

# WLMAC Newsletter July 2022

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This is one of our club members and examiners. I took this photo in Corfu, his name is Gareth. I think he is getting some practice, so he will be able to have a go at grass cutting at Harefield.

**Welcome to our July Newsletter.** Again, we had a busy month in June. Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> was our first BBQ night, at the field. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> was the BMFA Scale Heat including a BBQ. Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> some of us went to Wings & Wheels at the North Weald airfield.

**Site Rules reminder** - Our club is West London Model AEROPLANE Club and the rules for the main runway is basically planes will always have priority. We also have dedicated rotary and car racing areas, if the main runway is busy (with planes). Rotary-wing, free-flight aircraft or airships can only be flown on the main strip with the consent of all fixed wing pilots, at the field, before each and every flight (refer to the current "Rotary-wing, Free-flight and Airship Bulletin", for further details).

**Some imminent dates for your diaries** – On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July we will be having another work-party, at the field. This will be in preparation for the Funday on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of July will be our second BBQ night at the field.

**Family Fun Day** – The work-party beforehand is on Saturday is on 2<sup>nd</sup> July, to get as much done as possible before the main event. Usual jobs include cleaning the hut and windows, cleaning the chairs and tables, filling in the rabbit holes etc. We need a good turnout of members please as many hands make light work, it

shouldn't be too dirty as we have just recently cleaned it for the BMFA event. The usual soup, cheese and French stick lunch will be provided.

Family Fun Day – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Mathew will be sending out the usual confirmation email on the Saturday to confirm the event will take place, depending on the weather.

We would like members to turn up about 09:00 to get things ready and finish off the preparations, as general flying starts at 10:00. The following jobs will need to be done:

- Set up Gazebos.
- Re-position cones on flight-line.
- Assess wind direction and determine location of pilot's box and BBQ.
- Set up the sound system.
- Put out chairs and tables that were cleaned on Saturday.

When the event is all over, could members please stay behind for another half an hour or so to get everything put away again (won't take long if everyone helps), that would be very useful.

### **Field Updates.**

**Harefield** – Looking good and the outfield topping will take place very soon – maybe even before fun Day.



Full service on the Harefield Tractor. Mathew was there, he was taking the photo.  
Big thanks again for Tony B for the constant maintenance of the grass.

**Pickeridge** – Great news this month. We now finally have temporary planning permission for Pickeridge Farm and are now officially a Two site club! We will soon purchase the 1<sup>st</sup> container, so that we can secure our basic welfare and storage facilities. If you would like to visit/ fly at Pickeridge please contact Felix, if you haven't already, to arrange a visit etc. As this is all very new and exciting, we will be instigating some sort of individual inductions before flying is permitted. These should start to take place fairly soon and once the committee have met and decided how best to proceed with these. Obviously, the rules for Pickeridge will be slightly different to Harefield and will of course take into account the planning permission conditions etc. The runway is looking good and our Tony B will be attending to this field as well as Harefield. We will shortly be arranging a work-party to carry out some preliminary maintenance.

### **Clubnights and Events**

**BBQ** - On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> of June, we had our first BBQ at the field. Again, we had our 2 Michelin Chefs on hand. Andrew Turner and his assistant Colin Martin. Fantastic job guys. This was also a useful practice for the BMFA scale heat flying day.

**BMFA Scale Heat** - On Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June we were host to one of the BMFA Scale Heat's, these take place across the country at various club venues and BMFA headquarters at Buckminster throughout the year. The weather was good with some light wind across the strip. Our very own Mathew was going to enter with his Seafury but was having some issues with it, so he used his Carden Yak54 instead and came fourth. There were 8 entries in total and some marvellous aircraft flown to a very high standard.

Brian Seymour from High Wycombe/WLMAC entered his Macchi C.202 WW11 fighter, this was entered in the light scale class (sub 5kg) and Brian was rewarded with first place.





**Another member passes his Fixed Wing A.** We had another successful Fixed Wing A test in June. Very well done Jonathan and thanks to Gareth who was his examiner



## Projects –

**Battery holder:** Mat wore out his big starter, so had to get a new one from Just Engines, they didn't have any suitable battery holders in stock, so he designed and 3D printed one, this is the "Stealth" version.



**Arising Star:** I (Graham) have been busy in June with my ARISING STAR. I have gone back to I.C. as well as electric. I would like to thank Mathew for helping with the maiden flight and trimming it. Also, we had to try three sizes of Props to get the right balance of thrust/ speed.



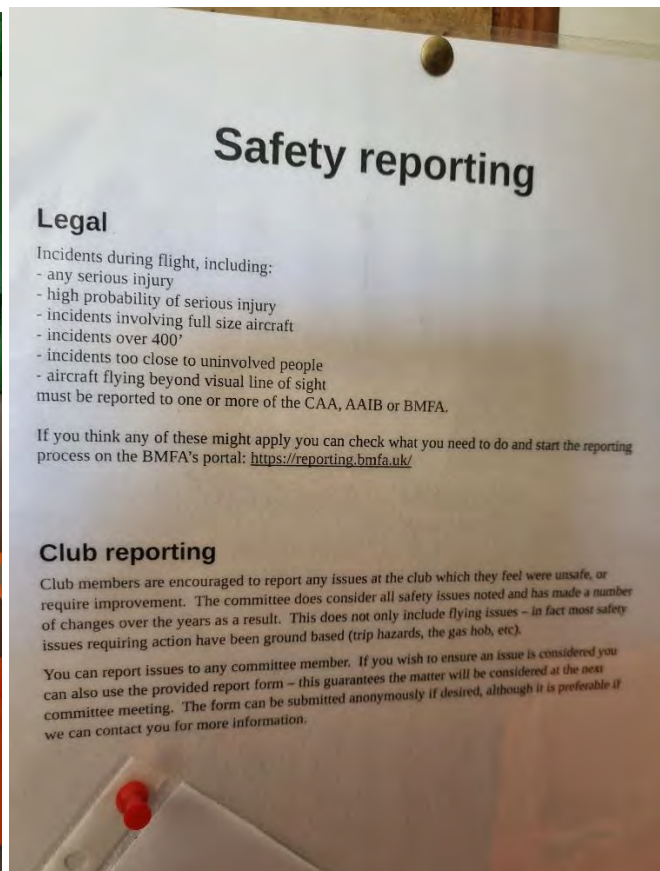
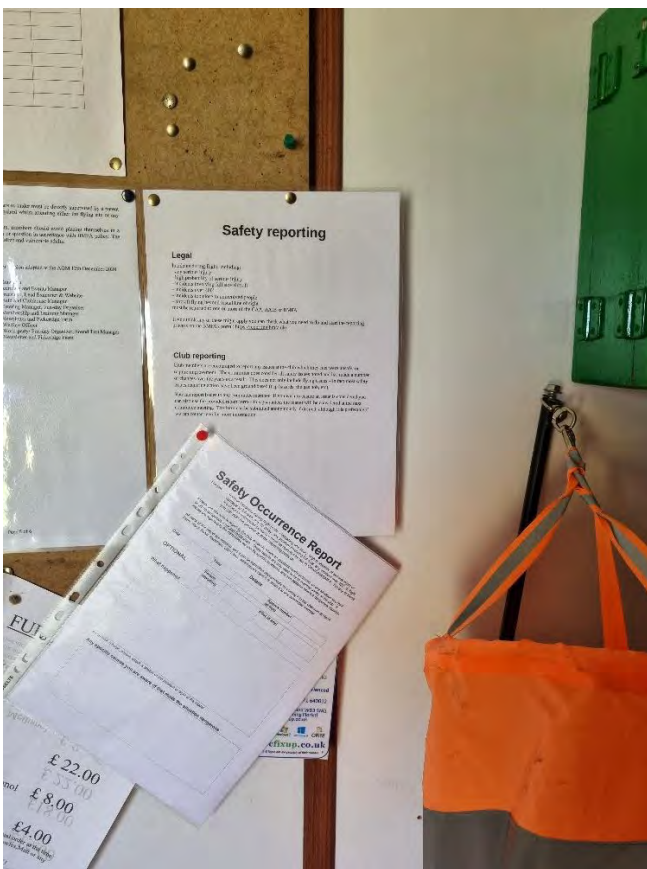
**Wings & Wheels** Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> June, there was a contingent of WLMAC members who went to this model air show. The weather was nearly good to us, a splatter of rain but this passed very quickly. There was some very skilful flying going on, on the main runway from a 17-year-old called Rory. You can only dream of the skills that he had. The Panic team were as playful as ever. There were the occasional mid-air crashes. The budget for these Bi planes is around £100. We were treated to a real B17 Flying Fortress named THE SALLY B. This arrived around lunch time and landed on the main runway. They were due to take off around 1500 hours in the afternoon, there was spectacular pyrotechnics display around that time and o dear, unfortunately, they set fire to the grass verge on the other side of the runway. The fire engine had to stand down for the take off and put the fire out. The DJ then helpfully played non-stop, numerous, fire/ smoke - related hits, until the air cleared.





**Drone stuff-** Tony Bloomfield has been working with Kevin Lambi on the Helicopter area to cut an extension for the Drone flying gates when we have all the equipment for Drone racing. This will include flying FPV with a spotter for safe measures. There has been some interest in this new Venture. Thank you, Kevin for giving up some of your free time.

**Safety Occurrence Reporting-** Stuart has prepared the necessary safety occurrence reporting forms/ system for the club and these are now available, if required, in the clubhouse, next to the 1<sup>st</sup> Aid kit. There is also a guidance note that relates to these – see photos below. Obviously, if you are ever in doubt about anything safety related then always contact a committee member for guidance.



## Up and coming Events

Date	Event	Location	Description
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Fun Day	Harefield	Funday at Harefield
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at Harefield
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at Harefield
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Club Meeting	Harefield	BBQ at Harefield
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Club Meeting	Harefield	Quiz Night
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Meeting	Uxbridge Golf Club	TBC
TBC (early Dec)	AGM	Uxbridge Golf Club	Membership renewals
TBC (early Dec)	Christmas Meal	Uxbridge Golf Club	Partners are welcome but are required to pay full price of meal

### Items for Sale –

For sale from Dave Chinnery. A Piper J3P Cub, 1/4 scale, based on Seagull kit. 88" span, Saito FA 120 R3 radial engine with ring exhaust and onboard glow (cost £100 each!). As seen flying at field. Authentic J3P registration. Also, brand new unopened 5L of 18% glow fuel and flight box with tools, fuel pump and Sullivan starter.

Untouched Seagull cowl available.

Model in good flying condition, crashed once, repaired, and flown since. Giving up IC.

£350 the lot or a very realistic OFFER. No tyre kickers please.

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