



NEWSLETTER

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FIELD UPDATE

Over the last few weeks Chenies, now called ISS Waterers Landscapes, have mown the field twice. They have also agreed to mow the new area to the East that Des Wheatley prepared last year. The grass is now very short and following the recent dry windy weather has dried out well. So, the field is in excellent condition for Model Aircraft flying and on Tuesday this week, when the windy weather abated for a day, there were over twelve members in attendance.

As promised at the AGM, the committee has contacted the landowners to seek relaxation of the 7.00pm embargo on IC powered flying. Unfortunately, for our working members, this request was firmly refused. To encourage electric flying in the club, our next meeting, the first at the field this year, will be an "Electric Fly-in". Please note that under the club rules six electric models can be in the air at the same time. Please come along, there will be no difficulty in getting some stick time.

ANDY HOPPER'S "BIG-UN"



These two shots show member Andy Hopper with his latest creation, an own design, scratch built "big-un", over 90 inches in wingspan, powered by a 40cc petrol engine and weighing in at eight kilos. Designed as a toffee bomber and banner tower with a cavernous automated hatch in the underside, it unfortunately came out one kilo over the BMFA weight limit for toffee bombing so a new use has yet to be found; perhaps giving joy rides to members' younger children? As you would imagine from its size and wingplan, it flies like a dream, but the "big-un" still lacks a name.

A monster prize of £5 is on offer to the member who can come up with the most suitable name, to be decided by Andy himself; suggestions by email please to andrewhopper@ic24.net. *Peter Nielsen*



Our Next Meeting on Wednesday **8th June 2005** at the Flying field at Harefield will be an **"Electric Model Fly-in"**. Weather permitting, the meeting will commence at 7.00pm. Six models may fly at the same time so everyone should be able to get a flight. Don't forget to bring your friends and family.

JIM ROWE RIP

Our longer serving members will be saddened to hear of the death on the 2nd May of Jim Rowe, at the tragically early age of 51. Jim became a WLMAC member in the early 1990's at which time he was a serving police officer in Ealing. During those early years he was a frequent and highly competent flyer at Harefield and later, at Larkin's field when the club was forced to move in 1995. About six years ago Jim became unwell and lymphoma was diagnosed causing his early retirement from the police force and relocation to mid Wales where he indulged his other great interest of rebuilding full-size, narrow-gauge, steam locomotives.

Despite moving to Wales Jim remained a 'life member' of WLMAC being one of those who lent a capital sum to the club at a time when we were desperately short of funds. Those of us who saw him during this period were shocked to observe his steadily declining health and appearance. He died in hospital.

Recalling happier times, the attached photo taken in August 1996, at the WLMAC summer barbeque at Larkin's field, shows Jim organising the catering and acting as head chef. He even built the grill with his own hands and donated it to the club. He will be sadly missed and will be remembered as a quietly charismatic personality always prepared to lend a hand when help was needed. In his memory, the Club has donated £50 to the Cancer Research Fund at Shrewsbury Hospital.

Peter Nielsen



Tony Taylor captured Brian Lee's Tiger Moth making a low pass at the field in May



Not to be out done, Leon Taylor's Tiger Moth is also on the scene!



A warm welcome to our newest member, father of four Dean Tilley, on his first visit to Harefield. Although he describes himself as a beginner with only 18 months R/C experience, Dean has already shown himself to be a competent pilot. He lives at Sunbury on Thames, and formerly flew with the Rye War Birds Club at Rye in Kent.

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