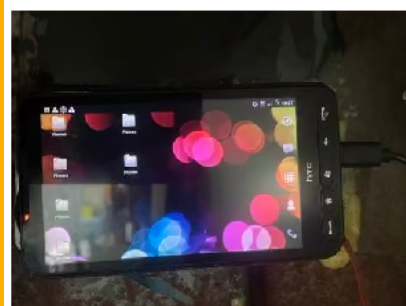


## June Newsletter



### WebCam problems

The webcam has performed pretty well over the years for its age. It was set up years ago and the same phone has performed admirably. However, I think we can all agree that this year it's been down nearly as much as it's been on. At first we thought it was battery and power supply problems so after a lot of elctrickery, we have bound it to the leisure batteries. As it's summer, these are in good condition. However, the webcam still fails from time to time, the time between failures is getting shorter. We've asked members for, and received, donor phones to replace the actual phone. Stuart will transfer the app onto the new phone and we'll try again. We know it's popular so bear with us whilst we experiment with different set ups as we search for the best one.



### Wednesday Field BBQ

The next Summer BBQ will be held at Harefield on

**Wednesday 11th June.**

The BBQ will be fired up again, lets hope the weather is kind again.

The BMFA recently invited all Clubs to enter for the title 'Club of the Year'. This cost nothing to enter except for some time in filling out the form. Our entry has been forwarded and we'll sit back and see what happens.





Rowen was flying his slightly older Hawk at Harefield the other day and suffered an elevator failure, mid flight. He was able to get the plane down in one piece, a credit to his flying skill. I think old age was the cause looking at the remains.

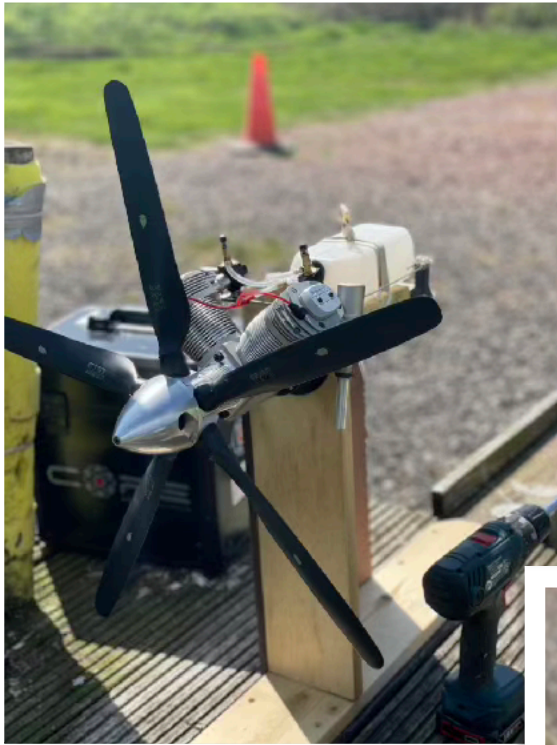
In which case, we're all doomed!

The plane was all repaired and flying the next weekend.



On Bank Holiday Monday these fine fellows represented the Club at the Fulmer Fete, a chance to showcase the Club and some models. The theme was the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, hence all wartime models.





In preparation for the building a bigger, better Firecrest Mat has bought a fancy Varioprop hub and five blades to fit to it.

The model will be powered by the washing machine motor shown in the test stand for the World Championships in 2026. After the competition the model will be re-fitted with a Laser 360 V twin engine, hence the two test stands, the same prop works on both.



With the Firecrest out of action Mat took his Sea Fury along to the next round of flying competition. Alas, the engine failed mid flight, the plane was landed successfully but the engine had suffered serious internal damage. The engine is a Laser 200 V twin and Mat was lucky to be able to buy the last two Laser conrods from Leeds Model Shop. The engine has been rebuilt and tested and flew into 3rd place in the most recent competition.





## BMFA Scale Competition

There will be another round of the BMFA Scale competition to be held at Harefield on

**Sunday 1st June.**

Normal flying will be suspended but there will be a BBQ so everyone is welcome to come along and watch, eat or even compete. Entry is free to members from the host Club, I might even have a go myself with my La-7!



You may remember that Mat D attended the World Scale Championships with his Blackburn Firecrest last Summer. Mat took the same model out for another outing at a Scale Competition near Leeds and tragedy happened. The plane rolled in from height with Mat frantically waggling the sticks, Mat thinks an aileron servo failed. The plane could be rebuilt but Mat will concentrate on building his bigger, better brother, in time for the World Championships to be held at Buckminster in 2026.

## Family Fun Day

Mark your kitchen calendars with the date for the Family Fun Day on

**Sunday 6th July.**

Another BBQ, more flying and a chance to bring family and friends to see where you spend so much time. Mark my words, they'll be impressed.





Mat and Tony travelled to Buckminster and competed in UKCAA (UK Classic Aerobatics Association) competition. Tony was placed third in Pick 5 and Mat won the competition! Well done to both of them.



For the last couple of years we've had successful gliding days at Booker airfield





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