



Water heater woes.

The water heater has proved itself to be popular addition to the Club facilities. However the recent frost got to it and cracked open a joint. The suppliers were on the ball and sent a new part immediately. The only trouble with it was that it didn't fit. A phone call had another part sent on it's way and this part fitted like a glove. Dan fitted it on Saturday 17th. Dan also fitted extra piping to allow the heater to be drained of all water when frost is forecast.

Pete A has kindly offered to be on call to drain it, so there is no need for any of us to do anything, just use it as normal.



Once reliable, a weather station.

Mehdi continues to tinker with the WebCam to make it totally reliable. He's designing and building a circuit that will reset the WebCam twice a day. The webcam always sparks back into life when the power is cycled so Mehdi is replicating this action. Once it's reliable he's also been asked to source and fit a weather Station to link to the same system. This will provide data from the field itself which can, as we all know, operate in it's own little micro climate up there.

The information will appear on the Club website as it is now. Except the weather station will use the live data rather than taken from Heathrow and Luton as it is now.

Aviation: current reported weather [About >](#)

This is the average of the live data from Heathrow and Luton



Temperature = 6°C
Lowest reported cloud = 1350'
Reported conditions = Heathrow: light rain . Luton: light rain .

Mick K's Ultra Sport 60.

This my great planes, an Ultra Sport 60 which I got 2nd hand. It's probably about 20yrs old. I had an aileron reversed accident last year, then repaired & patched up as I knew I was going to re-cover it this winter. This is my first attempt at covering a whole plane, close inspection not required. I was going for yellow & red, but decided on the blue. I added wing fairings to it as well. I'm just whittling a block of balsa to form a new canopy. It'll be ready for spring.



My Legionnaire had it's first proper assembly at home the other day. It's sporting an OS four stroke 40 engine swinging a 12 x 5 prop. I balanced it by moving the receiver battery around but it may be some time before the weather is kind enough for its maiden flight.

The next Club night is on Thursday 12th February at the Golf Club near Uxbridge.

It's 'Show and Tell' where you can bring your latest creation, kit build, ARTF or foamy along to allow others to drool over. It matters not if the project is starting, finished or stalled, we all enjoy admiring other peoples efforts.

No pay, no fly.

It's that time of year when we start to check who has paid and who hasn't. There can be a variety of reasons why you haven't renewed your membership, life gets in the way. But, if you haven't paid yet, **DON'T FLY** at either Pickeridge or Harefield, you'll not be insured.



Here's Mark P and his overhauled and recovered AcroWot. He bought it to the field for it's first outing the other day and it flew nicely. The covering scheme was really first class and it really stood out in the sky.

This is Jake L's Seagull AT6 Texan kit, he has deviated from the manual to try and make it more scale including scratch cockpit/ landing lights. Jake has glassed and primed the wings and will do the same with the fuselage next. It will be powered by a Saito fa82b.



Mike M has sourced and built a new locking cabinet for the Club Hut. This will allow more storage for extra 'stuff'.

Pete A and Mike M assembled the cabinet on the same Saturday as the water heater was fixed. There was hardly any room left for members with all the work going on. This cabinet will house the 'Shop in a Shed' which is changing to
card only payments.

There is a section in the Mugshots on the Club website showing who have keys to Shop in a Shed.

This is separate to the Tuck Shop which remains at 50p per item, which is cash only!

The cost of the cabinet was from a Club donation from Andy Todd's widow and Mike himself!



Saturday 17th was a rainy day with spells of clear weather. This coincided with the Shop in a Shed cabinet build and water heater repairs. Consequently there was not much room left for members when it rained, it was very cosy indeed! There were 16 members at one point, all sheltering from the rain. Rest assured, we are actively seeking to buy another, used shipping container. This will allow us to move all the long term storage items into that and free up valuable living space in our existing hut.

Things like the white plastic chairs, the BBQ, the spare solar panels and excess fuel can go into the long term storage container.

We just need to be happy that we get the best container at the best price, something like this one shown below. They are not cheap but we think it will improve the main huts use.

