


## Club Nights for October and November have been cancelled.

**The AGM and Christmas Dinner on Thursday 10th December will go ahead as normal though.**

Some explanation to explain the decision. We hold Club nights 11 times a year, four of these are BBQ's held at the field. Some Club Nights at the Golf Club are really popular, like the balsa bash, the guest speaker talk and the AGM of course. The others have seen dwindling numbers over the last couple of years. The meeting in September, Skills Night, only attracted 7 members.

As an extra factor the Golf Club is closed to golfers at the moment. They are renewing a sewer across the course and it has stopped all play, well into next year too. The Golf Club don't charge us for having the larger meeting room either.
Consequently the Golf Club are laying on staff to serve us and a cook for the kitchen. When only 7 people turn up, they run at a loss.
We cannot guarantee higher numbers for either Octobers Quiz Night or November so have made the decision to CANCEL those two Club Nights. The What's App poll conducted by Roy showed we were only likely to have 12-15 members at the forthcoming Quiz night, too few for the Golf Club to be economic.
We never hold a January meeting so we'll review the decision in the New Year.

We always welcome ideas for Club Nights, we know they have become somewhat repetitive but unless someone comes up with a new idea we can either plough on regardless or cancel, this is the decision we've made.

The Chipmunk pictured above is, or was, Mat's new competition model. The photo was one of it's first flights whilst Mat was still test flying it.
However, whilst flying at a Scale completion last weekend, the strong winds caused a crash, writing the model off.
Fear not, Mat has sourced a new model from Holland as there would appear to be no others in the UK.







Large Model Association at Much Marcle. Mat, Roger D and I made the long trip out West to the LMA show in Much Marcle at the start of September. Last year the rain ruined the day, this year was sun, sun, sun. The models were fantastic which bought the crowds out.






New Club member Fred Webb passed his A test last weekend. Fred used to fly at Croxley Moor but had never formally taken his test. Well done to Fred!



Someone unknown had broken the Aeroloop and then arranged it back in place, hiding the damage.
It was a quick and easy repair so there was no need to hide it for others to discover.
The Aeroloop is kept in the hut for all to use, it's no more than a long pole with a loop around the end. It's used to pull planes down out from tall trees.

## The Webcam.

All Summer the webcam has suffered from crashing and refusing to reboot resulting in no pictures.
Mehdi was constantly trying to sort out the problems which all appear to be linked to the heat. The Hut gets very hot in the sun and the end wall heated up quickly.
Now we know the problem, there are several fixes that will be carried out.
The Camera will be detached from the Pi module, meaning the Pi itself will not be fixed to the hot wall.
The camera will stay where it is but we'll connect the two with a lead. We're going to buy and fit a computer heat sink and fan to cool the Pi. Mat will design and print some ducting to make the most of the fan too.

## What's App.

Roy has been asking some questions about Club Night using What's App to communicate with members. This was to help us make the decision about whether or not we went ahead with October and November Club Nights.
We're trying to establish how many members do NOT use What's App. It's far easier and quicker than emails and the ability to send photos make it very popular.
Let us know if you do not or cannot access What's App please.



The new blue container has gained a locking metal cabinet to store the bulk of of the fuel, this will be the main storage with some day to day stock held in the Club Hut. We'll transfer the fuel as and when it's needed.





The Club has acquired a new trainer and it was duly tested by Tony, Rowan and James. Despite its looks, it flew well. It's gone into the Blue Storage.
The model was donated by A Plane Old Bargain which has sadly ceased trading.

