanuel was there for the commentating and the flying displays started at 1.00pm. The weather could have been a little kinder to us as the wind built up and the clouds filled the sky half way through the morning, but at least it didn't rain.

Just as the flying commenced, Andy had the BBQ food ready and Graham brought the fruit salad, his wife Lori had kindly prepared this for us at home. A big thanks to all who stayed behind to help tidy up at the end. Graham was there with his new SLR camera and kindly took most of the pictures for this month's newsletter, thanks Graham.



Colin with usual selection of nice planes and as ever happy to pose for a Pic

Richard's Sikorsky S-39 finished but too windy to maiden



Kevin patiently waiting to fly his drone.

Graham fettling one of his models.





Tony receiving his trophy for his excellent scale heli flight

Graham Stone for the Peter Conway Trophy





Well done to all of our winners

Filming at Stockers farm update – Filming is ongoing, at least until the end of September. There will be someone from the filming team at the field to ask us to stop flying, only if necessary. This should only affect some models. As usual please co-operate with any polite requests.

Pickeridge Farm Update

The quad bikers have been out again in numbers, moving our benches and cones to the side and spreading the gravel in the pit area, throwing big stones over our patch and leaving doughnut circles over the pits. We have been told that they had been active over the recent weekends also causing an ongoing disturbance to the locals.

Pickeridge Independent noise survey assessment – 7 members including 5 of the committee recently attended with an independent noise assessment company (needed as part of our planning application). Following the initial background noise checks, we then tested every typical type of model we could use, including planes, heli's, drones and cars. Every category was individually monitored and then as groups. This would never happen in “real life” but the specialist wanted us to simulate the best to worst scenarios of noise generation. We flew 5 electric planes at one time and 3 IC planes. The IC planes

were also checked with one, two and 3 planes flying together. We also had heli's and a drone up at the same time. One of the neighbours, whom Mat had visited before, came out to check what was going on, due to the unusual amount of activity and was interested in the extent of the comprehensive noise testing that was taking place. We had also arranged with another neighbour to get their feedback on the proceedings (via a telephone link up). This was all really appreciated and will assist with our ongoing planning application.



The most vehicles we have had at Pickeridge, so far. A windy morning with the wind sock horizontal.



Some of the test models.



Graham flying his drone whilst being noise recorded

BBQ at the field in August - A very well attend evening, weather was good, wind was low, the car park was full and Andy had the BBQ going on full heat. Perfect for a summer club night. I was even chief taster for Andy's new style burger, very nice Andy, we had a small amount of RC bits on the bench for the "Bring and give/ Bring and buy" section.



Andy, all set and ready to grill.



Car-park full and all benches in use



Frank Dalby Smith accident with a propeller –



I did this to myself last Friday while tweaking the engine of my Puppeteer. Thought I would send you this for the Newsletter, as a reminder to others. No matter how long we have been in the hobby there is always the risk of a momentary lapse of attention. A prop at full chat will cause a lot of damage either fuel or electric powered.

Well done boys – We only have a few trainees at our club now that both James Patterson and Michael Powell both passed their A test on Saturday 14th August. A special thanks to Mike Marman, his training team and Stuart the examiner. We have several prospective trainees on the waiting list and they can now join and start training.



Projects

Dennis Hughes transporting frame – Dennis sent in pictures of his model transporting frame, made from overflow pipe, elbows, tees and 22mm pipe insulation. Good work Dennis your frame should reduce hanger rash and travel damage.





Date	Event	Location	Description
Wednesday September 15	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field (last one this year)
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

Items for Sale

Tony Taylor is selling his Great Planes Military Stearman. Price £300. Wing span 72". Powered by an OS 120 FS. Spectrum A620 receiver. In good condition, frequent winner of the club's scale trophies. An exceptional aerobatic performer and a joy to fly. He's reluctant to sell but it's time to hang up his transmitter.

Contact Tony





Tony Bloomfield is selling his Hangar 9 Christian Eagle, airframe only, comes with fuel tank, tail feather bags, wing storage frames, bnib wheel spats, second cowl. It was flown with Evolution 20cc petrol engine and a Saito 125.

