

# WLMAC August Newsletter 2023

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Welcome to the August newsletter.

July was a good month for club activities. BBQ night at the field. Our Fun Day. 5 new members.

Pilots briefing on Fun Day.



## **Harefield Site.**

Harefield site is really looking good. In fact, it was so good that we didn't need the usual work-party for the Fun Day. Felix and I went off to Costco and Tesco for the food and refreshments and the others set up the serving area in the clubhouse. The weather wasn't looking too good for the next day, but what a surprise, it turned out great. We gathered at the field early on the Sunday and soon the show was on the road. Andy was preparing the breakfast for the members who turned up to erect the Gazebo's and to clear the club house, ready for the buffet to be laid out. We would especially want to thank the ladies for all the work organising the food and refreshments. The members started to arrive ready for the day's activities to begin. Kevin oversaw the PA system and what a great job he did, thanks for stepping in to take over from Brentford Pete who did this for many years. The weather got better throughout the day and the flying was great. Mathew oversaw the Mentor being flown on a buddy system with lots of trade. Late into the afternoon the results for the awards were chosen and the trophies were handed out. Andy was working hard at keeping the BBQ fully stocked, there wasn't a lot of food left at the end of the day.

the non-alcoholic beers were a great idea, well done Felix for them. Once again there was some fine examples of planes being flown. We also had some excellent helicopter displays, as well.





PA master Kevin



The legendary chef himself - Andy with Roy ready to lend a helping hand with the washing up.





VIP seating all set up.



Graham Stone.



Grahams's fleet for the day.



And Colin's.



Mike Kettle's Pichler Amelia, no longer in production.



Tony Parrott's Helicopter and a nice-looking Kit.





LED Pete - slight adjustments needed (to the plane).



Dennis demonstrating a traditional WLMAC landing.



Rowan ready for walkies.



They think they are the MANAGEMENT.



There were Four awards.



Tony Bloomfield. Best flight of the day.



Dennis Hughes. Most improved Pilot.



Dennis Hughes. Best Aerobatic flight.



Graham Stone. Peter Conway Trophy.



## Pickeridge Site.

Is also looking fantastic. The runway grass is being cut regularly. A work-party is now booked for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August for some fettling. This will be the same format as Harefield with food, again prepared by Andy.

About two weeks ago I was given the challenge to see if I could carry out some repairs to the blade and pulley deck of the lawn mower, after it was removed and given to me. Wow, that was a bit of a shock to say the least, it had more holes than a sieve. The thing is I never turn down a challenge and we needed to repair this as opposed to purchasing a new one which was out of the question and we need this to last for as long as possible. Anyway, out came the tools and within no time it was ready for some serious fabrication and welding. I spent most of the last Saturday, at my Son's workshop with a new sheet of metal, tin snips and a mig welding machine. The next process was to put it in the oven for a bake, after stone chip coating. After it cooled a good coat of smooth Hammerite was applied, the whole thing then reassembled and some silver paint on the pulleys and brackets finished it off. In the end don't look too bad, do it!







**New Members.**

We have Five new members join WLMAC this month. If you see them at the patch then please make them feel welcome. Apart from Bob, they will all need a bit of WLMAC's fantastic training.



Kuldeep Nothey.



Bob How.



Jaime Da Costa.



Stephen Finnerty.



Paul Sharphouse.

### **Items in the Club house – A new “Bits Box” is coming.**

Over time, there have been some things go missing from the club hut, at Harefield. Including the “Bits Box” which was full of handy nuts, bolts and other odd ‘n’ sods, also a tool box. These had been built up over the years through donations and were to help out members “on the day”, to keep their models flying. They were never intended for restocking someone’s workshop! A lot of items do get donated to the club, bit like hand me downs and these are normally left on the oval table just inside the entrance door with a label stating that they are free for anyone to make use of and we are assuming that whoever took the items above believed this to be the case (it wasn’t). But from now on, unless they are labelled as free (or similar) then please do not take them away. Also, rx’s and servos from the club trainers have been taken and more recently a couple of new in packet props. The removal of these is a different matter entirely and these need to be returned.

On a more positive note, one of our new members Bob How and his son Matthew are going to put together a new box of spares to help people out for emergencies. Matthew sells planes and other modelling related items under the banner of APOB. **Aplaneolbargain.** Please only take what you need and leave the rest for other members. These spare parts are to keep you in the air instead of having to pack up and go home. A massive thankyou To APOB for getting our “Bits Box” going again (if anyone has anything they don’t need in the way of modelling accessories or tools then at anytime please feel free to top up this facility).

### **Club nights –**

Our summer club nights have been at Harefield so far this year but the next one will be at Pickeridge on Wednesday 9th of August, starting from 5.30pm, its BBQ time again (and electric flying), obviously weather permitting.

### **BMFA Magazine.**

Over the last week or so, your copy of the BMFA magazine has dropped through you letterbox. In this, we have two full pages dedicated to WLMAC. There were some very good aerial photos of our two sites. Felix did all the pen work bigging up our fantastic club. I would have joined on the information in the article alone.

### **Projects.**

EC test bench. Kevin is making sure all the electric equipment he is putting into his recently acquired Dual Ace is running at the correct voltage, wattage and well balanced before he installs it into the plane, measure twice cut once etc. The IC units were removed by the previous owner.

Kevin is also well versed with Radio Master Transmitters. Don’t struggle with radio equipment ask a member who is “in the know”, otherwise you could spend hours just going from section to section on your tx’s menu. Any problem could be sorted in a short amount of time with assistance.

We had a possible issue brought to our attention with regards to some transmitters and smart watches. We are carrying out some tests at the field with text messages coming through on a smart watch and these potentially interfering with a transmitter/ model. This issue possibly stopped the transmitter talking to the receiver. On this basis we are reminding everyone that phones must not be taken to the flight line (unless solo flying) – Club Safety Rule as follows.

- **B1 SAFETY RULES – BOTH SITES**
- Mobile phones must not be taken out near the flight line or flying area.





Kevin, doing his thing (Dual Ace propulsion).



John getting taught stuff.

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

	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Description</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Meeting	Pickeridge <u>not</u> <u>Harefield</u>	BBQ at the field
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	Club event	Pickeridge	Work-party.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Will possibly be another Quiz Night.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Will be Drone Racing Night.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal