



Warbird Day Success

After a weeks delay caused by the poor weather, Tony and Rowans Warbird Day was a great success. As the photo above shows, there was a great turnout of pilots and planes on Sunday 17th May. The wind was slightly awkward but the BBQ was, as always, excellent. Andy and his small team of helpers delivered up some great burgers and sausages for the hungry attendees. If you are new to the Club, you are more than welcome to come along to any of these events, bring friends and family too, either to take part or watch. The BBQ is free to all too, it's all very informal. I'll add some of my favourites snaps from the day.



Popham Airshow

Several members made their way to the Popham Model Airshow on Saturday 9th May and enjoyed an excellent show. The weather was kind but not so great on the Sunday.

There was plenty of impressive models being flown and a decent Trade line too. The Show has benefitted from moving the date to avoid clashes with other displays. It's well worth a visit next year.



Say hello to Andy Williamson when you see him at the field, he's a new member.

Container update.

There is no update I'm afraid, the matter is stalled with the BMFA and the Solicitors. They are telephoned each week so I'm assured the matter is still in hand.

WARNING: Engines run better on 10% nitro than 10% water.

After my splendid OS120 four stroke refused to run at anywhere below half throttle without the glow-stick attached, I booked a Saturday morning diagnosis with WLMAC's in-house engine guru.

"Bring the fuel you've been running it on," said Tony B.

"Tight-fisted b*****d," I thought.

But - as a fuel switcheroo on Tony's test bench proved - far from encouraging a healthy glow, my four year-old fuel stored in half-full containers was doing its best to extinguish it. As Tony explained (apparently for the umpteenth time): methanol attracts water. Use it or lose it.

Needless to say, my OS120 is now singing sweetly from tickover to full chat. And so, at Tony's behest, I've penned this *mea culpa* as a warning to others.

This is a note from Richard S, he sent this in for inclusion, wise words indeed.

The Shop in the Shed stocks plenty of fuel too!

Following on from the Warbird Day, Tony and Rowan are organising an Aerobatics Teach in with a provisional date of

Sunday 23rd August.

It will be a day for questions, demonstrations and tutorials. Keep an eye out for more details as we get closer to the date.

Club BBQ at Pickeridge.

The first of the Summer BBQ's was held at the Pickeridge site on Wednesday 20th May. This event was also cancelled the week before, again due to the weather. This time Andy served up hot dogs, these too were another success. The weather curtailed a lot of fliers but it was a good evening enjoying the new kitchen in the hut.

The runway is looking better and better.

The next BBQ is on **Wednesday 10th June** at Harefield, come along for a burger and a fly. Remember, i.c. planes are only allowed up to 7pm at Harefield, after that, it's electric planes only.



RC Hotel Annual Trip.

It's that time of year that a small group make their way out to the RC Hotel in Corfu for a week of sun and flying. This includes most of the Trainers so next Saturday 6th June may a bit difficult for the trainees.





We use a fair bit of bottled gas throughout the year, mainly using the blue bottles. However, we have one yellow bottle which is a re-fillable bottle for LPG. This is half the price of the blue bottles, so we'll make a concerted effort to use the yellow bottle and only connect the blue ones when the yellow one is off being re-filled. The yellow one is connected to the cooker now.

Members are NOT expected to swap the bottles, just let someone know if the bottle is empty.



The Airsoft boys have been around most weekends but have little, if any, impact on us. I sniff around with the drone when I can but never see them doing anything really interesting. But the same could be said about us!

They have built some little camps out amongst the trees and brambles though. Neither of these are anywhere near us but they do know we're above them so they are classed as 'involved persons'.

