

WLMAC June Newsletter 2024.



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Welcome to our June Newsletter-

We are now at the end of May. The weather hasn't been too bad to us. Thanks Kevin, for the club night photos.



A lovely day at the patch.

Fun Day Alert – Its almost here, so get ready. This will follow the usual format.

Sunday 7th July. We will be having a bit of a work-party the day before, to get as much ready as possible.

There will be a new combination for the main gate. we will be advised on this nearer the time. Please remember to bring Hats and plenty of Sun cream with you, if the weather is looking hot and sunny.

Flying as follows:

- 10 am till approx 12.50pm general flying only followed by pilot's briefing at 12.50pm and then 1.00pm till 16.00pm event flying with slots for specific displays booked on an ad-hoc basis, with whoever is the Flight-line Director at the time.
- Food (for the masses)– Announce at 12.50pm that hot food will be available from 1.00pm.
- NB that with the number of benches people will probably have to share and that restraints should be included in the pilot's equipment for the day.

Club Night – Skills Night.

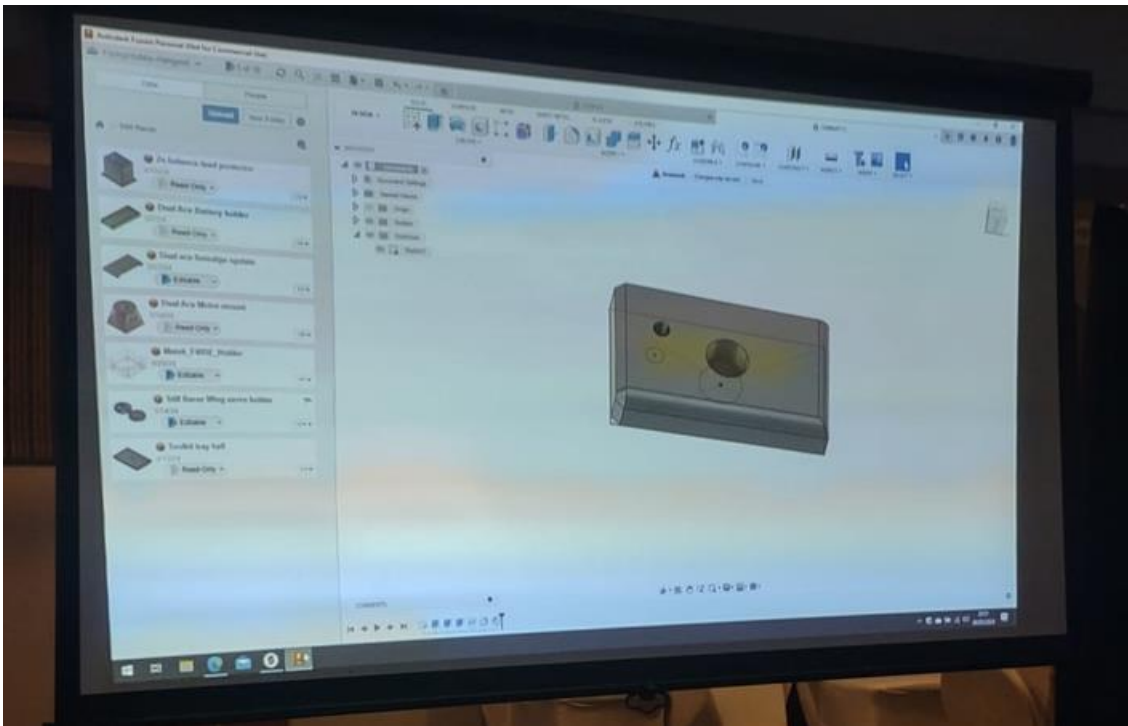
We had another evening of knowledge at Uxbridge Golf Club. David Orrells gave us a closer look into brown paper covering. This is an alternative method of covering solid or sheeted structures and is definitely a much cheaper alternative to most other traditional forms of covering. The materials required are brown paper and slightly thinned PVA glue. David demonstrated how quick this was to apply with no special skills required, the only technical piece of equipment used was his wife's clothes iron. Once the paper has been applied it is given another coat of thinned PVA, this can then be painted following a light sanding. For electric models, the finishing can be as simple as using emulsion paint.

We also had Mathew bring along his brand new, super-duper, Prusa MK4 3D Printer. He gave a quick demo on how to design an item, using some software that is free to hobby user's called Fusion 360. This was then sent to the printer, and soon after the designed item was being passed around the audience. 3D printing is a very useful tool for modeller's and their cost has come down a lot in recent years. Mathew learnt how to use this by watching online tutorials.

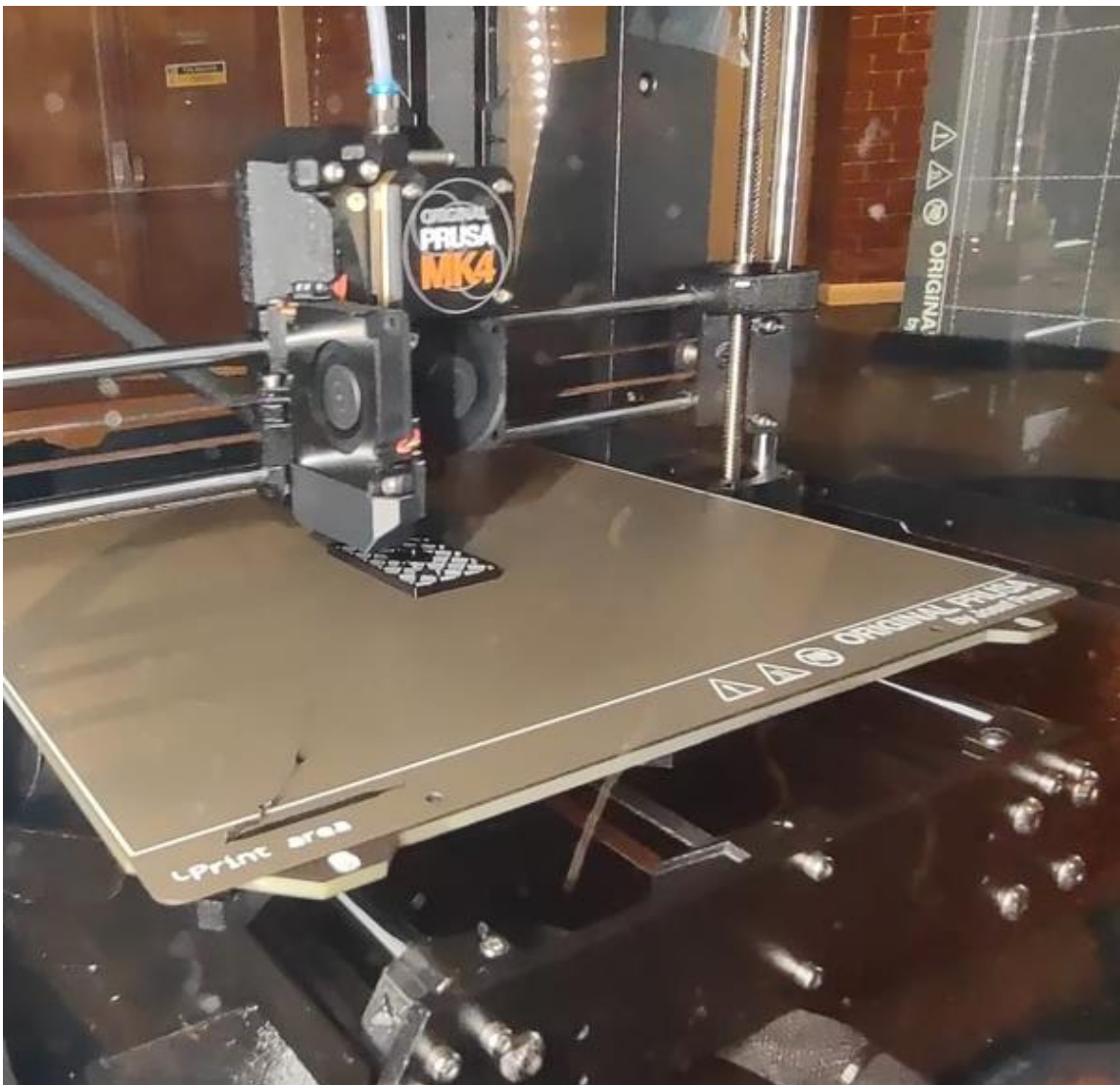
If anyone has any ideas for our next "Skills Night," whether you would like to learn something new or you have a modelling skill that can be demonstrated to others, then please contact Roy.



David in action, demonstrating his ironing skills.



A few clicks and a new 3D design is ready for printing.



The print in progress.

Harefield Site.

Harefield site is on top form now. Training is in full swing. We have our first BBQ night at Harefield Wednesday 12th June. Really hope the weather is going to start to change now. We have had some good weather to bring the wings out.



Pickeridge site.

This site is now coming into its own now. More people are using it now. The runway is looking good. The ride on lawn mower has had some more maintenance and new blades have been fitted. We then found we had a starting issue. After some head scratching and cups of tea it was decided that the starter motor wasn't working properly, so a new one was obtained and fitted with great success. There will be a work party, at Pickeridge, on the 25th of June. Strimming and other ground maintenance will be the order of the day. If you can give up some free time and have a trimmer the petrol will be supplied. Please keep an eye on the WhatsApp pages for more info.



The club were kindly invited to have a stand at the Fulmer Family Fun Day. This was manned by John Merry, Andy Turner and Mathew. The weather was rubbish but for those that braved the conditions there was plenty to see and do. The onsite catering was great and the organisers' even provided us with a gazebo, tables and chairs which was much appreciated. Considerable interest was shown in the models and plenty of flyers were handed out.

TBT (Tony Bloomfield Tuning) Monthly Tips.

I don't use fuel filters in my aeroplanes but do have 2-3 on my fuelling system. Always keep your fuel clean and don't buy too much at one time so you turn it over regularly. Old fuel will have a higher water content and the nitro content will get lower the older the fuel is.

The yearly Corfu Boys Holiday.

Another trip to Corfu was a success for the eleven members who went this year. If anybody would like to see more pictures of the trip you can see them on the WLMAC gallery on the club's website. <https://www.wlmac.co.uk/gallery.aspx>



A trip to Corfu Town.

Thank you, Mathew for arranging the trip and Roger D, Felix and Stuart for driving us to and from Gatwick airport.

Club Rules.

These were emailed out to everyone and contain a few changes, please read them to ensure that you understand the requirements.

Fuel.

We've been liaising with Justin, the new owner of Southern Modelcraft and have now received the 1st delivery, the various brews and pricing are as follows.

- 10% Nitro (20% synthetic oil) is £23.
- 5% Nitro (15% synthetic) – Standard Laser Mix, is £21.
- 5% Nitro (7% synthetic) – Low Oil Laser Mix, is £17.
- Straight Methanol is £11.

Club Shop.

The restocking of this is imminent, Align-Trex are getting our order ready.

EVENTS The other dates of key events for 2024 have now been added to the events schedule (below) and are also available to view on our website.

	Event	Location	Description
Wednesday 12 th June	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Sunday 7 th July	Fun Day	Harefield	Club Event.
Wednesday 10 th July.	Field Meeting	Pickeridge	BBQ & Electric Flying.
Wednesday 14 th August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at the field
Wednesday 11 th September	Club Meeting	Pickeridge.	BBQ at the field
Thursday 10 th October	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	
Thursday 14 th November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	Quiz Night.
December 12 th	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
December 12 th	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal