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Chichester and District Model Aero Club: Committee 2021

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Hello Everyone not so much for CD this month. I expect we are all enjoying our new found freedom and getting outdoors flying again. As you can see Jeff Cosford has been busy with candidates for the 'A' test *All*



## Dates for your diary:

After a promising start last month we have planned a series of flying evenings at Fishbourne from now until September.

Meetings will be held on the second Thursday each month.

CADMAC has the field booked from 6.45pm, but you can turn up earlier and fly if the site is clear of previous users.

The dates booked are:

Thursday 10th June.

Thursday 8th July.

Thursday 12th August.

Thursday 9th September.

Hope to see you there!



Congratulations to Jordan Perry who, in spite of the frequent showers, achieved his A certificate on 22nd May. Jordan receiving his certificate from Jeff Cosford



POPHAM AIRFIELD

# MODEL AIR SHOW

Popham Airfield (01256) 397733  
[www.popham-airfield.co.uk](http://www.popham-airfield.co.uk)

## The preparation

for the biggest model event in Popham Airfields' history is progressing rapidly.

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If you are a pilot and interested in participating then you will need to get in touch soon as the flight schedule is open now for entries.

We are expecting Fixed wing - Gliders, Electrics I.C. and turbines, Rotary Aircraft and FPV with a full program of flying over the weekend.

Contact: [t\\_weeks@sky.com](mailto:t_weeks@sky.com)

There will be a static display under cover in the main Marquee, bring and buy, FPV workshops and indoor catering.

Traders welcome £40, for the weekend, limited camping is available so book early.

Public admission will be determined through on line booking with Eventbrite  
£10 Adults / £5 Children / £25 family ticket.



**Popham Airfield**

EGHP

The Spitfire Flying Club

Popham Model Show

**[Popham Model Show 21st & 22nd August 2021](#)**

<http://southern.bmfa.uk/.../Popham-Model-Show-Poster.pdf>

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**[Initial information / Briefing notes.](#)**

1. Address and welcome to all – Mike Pearson Event Manager.
2. Terry Weeks is the overall Flight-Line Director for the day, he will be assisted by David Smith and other members of the S Area BMFA each appointed for a discipline designated at the briefing.
3. The briefing will commence at 9:15 am each day, followed by Pilot registration. Flying in allocated slots between 10:00 & 4:00 Daily. Pilots arriving later in the day or on the second day must register before they fly once registered pilots can fly as required on either / both days. All Pilots must ensure they have their insurance details and CAA number available at registration.
4. Advice on flight-line(s) layout and advice on who will be the Flight-line Director for each discipline. This briefing will take place before any flying commences. The main airfield will be closed for the period of the show.
5. 2.4 GHz only to be used – Sorry but no 35 MHz
6. Only current BMFA, SMA, LMA & FPV UK members may fly and they should be registered by the CAA. Achievement Scheme Certification is compulsory, but the Flight Director still reserves the right to prevent any pilots that are seen fall below an acceptable standard from flying.
7. The days will be programmed with flying slots to cater for the various disciplines. Guest flyers; Fixed wing; Helicopters; Vintage, Gliders and Gas Turbines.
8. The operating ceiling for all disciplines will be TBA – NOTAM being sought.
9. In the event of any crashes (hopefully none) all debris (F.O.D) to be collected and removed from the site.
10. Any “Fly-aways” (hopefully none) to be reported to the Event Director.
11. If you would like to fly contact Terry Weeks via the S. Area BMFA website under “contact us” for a registration form.
12. Fees:
  1. Camping – £60 for the weekend. (includes admission)
  2. Traders – £40 for the weekend.
  3. Adults £10., Children £5, Family £25.
  4. Fliers free admission (This to be managed).



Congratulations to a happy Lee Seaman who passed his 'A' test at Portshole Farm on a sunny day in May



Another successful A test, this by Will Marsh after many months of intensive practice.



A Fox Moth Landing at Thorney Island. One of my favourite photographs taken at the second fly-in at on the 19th September 2014

## Portshole Farm and the Sewage works



### Portshole reminder

The wastewater treatment plant adjacent to the Portshole flying field, known to us all as the 'poo' farm, has always been a no fly zone. Having had two recent cases of models coming down within or near to the treatment site boundary we have had useful contact with the site manager. We think it is worth reminding everyone of the rules designed to maintain good relations with our neighbours and prevent any dangerous incidents.

As it says in the CADMAC Pilots' Handbook, you should avoid flying over the treatment site at any time. In our experience this is well respected and only rarely does a model overfly the site. Of course, things do sometimes go wrong and a model can end up over the boundary or coming down within the site.

The Southern Water site manager is particularly concerned about the tall cylindrical tanks on the northern side of the site which hold large quantities of flammable liquid. These tanks are clearly visible from the flying field but for those who are unsure we have attached an image and map of their location (the tanks are marked in yellow). If the water treatment staff see any model flying close to those tanks they will report it to us. If it happened persistently, I think we could expect a more formal complaint.

If you do lose a model into the treatment site you should contact one of us immediately (Ken Smith 01 243 786079, 07815 456280; George Gilchrist 01 243 341106, 07751 370735) and we will contact the site manager to get the model retrieved and returned. Please make a note of exactly where in the works that the model came down and the circumstances. The site manager is happy to retrieve the model for us although he did point out that you might not want your model back if it ended up in one of the sewage sludge tanks.

Whatever you do, do not attempt to break through the boundary fence into the water treatment site to retrieve the model yourself. The site manager is understandably concerned about the possibility of unauthorised access. It is also likely that you will be detected on the security cameras that are dotted around the site and we will all be in trouble.

**Ken Smith and George Gilchrist**

Editors Note:-

Many years ago before Li-Po batteries came on the scene or were even talked about I had a Italian motor glider called a 'Sport Palio' this was a plane that had true Italian style: a curvy fuselage with an aileron wing of about two metre wingspan and had a Speed 500 geared motor driving a, if I recall a 12x6 folding prop and powered by six Sub'C' Ni-Cd batteries and weighted a ton.

Anyway there I was at Portshole (It was known to us at the time as Porthole) flying happily up and down North to South at a good height when it dawned on me that I had no control of the plane it was doing its own thing, up and down it went round and round slowly descending, it looked as though it was going to land itself on the patch until it reached the hedge, that's when it all went pear shaped the wind lifted the plane up and deposited in the nearest rotary pond to our patch. With that and the help of Tony and Ray I managed to retrieve it and there was no damage to the plane except it had lost its canopy as it skimmed across the 'Poo' and ended up in the centre where the rotating arm pivots. It was quite a smelly plane.

I was unable to source a replacement in the UK so I wrote to the Italian manufacturer asking if they could supply a replacement canopy and what was the cost including postage, I included some photographs which Tony had taken.

Much to my surprise a few days later a parcel arrived, inside was a new canopy, free of charge with a note saying and I quote " Please accept the replacement canopy for your "Sort Palio" as we like to help modellers who are in the SHIT.

This I have to add was before the vertical methane collector tanks were installed and health and safety where not such big issues and there where holes in the perimeter fence.

The cause of the lack of control, one of the 'C' cell had gone open circuit, thus no voltage!  
Ken K.





RAF Cadets at Thorney July 2019



**Flying alone on Thorney is not recommended however pilots are requested to concentrate on flying within the grass area to the west of the runway.**

**Please Try to leave Porthole as tidy as possible, making sure no fuel is left on site & lock the gate.**

**30 metres from "uninvolved" persons"**

**15 metres when taking off & landing, subject to mitigations**

**From 1 Jan 21 BMFA Article 16 is law: know the separation minima!**

**When Driving Around Thorney be aware of young children on bikes**

**The Commander at Baker Barracks Thorney and the MOD have decreed that there shall be NO drone flying whatsoever**

**When flying at Thorney please keep an eye out for traffic(all kinds walkers, horses, bikes, runners, and low flying aircraft) coming from behind the flyers and inform them accordingly**

The club Facebook page is now in its fifth year. It has over one hundred members. It contains many contemporary site reports, and has a wealth of photos in its archives.

Administered by Nick Gates. David Hayward & Ken Knox

Here is the link:-

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Chichesteraeromodellers/>