



April Newsletter
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The Weather Seems to Be Slowly Improving.

Saturday 19th March saw our first work party of the year and plenty of work was tackled. The day dawned and it was a grey old day with rain threatening but luckily it never arrived.

Various tasks were tackled, the new Club Hut roof had its new fascia boards stained. The interior of the hut had a good clean to remove all traces of the mould that grew after the leak.

The worst of the moss was removed from AstroTurf and then some moss killer was spread over the whole runway.

The access road had some of its potholes filled, this will be a perennial problem I'm sure.

The outfield to the right of the runway had a thorough clean. After the big machine thrashed down all the nettles and brambles last year, it revealed lumps of concrete and steel bar sticking out from the ground. These were all either dug out or cut off and thrown into a big hole that was always out there. This means that we can send a smaller tractor out there later this year to keep the brambles from returning without risk of damage to the tractor.



Grass Walkway Mesh.

We also laid some plastic mesh onto the grass that leads out to the flight line. Especially during the Winter months, the track that we all use too walk out to the runway gets a bit muddy and worn. By laying this mesh we hope to keep the ground in better condition. The mesh is not an instant fix though, it's been laid on close cut grass and then nailed down. We've now got to allow the grass to grow through it and then the grass holds the mesh in place. As we walk on the mesh it will get pushed down into the ground and virtually disappear. The mesh goes nearly to the runway and you can see, has been taped off to stop people walking on it and allow the grass to grow.

The Work Party was rewarded with a soup, cheese and baguette lunch cooked by willing Chefs.

The Shop in a Shed display cabinet now displays some of the Club trophies. The folder replaces the display cabinet, if you want to know what stock is in the shop, look in the folder.

The Club now has a new Notice board that will be updated with names of the worthy. We haven't decided on who yet, nor if we're going to go back and put old winners on there. So, watch that space! Please don't stick any pins into it though.



As lunch was served Steve, pictured on the right, was timing Bill. Bill was sat like that for 13 minutes waiting for the last bit of sweetcorn from his Chicken and Sweetcorn soup to slide down the cup into his mouth. Waste not, want not being Bill's motto.



The start of the mesh laying process.

Many thanks to all those who turned up and helped in whatever role you played, many hands do make light work. Plus thanks to the Catering Team who bought all the food to ensure a good finish to the day.



The new Display Cabinet and Award Board.



This is a 'before' shot of the hut on the day.





As you can see, it was a rather grey day so after the Work Party most people disappeared off. A couple of brave souls flew but it wasn't a great day for flying.



Here's a shot of Chairman Mat's new helicopter in the sky, I forgot to include it in last month's edition, so here it is.

- You may have seen in the recent issue of the BMFA newsletter and the modelling press that there are some new achievement schemes specifically designed for gyro assisted aircraft. WLMAC are happy to promote this and on this basis have come up with some new protocols.
- As of the beginning of next month any member wishing to fly using a gyro equipped plane must register with the club. Please send an email to Tony Parrot advising your interest. These members will be issued with a Hi-Vis bib free of charge, sizes available are XXL, XL, L, M & S etc.
- Individual names etc can be added below the main text for a small additional fee of £1.40. Let Tony know what wording you would require when you send in your email.
- We have already arranged for the printing etc and the bibs will be available within a few days, so no delay to flying.
- These bibs must be worn at all times while at the field, so that the normal pilots are aware that gyro stabilisation is in use and can act accordingly.



Club night was on Thursday 10th March and was a combined Show and Tell and Second Hand Sale. Mat reports that it was well attended and some models were bought and sold.

Others showed off the fruits of their toils and displayed some lovely models.

Pramath has bought tons of things to sell by looks of things.



Mat's Cambria Models Zero awaiting a coat of paint.

Here's Graham Stone with a twin Bronco that he's built, flyibg pictures on the back page.

Roger Woods has built this lovely Skywriter from a free plan in RCM & E. Very pretty and beautifully built too.



Chairman Mat snapped away taking these lovely snaps of models but omitted to record who's planes they were. My apologies but sometimes, you just can't get the staff...



Lew Wrapson with his Sequoia Greenfinch that he's building.

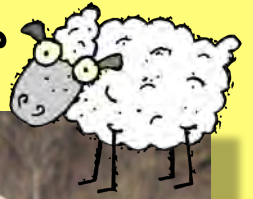


I do know that this is Frank Dalby Smith's Freewing Mosquito. I saw him flying it the other day, it looks very good on the ground and in the air.

Ukraine Update

Despite promising everyone that I was about to up sticks and leave you all in peace, I'm still here. I was due to fly to Ukraine on Sunday 13th April but this was stopped at the very last moment after the Foreign Office Doctor heard an irregular heartbeat in me. I've spent the last two weeks waiting for tests to see if I can still travel. Unfortunately, these tests have led to further tests so I'm still here and still none the wiser about if or when I'll go!

Great Good Friday Weather



It looks like Good Friday was the only day of the weekend that was flyable. It saw a decent turnout of members who enjoyed a lovely day with the wind running mainly down the strip.

Here's Mat's baby Warhawk, he bought it for indoor flying but it's too fast. You have to look closely, it's by his feet.

Friday 15th April is the last Indoor Flying at Vyners School by the way!



Above is Frank Dalby Smith's Kyosho Spitfire, it looked very good against the blue sky, it's powered by an OS 1.20 four stroke glow.



Graham's Bronco took to the skies too, it looked and sounded great on a pair of Irvine 40's.

Leon Taylor's Spooky enjoyed the lovely weather too, flying round very slowly in the lightish wind.

