



# NEWSLETTER

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## WLMAC COMES IN FROM THE COLD.



Weary of the muddy dampness of winter at Harefield, no fewer than 27 members hurried to Clement Danes school in Chorleywood on Friday February 5th to try their hand at indoor flying. For two hours the school's sports hall echoed to the sound of model aircraft hitting walls and floor, followed by gales of delighted laughter. Helicopters and fixed wing models shared the airspace in the cheerful free-for all, organised by member David Orrells who plans more bookings. Hire of the hall was funded by the club. Before miniature radio control arrived, indoor models were frail, feather-light, free-flight affairs rubber powered and covered with transparent microfilm. But lightweight ARTF "foamies" and helicopters now come complete with 2.4 gig radios, for warm dry, controlled flying in winter.

### SHOW OFF TIME

NEXT THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH,  
AT 8-0 P.M. AT THE  
BATTLE OF BRITAIN CLUB is a  
PROJECT EVENING.

This annual event, as we dream of an end to winter, always turns out to be an impressive and interesting array of models. New purchases. New builds. Some complete and waiting for the weather. Some still with some way to go before they fly. And it's a time for doing what we always like to do—chew the fat about our models, compare notes and share ideas.

**BE THERE!**

**SCALE DAY 2010  
HAS BEEN SET FOR  
SUNDAY JULY 4TH**

# SCRAMBLER BIKE SUSPECT CHALLENGED



Photo Leon Taylor

The scrambler motorcyclist suspected of inflicting deep circular ruts on our flying field over Christmas was caught in the act in the new year by Chairman Bob Young, Secretary Leon Taylor and Treasurer Peter Nielsen as they were inspecting the site's boundary fence. The young motorcyclist was confining himself to the rough at the time, but he had got into the site by driving along a public footpath (see left) and through a section of the barbed wire fence that had been cut away in a remote corner of the property. A resident of nearby Springwell Lane, he was unwilling to give his full name or admit to the earlier damage to the flying field. The committee has written to him to advise him of the illegality of driving on a public footpath and require him to refrain from future trespass and damage to the site.

## WHY PAY MORE FOR FUEL?

Fuel Sales Manager John Fowles has a fresh supply of glo fuel from a reputable manufacturer to offer at prices you will not find at the shops. Call him at home on **01923 775749**

to arrange to collect it from his home (not far from the field) or meet him at our Harefield site for the handover. Prices are:-

Five per cent nitro: £11 per gallon.  
Ten per cent nitro : £13 per gallon.  
Straight: £9.50 per gallon.

For the benefit of our younger members an Imperial Gallon equals 4.55 Litres!

## RINGING THE CHANGES

**ROY LANNING** is shortly to take over from **LEON TAYLOR** as **SECRETARY** of the club. Leon will continue as the Club's Chief Examiner and will still be in liaison with the **BMFA** and **SITA**, our site landlords.

**STUART WHITEHOUSE** will taking over progressively from **PETER NIELSEN** as **TREASURER**. Peter will be the club's **AUDITOR** and continue to do business on our behalf with the **Battle of Britain Club**.

**DAVID ORRELLS**, who recently joined the Committee, is the new **SOUND TEST MANAGER**. The full list of 2010 committee members and their duties is on the **NEXT PAGE**. An up to-date contact list of club members is published alongside this email.

With the end of our successful training scheme, the club is still looking for **MENTORS** to train beginner new members one at a time, using the members' own models or the club's trainer models and radios when available. See the signature list on the club house notice board.



Photo: David Orrells.

Above: A pleasing study of Charlie Orrells's Hanger 9 Fokker DVII, powered by an OS 81 Alpha four stroke, landing during its first outing since it was presented to him as a birthday present early in January. The ARTF model might well have come to grief on its first flight had Charlie not checked over its radio installation with care. He discovered that a slight movement of a wire on the power switch resulted in a cut of power to the in-flight battery. A replacement switch saved the day.



Photo: David Orrells

Above: There's nothing like making a good impression with a model at the field. A Wot 4, flown by a member who shall remain nameless, left its mark on the soft ground near the club house as it made a high speed vertical arrival. Wings, fuselage and even the wheels left their unmistakable outline to mark a sad, sudden end to a flight. It goes with the hobby!

# **WEST LONDON MODEL AEROPLANE CLUB**

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND DUTIES, 2010**

<b>HONORARY PRESIDENT</b>	<b>Lloyd Ressler</b>
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