



Whilst at the Eclipse night BBQ, Adrian S flew his wonderful looking Tucano. This flew wonderfully and the five bladed propeller gave a very pleasant noise.

Adrian bought the plane brand new but still replaced all the servos before flying it as reports abound that they can fail early.



This coming weekend, Sunday 30th August (in the morning)

is the
TB Tuning Aerobatics Extravaganza!

This will be a festival of tuning, flying, demonstration and instruction for Aerobatics run by Tony B, either electric or i.c.
Pop along and join in, normal flying can take place at the same time so there's no need to

Club nights lack of numbers, why?

There was a Club BBQ held at Pickeridge field on Wednesday, eclipse night. Numbers were low and this prompted a discussion about why this was. It could be that everyone was going to an Eclipse Party of course. They are a social event so it would be a shame for them to wither on the vine, the food is free to all after all. The Summer BBQ's have ended now so were back to the Uxbridge Public Golf Club on Thursday 10th September, see below.

Thursday 10th September at Uxbridge Golf Club.

This is to be a skills night, a chance to learn new skills or learn another way to achieve the same result.

If there is anything particular you would like to see, let us know asap and we'll see if we can find someone to demonstrate it for us all.

The postcode is UB10 8AQ in case you've not been before, everyone is welcome. A lot of members arrive after 6:30 and onwards and have a meal beforehand. The Club does not pay for the meals though!

The WebCam continues to frustrate and test Mehdi. He's looking at various solutions, one is to add a computer fan to cool the Pi down. Mat can design and print a shroud to pull air over the heat sink. Mehdi is also going to include a new switch that forces a reboot once, twice or three times a day, regardless of whether it was working or not.

Mehdi attended the other day to reboot it and not long after he opened the door and let the heat out, it sparked back into life on its own adding to the belief that the heat is adding to the problems. But, be aware, Mehdi is determined to sort out the reliability problems.

No BBQ or open fires please.

I think we've all guessed but there is a complete ban on BBQ's or open fires at the field. (Typically as I type, we had some rain last night) The last Club BBQ was an all electric affair with Andy using the hot plate to heat Hot Dogs rather than risk an errant spark from a BBQ. We know it's unusual for anyone else to plan a BBQ but this is sensible precaution. No destroying old Lipos either!



A Brace of Kevins.

Kevin successfully passed his helicopter 'A' test last Saturday, he's certainly practised enough. The other Kevin was the Examiner. Well done, a thoroughly deserved pass.

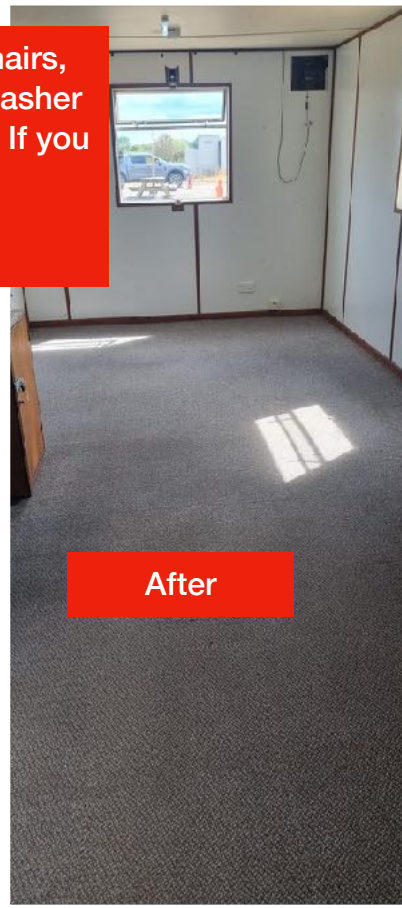


Thanks for staying away for the Airsoft boys to play over the weekend 8/9th August. They never achieved the numbers they hoped for so they agreed that we could open up the field on the Sunday. They never came anywhere near our runway area either. There were lower numbers than expected even though they claim a larger 'fanbase' than modellers throughout the country.

Before we furnish the Club with another table and chairs, Roy and Mat took the opportunity to hire a Vacuum washer and give the floor a good clean. It looks much better. If you know of a free table and chairs, let us know!



Before



After

There has been a request to instal some sort of toilet at the Pickeridge field. We're afraid to say, this will never happen. The landlords have had all sorts of problems with Portaloos at other sites and it's cost them lots of money to sort it out. This is where the Portal has leaked into the ground and they've had to eliminate the chemicals at huge cost to them. So they will never, ever, agree to one, sorry.

