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LOVELY WEATHER FOR DUCKS!



At the end of the wettest April for 100 years a soggy and forlorn Harefield awaited the arrival of the summer flying season. But a bigger and deeper lake has been seen at our flying site in years gone by. These days the site drains more readily if and when the rain stops and the sunshine gets to work on it.

WHAT DID HAPPEN TO GLENN MILLER?

Ardent Glenn Miller fan and member of the Glenn Miller Society Tony Eaton will tell our **MONTHLY MEETING** on **THURSDAY, May 10th** at the **BATTLE OF BRITAIN CLUB** one of several convincing theories about Miller's mysterious disappearance after leaving for Paris in a military light aircraft from a Bedfordshire airfield in 1944.

SOLAR POWER FOR CLUB HOUSE LIGHTS

The heavy duty twelve volt batteries that power the club house interior lights are to be constantly trickle charged by a solar panel, mounted on the roof. The panel, already purchased, will not be visible from ground level. The lights themselves are being replaced by LED units that need less power. The batteries, which have hitherto been taken home for charging by dutiful club members, are being recalled for permanent installation inside the club house.

READY FOR THAT WORK PARTY.



One of two piles of tar road scrapings delivered to our Harefield site awaits the attention of the **WORK PARTY** called for **FRIDAY, MAY 11TH**. Members are asked to turn up at 10 in the morning and be ready to tackle pot hole filling, fence mending, fence gap filling and general maintenance. Please bring gloves, handsaws, heavy duty pruning tools, shovels, buckets, and wheelbarrows if you have them. Your toil will not go unrewarded. As always, the club will provide a lunch of nourishing soup with fresh bread and cheese when your work is done.



A tasty turn out of models for sale at the April "Bring and Buy" at the Battle of Britain Club. Above right: Mat Dawson shows off the sprung tailwheel he has fabricated for his DB Hawker Hurricane now under construction.

SEXED UP WEBSITE.

WLMAC's website is to get a new "contents management system" that will enable nominated committee members to access it for speedier updating of information and the insertion of new photographs. Individual members anxious to write up and show off progress on their latest project may be granted access to do so upon application to computer guru Stuart Whitehouse or David Orrells, who will be supervising the website when the new system is up and running



INSECT OR PLANE?

This is Gordon Tarling's latest four rotor, electric powered helicopter, this time fitted not only with a featherweight Sony video camera but a GPS that gives it automatic "position hold" and "come home" features.



SOPHISTICATED TRAINER

See left: New member Des Jones (on the right) who is learning how to fly, took the trouble to kit himself out with his own trainer that can later be converted to something a bit more zippy. The Hanger 9 Mustang comes with transparent leading edge extensions that make it docile and easy to handle but can later be removed to make the model's performance more Mustang-like once he's got the hang of it. But unlike the club's standard trainers, this one is "not cheap"!

BLERIOT REPLICA FLIGHT AT HAREFIELD THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN.

There was something of a flutter in the WLMAC hencoop when a film unit announced that it would be flying a full sized Bleriot replica at (but not from) neighbouring Stocker's Farm, asking if they could use our runway for take-off and landing. When the impracticality of that was explained the film unit turned its attention to nearby Denham Airfield. Newsletter's attempts to find out more about this extraordinary proposal were unsuccessful until an official at Denham was advised that the whole idea had been abandoned. The film makers are shooting a ten part period drama about the American founder of the London department store to be shown on ITV next year.

