

# Hemel Hempstead Model Flying Club



## Newsletter April 2021

Hello,

WE CAN FLY AGAIN! Yes lock down has lifted as we enter another phase edging us back to normality. A big thanks to some of our club members that have chipped in getting our sites ready for the big reopening. Again members showing their willingness to do their part in order to keep our club up to date and as progressive as possible. We have already had a few days of flying, and to everyone's surprise the sun has been shining! It has been great to see members at both our sites from dawn until late into the night. On Monday we even got a fire going and Tuesday we had the BBQ out!



Following a club announcement newsletter that was sent earlier in the week. On Wednesday 24th of March 2021, we held a club zoom meeting where we as a club could talk about the re opening, the rules and guidelines, plus answer any additional questions. Over 20 members logged on to the call, it was great to see old faces and some new ones too. The session was lead by the committee, with Ed the chairman starting things off. Ed welcomed everyone for the call and started off by saying what a GREAT job I am doing with the news letter. This was followed with strong agreement and thanks by all the other members. As I am humble and didn't want to draw attention to it, I just subtly thanked everyone for their acknowledgement... of how GREAT a job I am doing. So following the acknowledgement of the GREAT job I am doing, Ed went on to thank the committee for all the effort they have put in and continue to put in. Every committee member plays their part, from checking the sites during lockdown, maintaining our web cameras to social media posts. It is a lot of additional work considering believe it or not, they all have their own personal lives. So thanks guys for taking time out to help make our club a great place to be. Ed then continued by outlining the government guidelines, mainly highlighting that we still have to keep 2 meters distance and the rule of 6. Some people have been vaccinated, but some people haven't.. So please be mindful of others, rather than get complacent and undo all our hard work to beat covid, lets finish this thing off. But great job so far!

**STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES**

## Float and Fly

The committee has had some requests for a Float and Fly day. What is Float and Fly? It is a day that we will find a location with a pond or lake, we will hold a club day there with food, drinks and hopefully some sun. It will also be a chance for club members to fly any models that can take off and land on water. Our club use to hold an annual Float and Fly with the last one being held back in 2007.

Roger Warrington has supplied some pictures from the last Float and Fly which was held in Rickmansworth sailing lake.



In order to organise one of these great family fun days we will need interest from club members, so to register your interest please email [editor@hmfmc.co.uk](mailto:editor@hmfmc.co.uk) and hopefully the committee will be able to make this happen as an annual event again.





## FIRST FEW DAYS BACK AFTER LOCKDOWN IS EASED



A very fitting photo taken on Monday, this was after several members maiden'd their club wings they have been building over the winter... V is for VORTEX WING! Just remember you heard and saw it here first! Keep reading as more information about the Vortex Wing will be released over the summer. 29/03/2021 21:39

### **Buddying information**

There are members at both Puttenham and Shenley that can assist with buddy box training/flying.

Buddy boxing isn't just for beginners. Maybe you're trying manoeuvres you haven't tried before. Maybe you have a new plane and you're not confident to fly it alone yet. Well don't leave it in the shed! Please feel comfortable enough to ask for a buddy. The following members will be happy to arrange a convenient time and site: **Ed the Chairman, Allan Huke, Lawrence North**

Buddy boxing has already been very successful in helping a number of new





## Marcus Goldsmith

Mark has finally finished his scratch rebuild of the Delta Rapier. I was partly responsible for this rebuild, this all started last summer. It was my second solo flight and I was flying my Bixler 1. When I was coming in for a landing Mark was doing a flyby, and it was a spectacular mid air collision. Our club Secretary Doug Beckett managed to catch the whole thing on camera. I also have to give him

credit for the bandages and getting my Bixler flying again. But this was the result of the Delta Rapier. Also see the progression of the rebuild, I can't even imagine the hours and patience it takes to build something like this.



When Mark unloaded the Delta Rapier, he was praised for the awesome paint job and people were eager for its maiden. Mark wasn't sure if he should fly it after not flying for a while. But a few flights with his other models and he was ready. It is hand launched and flew like a dream, after the normal adjustments of course. The Delta also possesses great speed which Mark was more than happy to show off with several Fly bys. Great job Mark!





Daniel Seabrooke and his son Kai done a fantastic job building their Vortex wing. They even managed to maiden it, and it was flying great... But an ESC issue sent it plummeting to the ground. Luckily the Vortex Wing is virtually indestructible and there was barely a scratch on it. Daniel said they'll sort the ESC out and get it up in the air again. Luckily they also had their apprentice plane with them, so they both managed to get several flights in. Kai even managed to bring it back down despite a rudder failure, the kid's a natural!



### John Williams Builds

John has sent in pictures of his builds with this to say.

“During the lockdown I've been refurbishing some of the models I've had laying around for many years. The first one being a Flair Puppeteer Mk1 that I was given by a friend about twenty years ago. It's been sitting in the loft ever since. The down side was it only had three and a half of the four wings, after being run over by my motorbike in the garage and a number of other bits of damage where it had been laying around. I find repairing models challenging and quite enjoyable for some reason but would like to make it known I'm not confident enough to repair other people's. Also I generate more than enough damage on my own!! Fortunately I had a few drawings with it, so I set to and built half a wing, joined it to the existing one, repaired a couple of spars and a broken wing tip on one of the other wings and recovered it. Whilst doing this, I changed it to two aileron Servos from one central one. The Cabane struts were loose so had to strip the top off the top of the front fuselage and took the opportunity of extending the nose a small amount to get a four stroke engine in instead of the two stroke that came with it. It is now ready to go!!” well what a great job John, we are looking forward to seeing it at the patch and it's maiden.





## LED COMPETITION !

We have seen our first entry, it was from our chairman Ed. He has done a great job lighting up his transmitter case. Ed did say it took him a while to track down the orange LED's, but he's glad he got it done. We are looking forward to seeing more entry's as time goes on.

The prize is fantastic as the committee has offered a FULLY BUILT VORTEX WING!

We will wait to see how the lockdown eases before we put any dates in the diary for this competition. This just means you have more time to work on your night flyers and other LED projects.

Here are the rules:

- 1) You must be able to take it to one of our patch's
- 2) All entries must be submitted to James Lewis via Whats app or email at editor@hhmfc.co.uk, Please send pictures of your entries. Deadline date to be confirmed.

We will then hold an evening session at both patches for competitors to show off their work with pictures and videos to be posted and a vote held for the winner.



A big THANK YOU to one of our new members Ken Speed and existing member John Copeman for donating a phone that will be used at our Puttenham patch.

We still need a few more!

Thank you to those of you who have offered phones so far. We are still looking for donations of old android phones to use as cameras at our patches. We have found



We hope you have all enjoyed the newsletter!

Please keep sending us your pictures or videos and we will look to publish as much as we can.

Until the next edition, **Stay safe and keep building!**

### QR Code

Some of you may have spotted these displayed at both sites. Simply point the camera on the code from most mobile phones, or with the appropriate app. This will enable quick access to our website. We hope this may encourage interest from passers by who might want to consider getting involved in the hobby and becoming a new club member.

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