

Hemel Hempstead Model Flying Club



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STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

A Covid-19 Reminder

The virus has now been with us for a number of months but thankfully we have recently been able to return to our flying sites. Both our sites have been carefully marked out to remind us all about the importance of social distancing. While restrictions are now more relaxed we ask you all to still please carefully consider the safety of both yourselves and your fellow members. We all tend to let our guard down, particularly when out in the open and enjoying ourselves, so please take care and stay safe.



First Aid Boxes

We've mentioned these before but a reminder that new first aid boxes have been fixed on to the front of the containers at each site.





A BIG welcome our new members.

The committee and a number of other club members have been working very hard over the past few months in order to recruit new members.

You may recall earlier this year we were invited to join the High Wycombe club for some indoor flying which was great fun and very well supported by our membership.

Their club are currently still waiting to secure a new flying field and in the interim we are very pleased a number of them have recently joined our club. Many of them have already been flying at Puttenham and we hope they may also venture further afield to Shenley!

In addition to the above we are also very pleased to welcome a good number of other new members including two junior members. Younger members are of course the future of our club so if you can think of anyone who may be interested in taking up our hobby please do encourage them to visit either one of our sites or check us out on social media. Older new members are of course equally welcome!



Buddying

There are now a number of members at both Puttenham and Shenley that can assist with buddy box training.

This has already been very successful in helping a number of new members, both junior and senior, with learning to fly.

If you know anyone, family or friends, who might be interested why not bring them along and let them have a go!

New Heli/Drone Pads

A new pad has just been installed on the Shenley patch. Fixed wing pilots don't be concerned! It is carefully mounted flush with the ground so your undercarriage is safe!

Another pad is planned for the Puttenham patch very soon.

Our grateful thanks to Gary Akers for his design and construction of the pads.



Container Refurbishment Working Party

Thank you to all of those who kindly gave up their time recently to help restore the container at Shenley. It was pressure washed, rubbed down and painted and is now looking very smart!

A special word of thanks to Sean Dempsey who kindly loaned us the use of his pressure washer and also to new member Brian Orella. The generator at Shenley refused to run and Brian spent considerable time and expertise giving the carburettor a 'hydrosonic' clean. Needless to say the generator subsequently ran perfectly!

The Puttenham container was painted some time ago and is still in a very good condition.

Even the chairman gets stuck in!



QR Code

Some of you may have spotted some of these displayed at both sites. For those members not familiar with this type of technology these are very similar to bar codes. A simple tap on the code with a mobile phone, with the appropriate App, will enable quick access to information about our club. We hope this may encourage interest from passers by who may want to consider getting involved in the hobby and becoming a new club member.

We hope you have all enjoyed the new style Newsletter.

If any of you would like to see a particular type of feature article in future editions or perhaps include your own on such things as a new model build, any technical information or similar, which you think may be of interest to our members, please contact any member of the committee.

Below are a selection of pictures collected recently.

Please also send us your pictures or videos and we will see what we can do to publish them as well.

Some of you may have noticed some member's models for sale in our social media and we are also happy to include an advertisement section in our Newsletter editions if you have any models, engines or any spares you want to sell. If you have anything you are looking for we could also include a 'wanted' section.

Until the next edition 'stay safe and fly well!'

