

# WLMAC Newsletter August 2022

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Tony B representing Darren, Kevin, Team - Colin/ Pete and Richard - Fun Day prize winners.

**Welcome to our August Newsletter.** In July the temperature was turned up. We had a pre-Fun Day work party and what a fun day we had. Also, another fantastic BBQ night at the field.

On a personal note, I would just like to thank the special people who have helped me get out of a big rut and back into the sky. Mathew, Mike, Dennis and Tony Bloomfield and encouragement from Felix. Regards Graham. Also, we've now got the date confirmed for our AGM/ Christmas dinner – it's Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at Uxbridge Golf Club, more details nearer the time but put it in your diary.



Our new Club flag organized by Kevin.

Also, a warm welcome to our new member Louis Budry (left) and very well done to Jake (Right) for passing his fixed wing 'A' test.

### **Furry visitor.**

We like to believe we are a very wildlife friendly flying field and there are often a variety of large and small birds in the air at the same time as we are flying. But recently, we've had another visitor, our very own fox come and pay us a visit. Please just be mindful of it trying to get into the club house, it's not shy and was definitely showing an interest in getting in there.



### **Some imminent dates for your diaries**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Club BBQ at the Field.

### **Family Fun Day –**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July was the work party preparing for Fun Day. There were multiple duties to be undertaken and we would like to thank everybody involved for their efforts. Andrew was there, at his cooking station, to provide sustenance for the team.



Some of the Saturday work party on a well-earned break.

Felix and I visited Costco's in Watford for the shopping trolley challenge. Two large trolleys later and we were on our way back. Next stop was Tesco's at Rickmansworth for some other stuff. By the time we returned the potholes had been filled and the grass and Astro turf was looking awesome. The club hut had been emptied and cleaned.

On the actual day, prep started at around 8.00 with a team getting the club hut sorted, the Gazebos were erected and chairs were placed out of the sun. 4

large bowls fruit salads were prepared early that morning.

Practice flights started around 10.00. Andrew again was at his outdoor kitchen for the first round of food, egg, and bacon rolls. His next task was to get the BBQ roaring for the main feast. Flying started under the guidance of (Brentford RC) Pete. This carried on until it was prize giving time. Mathew was on hand to carry out some Buddy box flying.



Pilots briefing.



Tony was demonstrating his skills.



Len's plane is a "Spook", scaled up and built buy our former Life President Lloyd Ressler.



Pilot training on the Buddy Box.



I live over there.



A nice selection of planes waiting for a slot to go flying.



Darren "just throw it Son".



Richard's own designs.



Colin, you do like your picture being taken.



Tamas, you need the wings on it to fly



Kevin Lambi



Richard Saunders



Colin and Peter



Tony Bloomfield for Darren



Brentford Pete



And our prize winners again.

**13 July BBQ night.** It was great to see so many people at the field for some great food. Andy and with his assistant Colin, another great job.



Don't think we can eat any more food.



Felix with his Prometheus.



John with his Pioneer.



'LED' Pete with his Viper. Wicked afterburner LED's.



My very own "Mentor" Mr Roger Darvell.





Wow that is some serious knife edge flying Roy.



James's Spacewalker.



David Orrells's Pulse.



"That's clever Roy didn't know it could do that, well Peter nether did I?  
 A 20minute flight, that's got to be IC". "What would Del-boy say", Dennis?  
 "Au contrair", "Bonnet de douche, "Je suis je reste", "Crème de la Menthe" etc etc..

**Pickeridge** – Tony, Felix, and Mathew attended the field, to carry out some maintenance (probably to include some weedkilling). Tony was on hand to cut the runway in preparation for some induction flying at the field. Felix was at hand with his trusty Acromaster for runway approval. We are now on the search for a suitable container/ store and met Suez to agree electric supply cable routes and other facilities/ requirements. These will soon be put into action and work-parties will be called to get things done. In the meantime, contact Felix or Graham if you want to visit.



**Harefield** – There was a recent incident where the fire brigade had to gain entry to the site. For some reason both the combination lock and the key padlock had been used, at the same time, to secure the gate? The fire brigade had to cut both chains to gain access. The procedures for the locks are as follows, when nobody is on site the keyed padlock and cable will be the only thing used to secure the site. The first person to enter the site will remove the keyed padlock and cable (securing the lock to one of the horizontal bars – see photo) and replace it with just the combination lock and chain only. Last person out replaces with the keyed padlock and chain (ideally with the actual lock hidden under the lock box – see photo). WE DO NOT USE BOTH AT ANY TIME PLEASE, it's a costly exercise to replace chains, locks, and cables when they are cut off.



### **Topping, at Harefield.**

We would again like to thank Toby for bringing his tractor and cutting equipment to do his usual excellent job of topping the outfield. This provides much improved access for retrieval and is also a condition of our lease (to maintain access to some of the monitoring points).



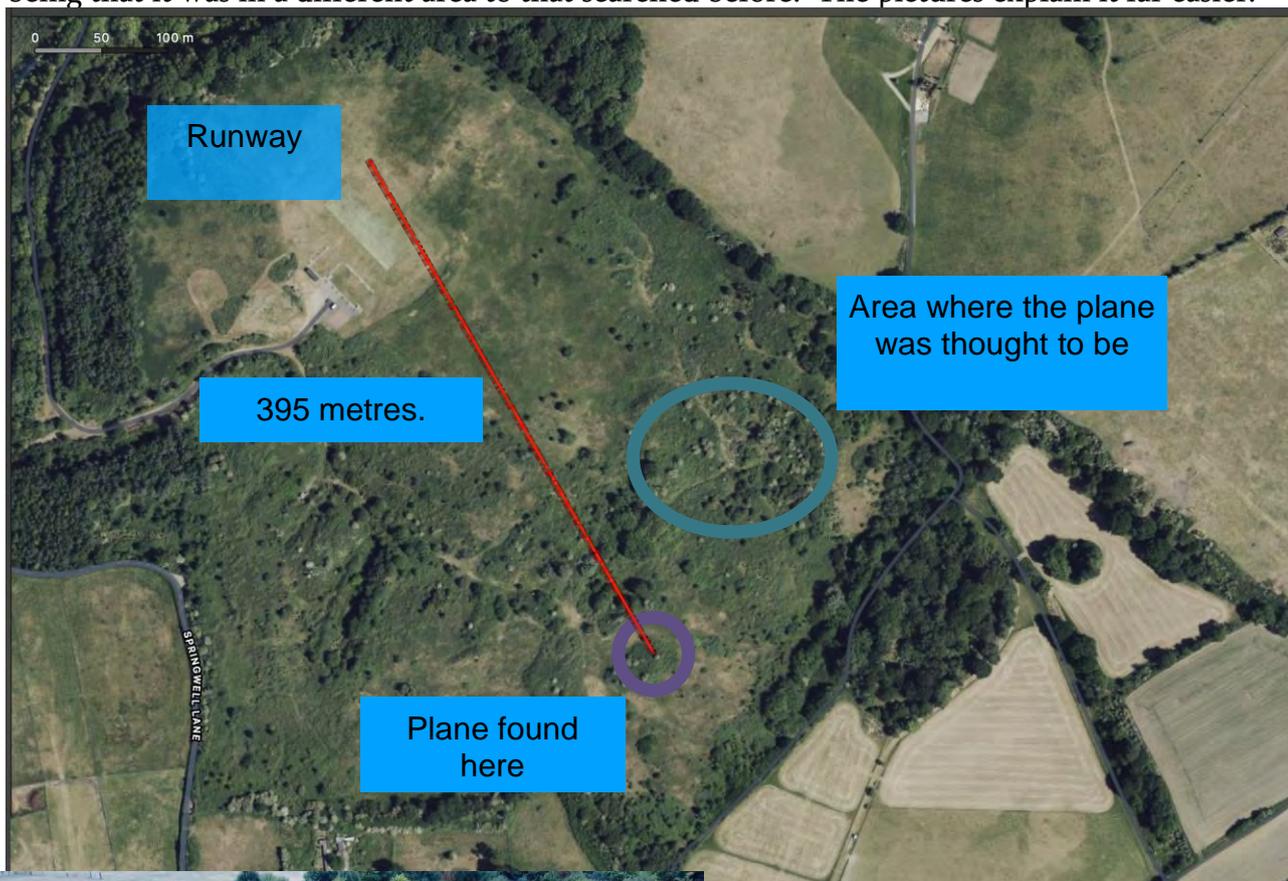
Toby's handy tractor work on the outfields. This view was from 395 feet up. We do have a large area for us to play in.

**Thank you for this article from Dave Orrells.**

**Mustang Rescue** - Last week, John Fowles lost a Mustang out to the right behind the trees. Several searches were made using drones but all to no avail. John was fairly sure where he'd lost the plane, so the searches were made of those areas.

Searching with a drone is far easier than trudging around on foot. However, it's not foolproof. The plane may end up under a tree or plunge through the brambles which then close up over the plane. Plus, the screens used with the drone make a big difference, I use an iPad mini which is obviously bigger than a phone but it's still small. The bright sunlight makes the screen hard to see and plane being searched for is very, very small.

However, finally there was success. John's plane was out in the open and accessible on foot, the problem being that it was in a different area to that searched before. The pictures explain it far easier.



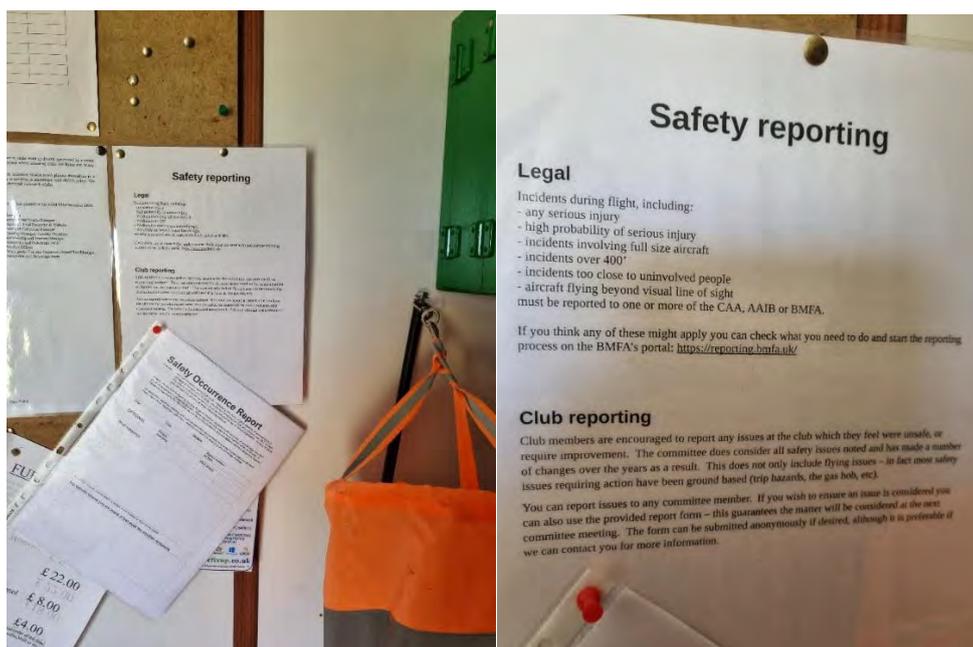
## Project info (Courtesy of Kevin) - a follow up to the "Skills Night".

Hi all,

It was great to see some interest around the electronics table at the skills night. There was a number of requests asking about the kit and materials I used. Most of the stuff that I ordered was from Amazon but you might be able to find it a little cheaper elsewhere. If you have any questions or need any advice, please let me know.

- **Soldering Iron** -- [Hakko FX-888D Soldering Station, 70W, AC, 26V : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools](#)
- **Soldering Iron Chisel tip** (mostly for battery connectors or soldering thicker gauge cable) - [Hakko T18-D24 Soldering Iron Tip Chisel 2.4mm x 14.5mm \(2.4mm\) : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools](#)
- **Flux pen** – basically liquid flux (always use flux even if the solder is rosin core [has flux in the solder]) - [MG Chemicals No Clean Flux Pen : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools](#)
- **Solder** (it can be personal choice on what people use but I have been using this Solder which has never let me down so far) - [TBS Solder 100g 0.8mm | HobbyRC UK](#)
- **Solder Sucker** (used if you have used excessive solder on a joint) - [MOGAOPI Desoldering Pump, Solder Wick, Spare Nozzle, Solder Sucker, 1pcs Solder Braid Desoldering Wick, Desoldering Vacuum Pump Solder Remover Tool \(4 in 1 KIT\) : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools](#)
- **Electronics helping hands** (handy [excuse the pun] if you need to join wires or need a steady hand for the join) - [Flexible Helping Hands Soldering Third Hand Soldering Station Tool 8 Helping Hands Magnifier Mini Flashlight Non-Slip Aluminum Base Swiveling Clips : Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools](#)
- **Micro heat gun** (Note this is the exact same as the one I used but it's a bit pricey now...there are alternatives and if you are in the workshop there are also electric versions) - [IRODA MJ-600 HEAT GUN, GAS, 650C, MICRO-THERM: Amazon.co.uk: DIY & Tools](#)
- **Heat Shrink** (used for connectors or covering joins) - [Preciva 750 Pieces Heat Shrink Tubing, Electric Insulation Heat Shrink Wrap Cable Sleeve, Cable Insulated Sleeving Tubes, Shrink Ratio 2: 1, 5 Colors, 12 Sizes : Amazon.co.uk: Business, Industry & Science](#)

**Safety Occurrence Reporting (SOR)**- Stuart has prepared the necessary Safety Occurrence Reporting Forms for the club and these are now available, if required, in the clubhouse, next to the 1<sup>st</sup> Aid kit. There is also a guidance note that relates to these – see photos below. Obviously, if you are ever in doubt about anything safety related then always contact a committee member for guidance.



## Up and coming Events

Date	Event	Location	Description
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at Harefield
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at Harefield
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Meeting	Harefield	Quiz Night
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	TBC
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals and Christmas Dinner
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal