

Clear Dope

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Hello everybody hope you are all well and active Any Comments on Articles or additions please do contact me All the Best Ken Knox

"July saw the first (socially-distanced) meeting of the CADMAC Committee since the COVID crisis took hold. Many points were discussed, and the minutes will be forwarded to members soon. Amongst the subjects covered was the possibility of re-starting Club meeting evenings. This topic will, of course, be under constant review but in the meantime please bear in mind our flying events planned on the Fishbourne Centre sports field on the following forthcoming dates:

Thursday 13th August.

Thursday 10th September.

The field is officially booked for CADMAC activity from 1930 hrs, however we can use it beforehand if nobody else is using the field.

It's a great chance to catch up with your fellow members subject, of course, to the latest COVID guidelines and the weather!

Please come along if you feel able; July's evening was well attended and the flying conditions were perfect."



Keeping Portshole flying

By Linda Smith - volunteer assistant grounds maintenance person at Portshole flying field

It is about a year since my husband, Ken, took responsibility for mowing and maintaining the CADMAC flying field at Portshole. The grass on the patch needs mowing every week or so and I usually go along to help.



My main task is to remove the mole hills before Ken gets to them with the mower.

The moles have the run of the place and there are usually 20 mole hills or more and numerous rabbit scrapes to deal with. It is best to remove the mole hills completely, if you just spread out the soil it kills the grass underneath. I managed to get grass seed to grow on some the bare patches in the autumn, but so far this spring it has been too dry for the grass to re-establish. I will try again in the autumn.



Sheep takeover bid!



The owner of Portshole Farm rents the grazing to a local shepherd. By the end of June, the sheep were getting hungry and the grass round the patch was getting long. So, with an electric fence round the whole field the sheep were able to move in. With these living 'mowers' in charge we took the CADMAC mower to be serviced. But we still had to go down regularly to clear the sheep 'bumbles' from the patch. The sheep did move back to their other field when fliers arrived. The sheep have now been moved elsewhere but will probably be back in the autumn.



COVID19: By arrangement with the owner we were able to keep the grass mown during 'lockdown'. It was good when flying resumed in June with social distanced 'set-up spots' in the pits area. (note with current COVID restrictions there is no access to the barn, we have the barn door open to get the mowing kit)

I really enjoy going to Portshole with Ken. The air always feels so fresh - but maybe that is because we tend to go when it is too windy for flying!

Portshole is wonderful resource and is open for flying every day of the week from 10.00 am until dusk - enjoy

Linda Smith 27 July 2020

David S flying his Acro-Wot,
Whilst **Bruce** is on lookout
Duty

Note: Grass has now been
cut



Peter Doe's petrol
powered Obsession
Duke's petrol
powered Wots Wot
XL

New member **Mike
Hodgett's** with and
Easy Star Mike is
back at Thorney
after a few years
absence

Note: Graham
Penfold of the
Border club has a
**Chriss Foss Wots
Wot XL** for sale its
never been out of
the box. Graham
says he's not going
to build it Graham
is on 07748766694 he
wants £275 ONO

Duke has a similar
plane



Derek H With his Sebart Wind S 50E and **Dion** had his first flight with his AJ Raven, 73", 10S Lipo, HV servos and a redundant radio supply from a power Box switch



Malcolm Preps his ill-fated Mike Reeves Spitfire,

My Islander stuck in a hole



Jeff flies his own design electric twin





Visiting my sister Laura who lives in the Hamlet of Kennerleigh Mid-Devon I found this really good slope. Many years ago I recall standing in this field and watched a RAF Hercules fly by in the valley below. Me just flew my Ascent



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

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 fourth 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. and David Hayward

Here is the link:-

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