

WLMAC June Newsletter 2023

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Welcome to the June newsletter.



The Corfu Boys 2023.

Harefield Site. All in fine fettle. NB we will soon be having a work party – Saturday 10th June (weather permitting). Please make the effort to turn up and help out, as many hands make light work etc. The main activities we need to carry out are as the list below, if you can bring tools great, if not, don't worry we have some available. There is something for everyone whether your able bodied or not and all attending will be provided with the usual lunch. Topping of the outfield will take place in the next week or so.

Activities (useful tools in brackets).

Rabbit hole filling of the mown areas (shovel/ spade).

Strimming.

Repairs to the Astroturf.

Applying washing powder to the Astroturf (kills the moss).

Pothole filling on the access road (shovel/ spade/ wheelbarrow).

Clubhouse spring clean.

Pickeridge Site.

Is looking fantastic. The runway grass is being cut regularly and at some stage soon we will have a work party there as well. We still have the motor bike and quads turning up and riding on the runway and pit areas but the damage caused is extremely minimal, as it all drains so well, even with all the wet weather we've had recently. The Police have been contacted about the unauthorised incursions and they want to meet up to see what can be done etc. The new entrance

set up is working great, just be mindful of the new gas assisted bollard, there has been an incident where one vehicle has entered and the next vehicle has followed and the bollard has started to rise. NB this only happens after very heavy rain, basically if it needs to be pushed down it is likely to come back up on its own – see the photo above, when its dry there isn't an issue as it drops flush with the ground and stays there. It can be locked in the down position, so if in doubt do this to make sure it doesn't come back up.

The entrance gate into the actual field has now got a combination lock on it and it is the same code as Harefield. If you intend going there to fly then please put a message on the Pickeridge WhatsApp Members page, so others know you are going etc. Also log any attendance in the book in the club hut.



Pickeridge pits and runway - looking more and more awesome.



Ground water pushes up the gas assisted bollard.

Club nights –

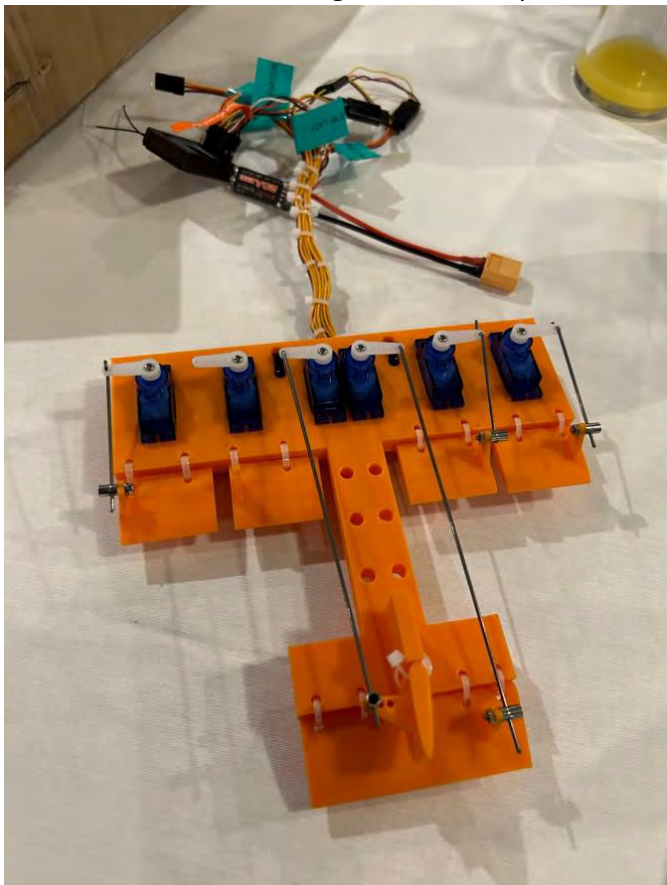
We had our last indoor club night at the Uxbridge Golf club in May. The attendance was excellent and the new format seemed very popular. There was a good collection of planes and transmitters where radio set ups needed some assistance. It became apparent that of some of the AS3X receivers were not securely mounted. This is a massive no, no, please make sure they are secured in the correct location, being loose will undoubtedly cause problems and will definitely make a difference.



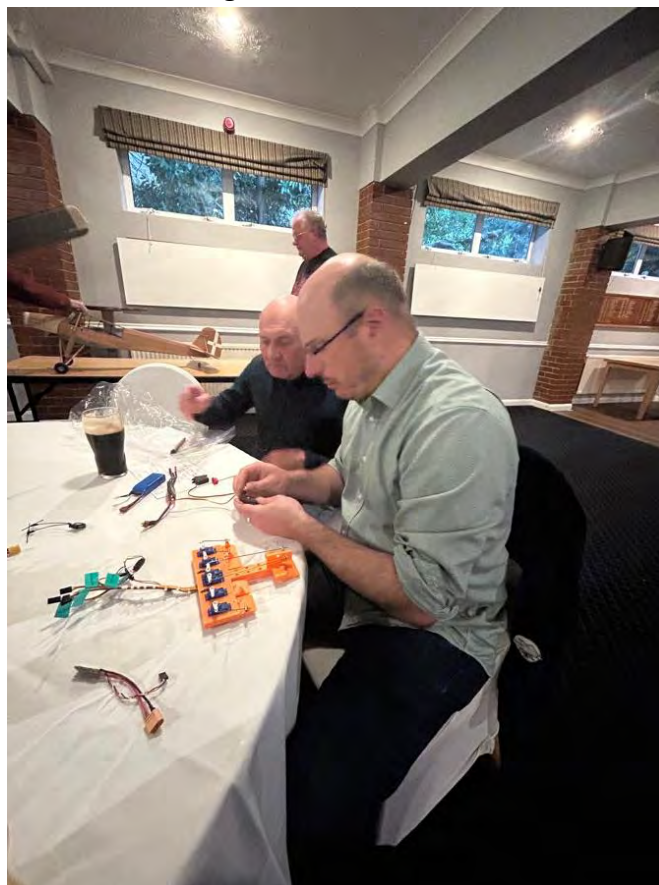
Mat and Michael checking out the set up.



Stuart assisting John with his Futaba radio.



Kevin has come up with an ingenious gizmo for checking radio settings.





Felix assisting Jeff with his radio installation and set-up.



Robin and Roy watch Mike being hit over the head with a model for some educational reason?



The Corfu Boys did it again.

The numbers seem to be growing each year, ten of us assembled at Mathew's house for a very early 01.00 start on the Thursday. Seven of us were chauffeured to Gatwick Airport. Thank you to Kevin Lambi, John Merry and Roger Darvell for driving us there. Luggage drop-off was quick and painless. Statutory Breakfast was consumed in Weatherspoon's. Short wait and we were on board and our way. The flight was clear all the way. as we have the seat next to the wings loads of leg room to chill out and some slept. The view of the Alps was awesome. The sun was waiting for us as we got off the plane, it was nice to feel the warmth.

We were picked up and driven to the Hotel. Check in and then nice cold Beers. 17.00 soon came around and that meant off down to the hanger for a spot of flying until 20.00. We had a small amount of rain in the week. Lots of flying was done, the swimming pool was a nice relax in the afternoons to keep the bodies cool from the Sun. Food was spot on. The wind did change in the afternoon which meant take offs and landings would vary from left to right or right to left. Even IC Tony had a fly with the non-IC planes. If you had not been there before, you were asked to demonstrate your ability. There were plenty of planes ready to fly. I spent all the week practising with my helicopter that I took with me. Kevin was flying his drones and the RC Hotel's planes. He was also flying FPV with linked headsets, this gave an incite of first-person viewing. There was a time when there was nobody on the main flight area and he did several speed trials with over 100mph logged.

There was some Buddy Box tuition carried out as well. And then, yes, there were a few incidents when trees did get in the way.

Mathew was practicing some of his aerobatic manoeuvres. Gareth was also flying his T-rex 450 helicopter and did some long stint glider soaring. The week ended far too abruptly and it was time to return home. Corfu Boys 2024 is already booked for next year.



Early morning Breakfast.





On the Plane



The Hangar



Gareth "Mr Thermal"



Tony "Mr I.C."



Roger W, on the Buddy



Well, that's different!



Roger that's not a plane or a left-hand circuit.



John, found it



and another one!



Heli time.



Kevin giving FPV rides from his quad, just like the fair ground best to sit down.



Nice time to chill.

Sunday 11th June.

We are hosting another of the BMFA scale heats at our Harefield site. The club hands over our facilities to the “Lords of Scale” for one of the BMFA scale competitions which are held all over the country throughout the flying season. If you fancy entering talk to Mathew or otherwise just come along to spectate. Andy will be firing up the BBQ for lunch. All club flying will be suspended while the heat takes place (it usually finishes by 5.00pm).

Club nights.

The current dates for 2023 have now been added to the events schedule (below) and are also available to view on our website.

	Event	Location	Description
Sunday 11 th June	BMFA Scale	Harefield	BMFA Scale Heat
Wednesday 14 th June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
9 th July	Fun Day	Harefield	Club event.
Wednesday 9 th August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 13 th September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 12 th October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Will possibly be another Quiz Night.
Thursday 9 th November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Will be Drone Racing Night.
TBC	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
TBC	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal