“Chairman Chatter”

Hello and welcome to our first edition of our new HHMFC newsletter, our new look interactive newsletter – please do check out all the links below to find out all the latest news from the club. Thank you to one of our members Steve Crook who has kindly donated a laptop to the club to use to put it together. Cheers Steve! In our next edition of this newsletter we’d like to feature some of your winter projects, so please do send these through to Doug.

Since taking over the position of Chairman, it’s not stopped raining (I hope that’s not a bad sign!). I’m sure we are all looking forward to the sun coming back out and getting back out flying. Even though we haven’t been up at the site, it’s been a busy few months behind the scenes and I’d like to say a huge thank you to the committee for all their enthusiasm, commitment and time in moving our club forward. Two things we’ve been particularly focusing on are:

1. How we communicate to our members – helping bring all our members together
2. Making our club more attractive to new members and include all our members in everything we do

I’m really excited about our New You tube channel - big thanks to Doug (our Secretary) for getting this set up, providing another channel we can communicate to members on and also reach out to potential new members. If you’ve got any video clips, please send them over to Doug to get them posted. We did our first face book live streaming of the brilliant indoor flying event with the High Wycombe Model Flying Club which over 10 of our members attended. This is attracting some great interest in our hobby and club, so thank you to everyone who made the effort to come along. They have been fantastic nights. The opportunity at these events to network with other clubs has also really helped. High Wycombe club Chairman have written me several messages saying how great it’s been that we have helped them boost numbers at these events and the work Gary and Doug have done with the social media has thrust the indoor flying further into the spot light. There were 39 pilots at the last meeting!

Gary has done a great job in designing a club promotional leaflet, so please do print it off and distribute to wherever you can. This will support in getting new members and also focusing on people who own a drone and pointing out to them that it needs to be legal and our club can help. Be great to get these into schools, shops and anywhere we can get some free advertising.

On this note we have also been in contact with Herts FPV club who have a lot of active members and we are in the early stages of discussing holding one of their club meetings at our Shenley site. This will not only bring in extra revenue, but could also bring in new members as the club fly models too – we’ll keep you posted as the discussions progress.

We had two work party dates booked but sadly because of the poor weather and our sites being water logged, these weren’t able to go ahead. However, we will be re-planning them as soon as practical. We’re asking all our members if you can spare a couple of hours at each site for a clean-up and sort out to get ready for the Spring flying season. We plan to refurb the trailer to help with the grass cuttings and we also have a revised maintenance plan for both our mowers to help reduce costs. New operating instructions will be placed on each mower to avoid future damage. Great News on the Web cams - both sites will be fully operational soon.

The BMFA have a new card out (£3.50) with added discounts and benefits from a variety of retailers so definitely worth a look.

A couple of safety points:

- The RAF Halton MOU agreement is now up on the container at Putters and on the inside of the door. If you have any issues with “fly aways” it’s very important you call the contact number and a committee member to report it.
- We also have some new 1st Aid boxes (thanks to Gary) which will be bolted on the outside of the containers at both sites, with a combination lock (same as the gate) with all the emergency dressings to attend to any kind of injury. Safety has got to be a paramount focus and we need to stay safe at all times. We also have the 3 word code for the emergency services:

Shenley

- At the turn off from B556 Ridge Hill: tend.task.sadly
- At the gate behind the museum: trace.pace.sang
- At the patch car park: views. Memo.crowd

Puttenham Gate: interview.savers.tarred

All the committee meetings have been scheduled for the year and the ones in the summer months will be at each site so please do come up and fly and anyone is welcome to attend any of the meetings, your input would be much appreciated. The AGM is booked for Monday 7th December so please put in your diaries now as it's a very important night for the whole club and be great to see as many members there as possible.

Our club is nothing without its members and as a committee we want to ensure we listen to your feedback and ideas, so please do let us know if you've got any ideas for the club or have any feedback on anything we have done so far. The committee is always on the end of a phone or email so please contact us anytime. You can find our contact details on this newsletter.

It's great to have so much to update you on in this first edition of the newsletter. That's all for now, hope to see you all soon.

Cheers,

Eddie.

Reminders/ dates for your diary:

1. Check out and follow the new club you tube channel
2. Send any video clips you have from either site to Doug
3. Print out the new club promotional leaflet and distribute/ display
4. Come along to one/ both of the working parties (dates to follow soon)
5. Check out the new BMFA card
6. Make sure you know the 3 word code for the emergency services
7. AGM: 7th December
8. Send any feedback/ ideas through to the committee