

WLMAC September Newsletter 2023

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Welcome to the September newsletter.



Dennis Hughes Passes his Fixed Wing 'B' certificate.

Harefield Site.

Well, what can I say, Harefield is still a brilliant and very well-maintained site. We also have an abundance of wildlife including a fox which frequently walks around the strip before disappearing into the rough to the right, it doesn't seem to get fazed with our activities whatsoever.

A Testing Time For Club's.

Sunday 3rd September saw a mass testing session at Harefield. This was open to any of our members together with the Hemel and Wycombe clubs and was a very successful day. The weather was on our side with the main order of the day being sun-protection. Of the WLMAC members, Tomi succeeded with his attempt at the Helicopter 'A', Gareth Hatcher was the Examiner. Next, was Brett (Bag 'o' Nerves) Wheatley who easily passed his Fixed Wing 'A' with Stuart examining. Also, throughout the day Kevin was undergoing the really, really, tough testing required to become a club examiner, in Kev's case for the Multi-rotor discipline. This was under the watchful eye of the Area Chief Examiner Mr Greg Butterworth who had made a special trip to WLMAC to specifically assess him. Kevin had to demonstrate his suitability by flying the Multi-rotor B test and then demonstrating his examining skills by checking out a test candidate, so Mathew was "volunteered." Mathew 1st did his 'A' (again) for which both Greg and Kevin agreed he achieved a pass standard. Then he had to attempt the Multi-rotor 'B'. He didn't quite pass this due to an official case of "dumb thumb," he

actually managed to graze his thumb when his quad revved up when he was retrieving it but as both Kevin and Greg agreed on the “fail,” all was good, it proved Kevin knew his stuff/ the requirements and so he passed the examiner test. Mathew had another go at the “B” later in the day with just Greg as the examiner (an Area Chief examiner can assess a B test on his own) which he passed with no problem, his thumbs still being fully functional. We also had 5 passes from Hemel. 2 Fixed Wing ‘A’ and 3 Fixed wing ‘B’ all with both Stuart and Gareth as examiners. Very well done to all of those involved.



Tomi, Helicopter ‘A’ cert with Gareth.



Brett, Fixed Wing ‘A’ cert with Stuart.



Kevin, Multi-rotor Examiner certificate with Greg Butterworth.



Mathew, Multi-rotor 'B' cert with Kevin and Greg.



The Members from Hemel Hempstead Model Flying Club with WLMAC examiners.

Anthony Smith, Fixed Wing 'A' and 'B' cert's. Manuel Torrealba Fixed Wing 'A' cert. Andrew Lomas, Fixed Wing 'B' cert. Kai Fixed Wing 'B' cert. Well done.



Anthony.



Andrew.



Manuel.



Kai.



Pre-Flite Briefing.

We would like to thank the examiners for giving up their time and the candidates for making the day possible. Also, the WLMAC membership, who graciously give up our facilities to allow this and all other the other events that affect the “normal” activities at the field.

The next and probably final testing session at Harefield, this year, is scheduled for Sunday the 17th of September (weather permitting). While some of the testing is in progress normal flying will again be restricted a bit (mainly during the B tests). For the gaps in between and during A tests, no problem. The testing proper will start about 11.00am. Again, we have invited the Hemel and Wycombe clubs.

So, if you want to come and see what is involved with an A or B test (or have an attempt) you are more than welcome, just turn up.

Competition News.

On the 27th of August WLMAC member Mark Pressling entered the BMFA Helicopter Nationals in the F3N Sport category. The venue was at Cuffley MFC, Hertfordshire. Kevin and I were privileged to watch him practising, to music, at our Pickeridge field during his extensive preparations. I didn't realise Helicopters could do some of the manoeuvres that he was performing. He was successful and obtained the Gold Award for 1st place, well done.



The prize.



Mark, “in the zone” (at Pickeridge).



Our helicopter selection on practice day.

Pickeridge Site.

The Pickeridge site is really starting to come into its own now. The runway is starting to look good from the constant care from IC Tony, on the recently renovated lawn mower. Also, we don't seem to be getting our 2 wheeled friends riding over the site at the moment, probably due to our continued activity there. We have had a BBQ night and all went well with an excellent turnout of members and guests, food was still BANGING, cooked by Andy. Also, there was a general tidy up work-party with another great turn out of members. The runway, the rotary area and walkway all had a lot of attention with levelling up, seeding, weeding, lots of grass cutting and another lunch by Andy.

Our next mission was the "Special task force," specifically to carry out the laying of services to our club hut. The trenches were dug all over the site by SUEZ the landowners as part of their planned "Leechate" systems renovations (basically essential pipework replacement). WLMAC were allowed to have use of the trenches. So, 280m of heavy-duty armoured cable later, the same length in water pipe and some Cat5 cable and we were all done.

There are too many helpers to name, you all know who you are, many thanks from a very grateful club. The heavy work was carried out in the one day and back-filled by Suez's contractor. Once this was completed all that was left was to do was any jointing and the final connections. There is now a water tap in the store and later this week we will be carrying out water testing before it is hopefully given the ok to use. Also, there will be a dedicated table constructed outside of the hut. This will be for battery charging. **Important Notice:** **AT NO TIME WILL ANY BATTERY CHARGING BE ALLOWED IN THE HUT.** Only outside. I think we all know why.



IC Tony doing his thing.



Pickeridge also has wildlife that isn't bothered by us.



Mathew on grass maintenance.



Andrew at his 2nd home, taming the new BBQ.



