

Clear Dope

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Chichester and District Model Aero Club: Committee 2022

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Happy Flying and be aware of others

Looking ahead in 2022

Dear CADMAC members,

Firstly, we hope that you survived the recent storms in what must have been one of the longest periods of continuous gales in modern history! On the plus side, if your workshop didn't blow away it at least provided an excuse to stay indoors, get building and take stock for the forthcoming year.

It was extremely heartening to learn from Jeff Cosford, our Membership Secretary, that over 90% of you chose to rejoin CADMAC in spite of the very trying two years that have passed. To that end, we would like to thank you all for your loyalty to the club and for bearing with us during the COVID restrictions.

At long last, however, it appears that we may be emerging "from the woods" with a progressive relaxation of rules, and life seems to be gradually returning to normal. With this in mind we are keen that CADMAC should move with the times and that we should also return to what is, after all, our primary purpose; to be an organisation in which people with a common interest can meet up with others and share experiences. To that end, the committee has been actively working on plans and we thought that now would be a good time to share these with you.

Firstly, the big picture that we aim to start regular club meet-ups again in April, with the introduction of our (outdoor) field flying events at the Fishbourne playing fields on the second Thursday of the summer months, leading to the resumption of club nights in the main hall from October onwards.

However, in light of the relaxation of rules, Tim is also looking into the possibility of reverting to hall meetings during the summer months if the weather for flying looks to be unsuitable. This, of course would be subject to availability of the hall, but he will write to you in April with more information about this contingency plan. The aims for our "indoor" meetings will be to hold regular talks and video shows and, of course, to share experiences and advice with other club members. Hopefully you will find them entertaining and informative.



Also, as you will be aware, our new Competition Secretary, Ray Shivjee, has put together a competition



programme that encompasses most disciplines of our sport, and he is keen to set the challenges and rules to ensure that everyone will feel able to take part with a fair chance of winning a prize. Ray intends to use both Thorney and Portshole as venues, and has included in the programme a number of days for gliding events, which are always popular.

Allied to the competition programme is the club's social calendar, Jordan

Perry is actively working with Ray to run a concurrent social programme.

The club is also looking to expand its training programme. To this end, in addition to "A" certificate training, we have recently added the Basic Proficiency Certificate to our repertoire, which allows the use of models fitted with stabilisation systems. Furthermore, Ken Smith and his team are also looking to start a programme of training for those who are looking to enhance their skills to "B" Certificate standard.

On the flying side, all of sites are now up and running to full capacity and Ken is also actively working behind the scenes to sure up the vehicle track at Portshole.



It is worth mentioning that over the past year Donna, Tim & Alex have updated the club's Young & Vulnerable Persons' Policy such that the club provides a safe environment for all potential members and, to that end, we hope to be able to encourage new and young people to join in with our activities.

Finally, please bear in mind that our monthly magazine, Clear Dope, together with the club's excellent website and a very active FaceBook page contribute towards a media presence that enables us all to be kept informed and in touch.

So, all-in-all, as the COVID curtain lifts there is a lot to look forward to for CADMAC in 2022. However, by definition, the participation of members is vital to a healthy club environment and, with this in mind, we would encourage you all to make the most of the facilities and events on offer.



Let's hope that the weather is kind this year, and we look forward to seeing you at our sites and meetings.

Once again, many thanks for your support!

Best wishes,

The CADMAC Committee



Team leader Ken Smith and The Boys from the Black Stuff repairing the road to Portshole site. Well done for all your hard work.



Many thanks to Alan Cozens who has constructed the “Model Flying” signal that is attached to the MicroLight windsock.

First member on site is to raise the signal and the last to leave is to lower it.

The new club tee shirts being modelled here by Ken Smith and supplied by our own "Del Boy" Jordon Perry.



Dear CADMAC members,

The 2022 competition calendar has now been finalised and, as well as being on the club website, is listed below.

I really hope that everyone can find something of interest amongst the list of events. As I have said before, the emphasis will be on having relaxed and fun competitions that everyone can have a go at.

To ensure that things run smoothly, and that everyone gets a fair chance, there will be no non-competition flying within the time frame of the events. To that end, about a week before each competition, when a half decent weather forecast is available, I will let all the members know the start times.

Also, on the CADMAC website there is a general description of each competition. For absolute clarity and safety, exact rules will be briefed by the contest organiser on the day.

I look forward to seeing you at Thorney in April for the first one!

All the best,

Ray

2022 Competitions:

Sat 16th April - EDF jets Thorney.

Wed 25th May - Electric glider Portshole.

Sat 18th June - Scale Thorney.

Wed 27th July - Fun-fly and BBQ Portshole.

Sat 6th/13th/20th August - Thorney gliding.

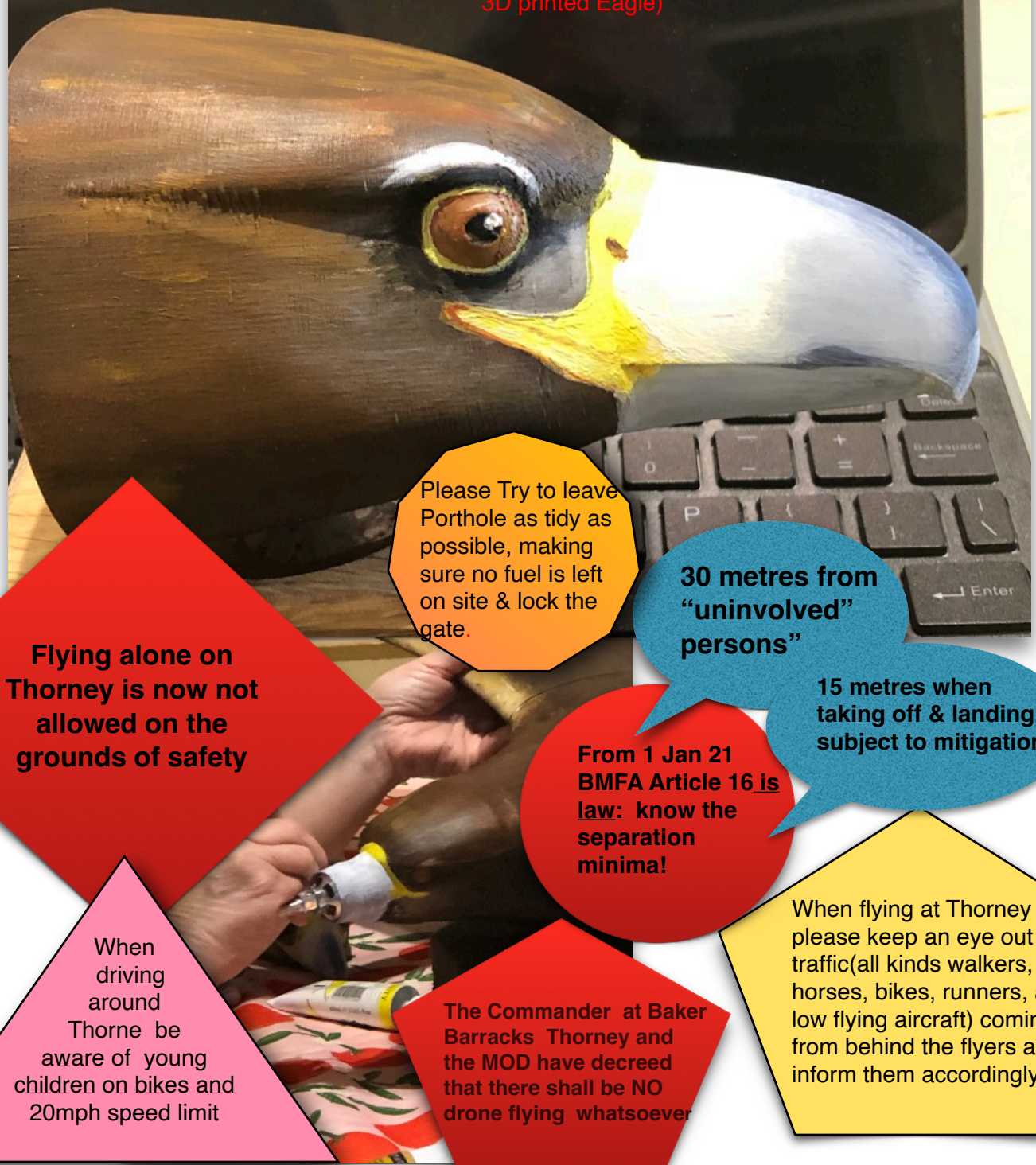
Sat 5th Nov - EDF jets again Thorney.

Sun 13th Nov - Remembrance gliding Thorney.



Paul Cooper gained his "A" Certificate earlier this month seen here with Jef Cosford examiner.
Well done Paul

Eddie the Eagle's paint job is slowly taking shape (Roy Scott's amazing 3D printed Eagle)



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

Flying alone on Thorney is now not allowed on the grounds of safety

When driving around Thorne be aware of young children on bikes and 20mph speed limit

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/>