Frank Boswell is an old member who has not flown for a few years, his son was over from USA and they popped unto the field for a quick flyer. Frank hopes to visit a bit more now.



Welcome to new member Fred Webb. Fred has been flying on Croxley Moor, say hello to him when you see him.





Dan C is pictured here with his new Weston Groove, a smaller Obsession. After all the necessary checks, it flew really well. It's powered by an OS 55 2 stroke engine.



Who doesn't like a Spitfire?
This is Mat's Flightline Spitfire coming into land at Harefield recently. Mat has been flying and trimming to get it ready to enter some competitions. The model features a sound system but not necessarily that of a Merlin, more like a bag of spanners.

Another shot of Adrian's Tucano, the five bladed prop looks great.





Mat managed to find a second yellow bottle on Ebay for £70 so we now have two. These are refillable and the gas works out at half the price of the blue bottles.

We spend a lot of money on gas throughout the year so the savings can be substantial. We are looking for a third if anyone knows of another....



This rats nest of wires is the latest addition to the hut. These are attached to the panel that controls our solar panel, they are USB ports for charging your phone. There is a Apple lightning lead and a USB C lead cable tied to each one to stop them walking off. So if your phone needs a charge, feel free to plug in.

Wash up and put plates and cups away please.

It's been a while since we've had to mention it but please wash up your cups and plates after you've used them. This does include putting them away rather than relying on drip drying and then letting someone else put them away. There have been several occasions when people have left a mountain of mugs and plates in the hut!

In the best traditions of the Press, apologies are hidden away in the small print at the back of the paper. You may recall a message on WhatsApp recently about the new, blue container being found left open. Luckily no-one had noticed and we suffered no loss or damage. A full and thorough investigation was launched by the Committee. I'd moved some fuel on Saturday and forgotten to finally lock the container. The wind had blown the door shut and no-one else noticed the mistake until Monday. As soon as I saw the message I realised it was me. So I set about trying to find another fall guy or least a co-conspirator to share the blame, without success I admit. Lessons learnt all around I hope, several members had been to Harefield on Sunday and Monday and missed that the container was unlocked! My apologies to all.





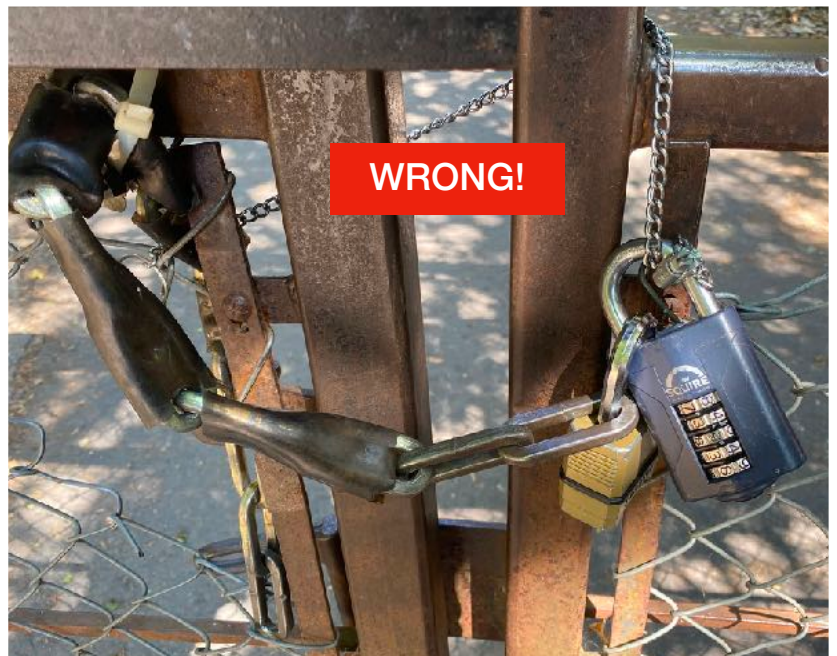
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The new arrangement for the gate still confuses some people. There are now two padlocks, the blue one is ours and the brass coloured one belongs to the Airsoft boys. This is the correct system, unlocking **either** padlock allows the chain to fall free and the gate to open.

In an attempt to make it even more foolproof, we've done away with the dog chain, it confused some people, see below. The big chain has been jubilee clipped to the padlocks to stop people wandering off with the locks. **Just lock one padlock to the other.**



We have seen various incorrect attempts at locking the gate in the recent weeks. This is the worst example, the big chain has been bypassed and the dog chain is all that is securing the gate closed. This was one of our members at the start of last week.



WRONG!