



# NEWSLETTER

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## NEW CLUB HOUSE KEYS

John Fowles (pictured right) has done a wonderful job of replacing the three locks on the club house door. The new keys issued to many members are working exceptionally smoothly. If you still do not have your new key, contact Peter Nielsen, Leon Taylor or John Fowles. You may pick up your new key from one of them at the field. Or you can send for it by post. Write to John Fowles, 16 Moneyhill Road, Rickmansworth, Herts, WD3 2EQ, **not forgetting to enclose a stamped, addressed envelope.** Do not discard your old key, please. There is a key collection box on the table in the club house.

Michael Sullivan



## ANOTHER ATTACK ON THE GATE

Des Wheatley and Leon Taylor recently arrived at the field to find that the gate would not open. Closer inspection revealed evidence that a heavy vehicle had been pushing at the gate in an attempt to break it open, jamming the padlock in place. Fortunately Leon's car has a tow bar and he was able to pull the gate post into a position that allowed the gate to open and close. When opening the padlock you may find that the pin does not release as freely as before. If you rock the gate backwards and forwards the pin will release and you can open the padlock. As we've said before, if you see any suspicious activity at the gate, note the vehicle number of any vehicles around. Then contact a committee member immediately.

Michael Sullivan



Brian Lee's Hanger 9 Corsair as captured on ops on April 26th



## NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting at the Battle of Britain club on **Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** will be our spring Bring and Buy Sale. So if you are short of a model or two then you need to be there. Brentford Radio Control Centre will also be at their sales table so that you can also buy new if you want to.

## DIARY DATES

11 <sup>th</sup> May 2006	WLMAC Bring and Buy
17 <sup>th</sup> May 2006	BMFA Test Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2006	BMFA Test Day
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2006	Club house painting
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2006	Scale Day

## ONCE-DERELICT SUPER SIXTY FLIES AGAIN

Back at the beginning of 2003 a much modified and much battered "Super Sixty" model was rescued from the Harefield clubhouse, where it had been lying about for some time, having been donated to the club by a departing member. All

model aircraft freaks of a certain age have a lingering affection for this former freeflight design and one of them took pity on the sad remnants and vowed to restore them, and the project

was featured in WLMAC's newsletter. Some comedian had added no less than twelve inches to the wingspan, installing a piece of fishing line between the wings, passed under the fuselage to take care of the increased bending force. The covering was fuel-proofed nylon, which took several evenings of extremely careful work to remove without breaking up the whole airframe. The wings were returned to

RESCUING A WEARY VETERAN FROM THE GREAT BIN BAG IN THE SKY.

Many of our more mature members will recognise this stripped down airframe as that



their original size. The fuselage was repaired and beefed up in the right places. A new stabiliser and elevator was built, though the original tail fin survived. It would have taken unacceptably brutal surgery to replace the tiny fuel tank, so it was left in place. The Super Sixty, now in its original, familiar form, resplendent in Cub Yellow Solartex and powered by an OS 46 LA two stroke is flying again at Harefield, capable of circling sedately on only a third of the available power from the OS. None of that hooligan prop hanging for this venerable piece of aero modelling history.

Michael Sullivan



Lew Wrapson



Lew Wrapson spotted this example of close formation flying

Michael Sullivan



Ian MacPherson's Bucker Jungman flying on April 26th

## BMFA TESTING

Remember the club examiners will be available at Harefield on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006 and 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2006 to any members who fancy taking the 'A' or 'B' BFMA tests. If you can't make it on one of those dates you can arrange an appointment with an examiner. For an appointment, or for more information, call Leon Taylor on 01494 674002.



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