



NEWSLETTER

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SCALE DAY IS SUNDAY JULY 13TH

Our 2008 Scale Day is being held in July for the second year running, as we do our best to catch summer weather for a garden party atmosphere and setting. Sunday the 13th is the day! Last year's Scale Day (pictured below on the left) was just such a day, though there were days of wind and rain before and after the event, prompting Newsletter's headline "Miracle at Harefield!"

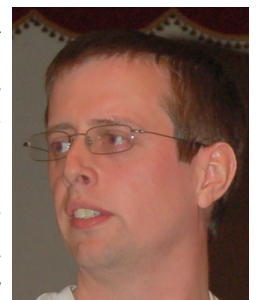


The weather go/no-go decision will be made on the Saturday afternoon (July 12th). The decision will be emailed to members, who can also enquire by telephoning 01494 672004 to hear a recorded message. If postponement is necessary the stand-by date for Scale Day will be the following Sunday, July 20th. Roy and Jill Lanning will be running the barbeque, as they did last year. Planners are ordering food and drink for an attendance of at least 80 people "assuming good weather." The competition will be, as always, an easy going affair, designed as a summer fun day out for competitors and visitors alike.

Volunteers wanted for pre-Scale Day rabbit hole filling. Saturday the 12th

Visitors arriving at the main gate without a key may telephone Bob Young on 07917 809282 for entry to be arranged, provided they have a mobile phone! There will be "general flying" from 1000 to 1300., followed by an hour's practice flying time for the contestants. From 1400 entrants will fly their qualifying flights, one at a time.

Competing models should be registered upon arrival at the field, when they will be allocated to one of the five classes—Military, Large and Small, Civil, Large and Small, and Electric. Once registered, models will be allocated a label displaying their contest numbers and names, the owners' names and their classes.



Stuart Whitehouse

Stuart Whitehouse (pictured above right) will be the Contest Director, co-ordinating engine starts, take-offs and landings, so pay attention— his word will be law!

The normal layout of the field and pits area may be altered to take into account wind direction and the safety of spectators. Pilots should brief themselves carefully by studying the diagram of the field on display.

At the end of the day there will also be trophies for "best flight of the day" and "most desirable model." Voting slips will ask for first, second and third choices in each class, and will be collected at 1630. No entrant may win more than one trophy. Contestants who did not build their models will be required to fly them themselves but owner-built models, including ARTFs, may be flown by somebody else.

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Above: Local mental deficientes having a summer evening drinking party at Harefield could not resist damaging our new peg board while they were at it. A reminder to us always to make sure to lock up the clubhouse.

Above: This happy picture deserves a good show. Eleven year old Scott Llewellyn-Beard and his father, Mark, passed their A certificate test on the same day recently. Having joined the club late last year they spent the winter on their flight simulator in preparation for practical training at Harefield. Young Scott now flies with skill and confidence. His Dad is pretty good too. So he should be. He has spent the last 15 years clocking up 14,000 hours at the controls of British Airways big jets. Right: Barbeque chef Roy Lanning pauses to receive his A certificate from Bob Young.



PORTRAIT OF A PRANG

Brian Lee's contribution to the merriment before June's electric fly-in and barbecue at Harefield was to launch off his push-pull Cessna Skymaster twin to find its inadequate elevator linkage sending the twin boom masterpiece plunging to destruction in the rough. Members enjoyed the opportunity to practise recovery of a re-kitted and widely distributed model.

