



NEWSLETTER

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SPRINGTIME KICK-OFF FOR ASTRO TURF PROJECT

Superimposed on Gordon Tarling's excellent aerial shot of our Harefield site (right) is an approximation of the one thousand square metre area to be covered with rabbit proof, Astro Turf artificial grass. The proposal is that it should be fifty metres long and twenty metres wide— three times the area originally envisaged and sited out beyond the "no fly inside" line. The area has been marked out with ground level flags and members are asked to try it out for size and orientation



Members are invited to give their views on the position or orientation of the Astro Turf patch . Email your ideas to Mat Dawson at mathew@harvilfarm.co.uk UP TO THE LAST DAY OF MARCH. Keep it succinct and constructive. No rambling, philosophical essays, please!

by flying a models from it. When work starts in April the rabbit-ravaged turf will be lifted and the underlying soil levelled before high grade sand is put down to make a firm foundation for the artificial turf. The generous area is expected to make cross wind and out-of-wind landings and take-offs easier. The work is expected to take a couple of weeks. Vehicles and equipment will be removed from the field every night to keep them safe from vandals and

thieves. The club will be calling for volunteer work parties to tackle the ancillary tasks—like relocating the frequency board and extending the paved path to it. Be ready to come and help prepare our brave new flying site for the summer flying season!

THE NEXT INDOOR FLYING SESSION
At the CLEMENT DANES SCHOOL IN
CHORLEYWOOD is on
FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH.
Doors open at 8—0 p.m..

This looks like an unremarkable picture of a military DC3 doing a nice landing, right on the runway centre line in the African sunshine. It was 1986, and the VIP top brass on board were arriving at a military airfield in Namibia, where the South African occupiers were fighting a losing battle with guerrillas from neighbouring Angola. The landing looks smooth and uneventful, but look at page two to see the problem the pilot was having to deal with!



Frank Dalby Smith is selling three of his models, but only because he has "too many models and needs a change." His lovely Goldberg Extra 300 (above), is a familiar sight at Harefield. Asking price is £225 or the "nearest sensible offer." Its OS 120 pumped engine is available separately, at a price to be negotiated. The Extra boasts JR/Eagle servos, and an American anti vibration mount, drilled for the OS 120. On board glo system and battery. JR heavy duty switch with charging socket. Carbon fibre undercarriage. Beefy 3mm steel rod control linkages with steel clevises. Custom made MG decals as used by the Denham based aerobatic team. Frank is also putting up his GANGSTER 62 for sale for £125 or nearest offer. It is powered by a Super Tiger 91. JR servos, heavy duty switch, a 3000 MA NmH battery, 12X11 APC propeller and a specially recessed aluminium prop nut. And then there is his electric SeBart Sukhoi 29S 30, with Hitec servos, Castle Creations ESC and two flight battery packs. The whole set up, says Frank, cost around £425. All yours for £185. Just add RX and radio battery.

Call Frank at 01494 711365



Above: A mini bring-and-buy at the February club meeting, in addition to the booked speaker, demonstrated the healthy state of our club and its membership. Any of our monthly meetings at the Battle of Britain Club or at the field may be regarded as a bring-and-buy but the March meeting IS a full scale, table top affair. So here is the formal announcement for you to remember:-

**THE MONTHLY MEETING AT THE
BATTLE OF BRITAIN CLUB
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH
AT 8-0 P.M. IS A
TABLE TOP BRING AND BUY
THIS IS THE TIME TO OFFER YOUR
UNWANTED MODELS , KITS AND BITS
AND BOBS FOR SALE. ONE MAN'S JUNK
IS ANOTHER MAN'S BARGAN!**



Arthur Creighton, long-serving RAF navigator and aviation enthusiast, came to our February meeting to tell us of all the aircraft, places, people and adventures he had experienced. A breakdown of heating in the Club's main hall obliged members to cram into the small dining room opposite the bar to make for an intimate atmosphere.