



NEWSLETTER

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AND THE SUN SHONE ON AND ON...

Well another Summer has drawn to a close the weather has turned Autumnal . There has been some great flying weather this year, lets hope this Autumn is as friendly.

The Astroturf work is due to commence this week on Monday 16th September. Roger and his team will be up there beavering away during the day. The plan is as follows.

Excavate and lay Astroturf extensions (500M² additional area), based on an increase in width of approx 4.5M and an increase length of approx 10M. This will then give us a total area of approx 1700M². They will also do any maintenance repairs on the existing runway.

Start date of 16th September, for a period of approx 2 weeks (Weather dependant). Roger's men will work until approx 5.00pm weekdays and 3.30pm on Saturdays. Outside these times flying may take place (including all day on Sundays), but the runway will be restricted due to the ongoing work (piles of sand etc).

There has been a change in plans and the pits wont be Astro turfed but the runway will be made slightly bigger in return.



The tri club competition was held at Harefiled on Sunday 1st September and it featured Skittles and Limbo. The Skittles was harder than it looked, the tiny tennis ball had a massive pendulum effect on the plane and swung it here, there and everywhere.



The BBQ needed some encouragement to get up to temperature. Now, what can we use to fan the flames? Aah yes, Bill Mercers EDF. Just don't let it get too close!

Indoor Flying Set to Return

As the evenings draw in the flying opportunities shrink. We're trying to book the same slot at Vyners School for 7-9pm on the first Friday of every month through to March. We've tried to book other days but without success, the various judo/badminton clubs book their slots years in advance.

Thanks to Gordon Tarling, we have a new, bright, twirling wind sock.



Competition Results.

Skittles:

1st Paul Stead - 6 skittles
2nd= Mike Martin - 3 skittles
Stuart Whitehouse - 3 skittles

Limbo:

(number of passes under tape in 2 minutes)

1st Paul Stead - 14
2nd Mat Dawson - 8
3rd Graham Stone - 7

Colne Valley.

WLAMC is a member of the Colne Valley Association which is an umbrella association covering activities in the Colne Valley. We attended their annual Open Day in July, mainly to ensure their support if we ever have to fight to keep our field.

I did have a picture, but I've lost it!



Chairman Mats Hurricane made brief appearance at the field in early August for an engine test. It never flew but it did manage a taxi around the field.



The next club meeting at Uxbridge features a talk from club member Dave Chinnery. Its entitled

Fly Electric.

Developments in Electric Flight and related technologies.

Thursday 10th October at 8 pm.