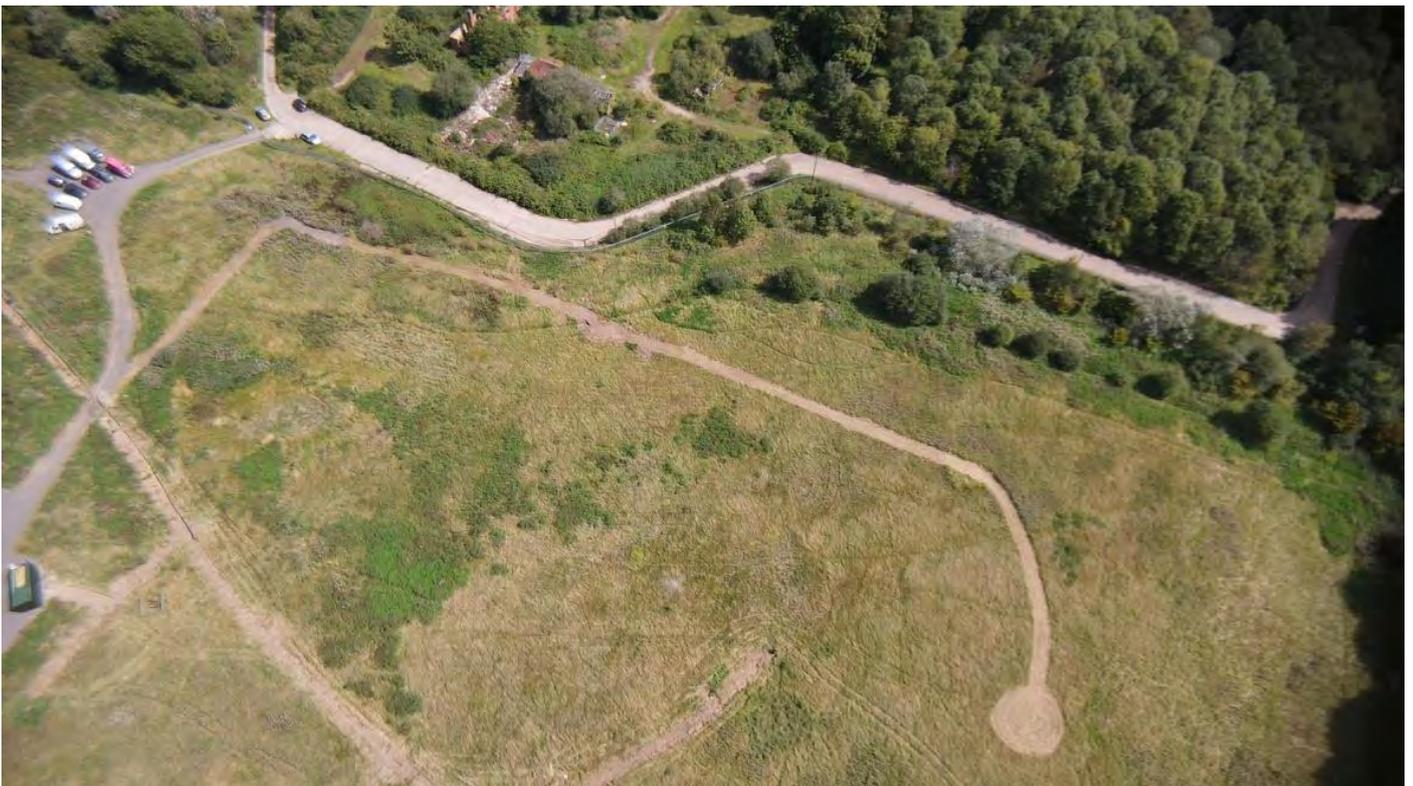
A lovely evening was had by all.



All fed and watered.



Trench work.



This is a great view of the walkway to and of the Rotary Area. This can be used at the same time as planes flying on the main patch, for when it's a bit busy.



LED Pete joining the data cables, also buried in the ground (the cables). Cheers Pete.



More data cable.



Water pipe. Nice, neat roll there G.



Oh dear, what's happened there, Colin?



What is going on with that water pipe lads and how can Colin be in 2 places at once?



Hot water.



Vintage battery charging outside. Felix testing the internet.



Internet looking good.



Andy, after another successful flight.

Glider Flights at Booker Airfield.

We would like to thank Stuart for organising more glider flights at Booker Airfield High Wycombe. The flights were around ½ hour and were enjoyed by all participants.



Club nights – Our next and last BBQ night will see a return to Harefield on the 13th of September. From October we will be back in the warm at Uxbridge Golf Club. See the events listings for details. Thanks to Roy for organising the golf club meetings yet again.

Indoor flying Update.

HWDMAC have kindly invited us to join them for their indoor flying at the High Wycombe Leisure Centre, see dates below. £10 per session, payable on the evening. Obviously, dust off/ repair/ get spending, so that you are ready.

Dates for indoor flying at High Wycombe Leisure Centre (all times are 1800-2000 local).

- **Sunday** 15th October - 2 zones
- **Saturday** 28th October - 2 zones
- **Sunday** 12th November - 2 zones
- **Sunday** 26th November - 2 zones
- **Saturday** 9th December - 2 zones
- **Sunday** 14th January - 2 zones
- **Saturday** 27th January - 2 zones
- **Sunday** 11th February - 3 zones - FULL HALL
- **Saturday** 24th February - 2 zones - FULL HALL
- **Sunday** 10th March - 2 zones
- **Saturday** 23rd March - 2 zones

Also, from the Aylesbury Club (indoor flying at an new and free venue).

Hi, all Thursday evening is approaching fast so make sure you are all charged up as we all get to check out the new hall free of charge.

The venue is.

The Archery Club

Buckland Village

Aston Clinton

HP22 5HZ

20:00 to 22:00 Thursday 7th September

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

	Event	Location	Description
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.
Thursday 14 th December	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal