

# WATFORD WAYFARERS



## MODEL AIRCRAFT CLUB

Affiliated to the BMFA (Club No.269)

### Bovingdon

Now where were we? This fine band of able-bodied men were last seen raising our container so that the ground floor could be enclosed to securely house our new mower. Well, the good news is that we will be looking for volunteers (oh dear) to form a work party at Bovingdon in the near future.



As we go to print, the understanding is that the right of way issue has been resolved though not necessarily without some residual bad feeling with the neighbours. Mr. Webb is obtaining a quote to lay the hard surface to the track round his field and we have agreed in principle that the club would be willing, subject to finding the funds, to pay an advance of rent to cover this cost. (This would only be paid on the understanding that we had a licence

of at least five years and, in the event of our being required to leave earlier, any prepaid rent would be refunded). Finally, Mr. Webb has arranged for the farmer who works the land to mow the flying field so that we can go and assess its state. The mowing has been done and a site visit will be made before the AGM. More details will be available then so come and hear what the future holds.

### AGM

[Ron Moulton](#) used to arrange the raffle prizes for our AGM and [Mick Wilshere](#) has been good enough to ensure that the tradition is kept up, at least for this year. There will be four prizes of Silverlit models:

X-Twin jet



Bell 222

V-Jet Full Tilt



Black Hawk

At the October club night, following discussions earlier in the year, the committee put forward a recommendation for the following rule change:

Annual subscription renewals are payable by 31st December. Any member not paying by the due date will be viewed as having left the club as at 1st January. The joining fee, as levied on new members, will therefore be payable after this date. This rule may be applied to any other payments falling due to the club.

It was agreed by the meeting that this should be put to the AGM.

### AGM & Club Night

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 25th November at 8:00pm

Holywell Primary School, Tolpits Lane, Watford

Please bring your membership renewals and lots of money for the raffle - proceeds to the RAF Benevolent Fund in honour of Ron Moulton.

Indoor flying, flight simulator

## So you think you can fly

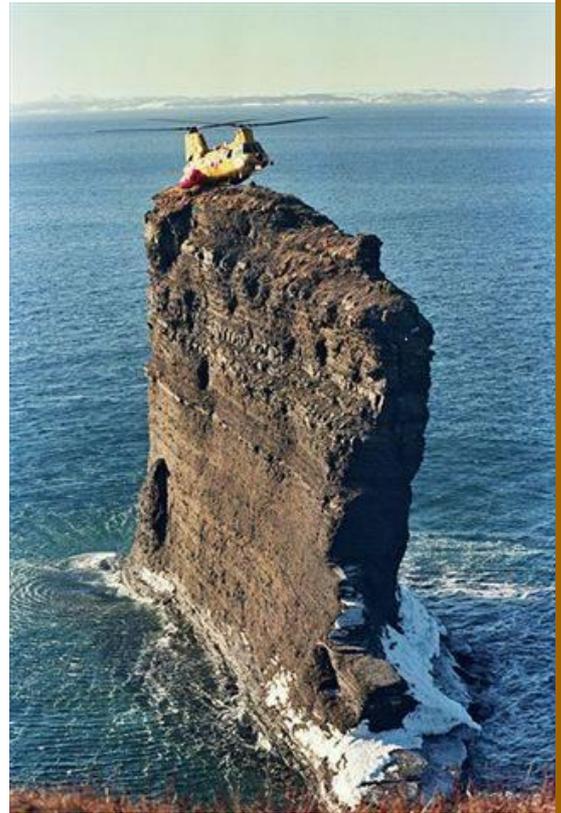
Many thanks to [Richard Crapp](#) for sharing these pictures with us:



*This photo was taken by a soldier in Afghanistan of a helicopter rescue mission. The pilot is a PA National Guard who flies EMS choppers in civilian life.*

*Now how many people on the planet you reckon could set the ass end of a chopper down on the roof top of a shack, on a steep mountain cliff, and hold it there while soldiers load wounded men in the rear.*

*If this doesn't impress you... nothing ever will...*



## An oldie but a goodie

This is allegedly the transcript of a radio exchange that took place in 1995.

*Americans:* Please divert your course 15 degrees to the north to avoid a collision.

*Canadians:* Recommend you divert YOUR course 15 degrees to the south to avoid a collision.

*Americans:* This is the captain of a US Navy ship. I say again divert YOUR course.

*Canadians:* No I say again, you divert YOUR course.

*Americans:* THIS IS THE AIRCRAFT CARRIER USS MISSOURI. WE ARE A LARGE WARSHIP OF THE US NAVY. DIVERT YOUR COURSE NOW!

*Canadians:* This is a light house. Your call.

## Old Wayfarers

There has been a link on our web site to another site which includes information about the original Wayfarers club. Sadly, we have recently learned that two of the original members passed away in the last year but the site has been revamped by the son of one of the surviving founders, Bob Jones. Do have a look at the site or, if you prefer the easy option, a copy of it is attached to this newsletter.

## World championships

In August, [Richard Crapp](#) entered the Scale World Championships in the open competition for large scale aircraft, held at Czystochowa in Poland. Richard flew his Ryan PT22 to a very creditable 6th place despite having a tyre come off so spoiling the potentially high-scoring landing points.



The UK team took the gold medal in the F4C competition.

Well done all round.