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Welcome to the July 2021 Newsletter of the Southern Area BMFA.
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POPHAM Show 2021 Newsletter

This the 2nd newsletter for the Popham Model flying show and confirms that the event will be held on August 21st and 22nd. The event is an all-ticket admission. If you have not already, get your ticket via the Popham Airfield website, under “Events” click onto the “Events 2021 / Model show” dropdowns and follow the link for tickets.

[Once you have your ticket on arrival you will need to either use the NHS COVID 19 App to scan in your details or fill out some paperwork to conform to the track and trace procedure.](#) Some COVID restrictions will still apply throughout the site.

To date we have received excellent response from show pilots across the country as well as groups such as the Bishops Hawk Duo, the Ghost Squadron, Steve Carr, and many other established names from the show circuit. Selection of models already booked range from large scale models from the LMA – Vintage and Classic jets, Turbines – Large scale gliders some aerotowed – Competition Gliders – 3D aerobatic – Fixed wing – Helicopters. There will be Control line flying plus many other models covering a wide range of disciplines across the modelling spectrum. Invites are being circulated to many of the well-known traders, so we expect a selection of many shops to attend offering visitors the opportunities to purchase on site. The organizing team has most of the prime responsibilities now filled and progress is being made on the numerous detail issues that need to be resolved, and we can report that support has been forthcoming from many clubs in the area to ensure that this initial show is successful.

As we have stated before we hope that this will be the first of many future annual model shows to be held at Popham airfield and being in the Southern Area offers a chance for all local clubs and model pilots to become involved. Besides the flying display we also have opportunities for your club to provide a static display, perhaps you would consider bringing a selection of models from your club to advertise your activities. There will also be a swap meet for those interested in selling and or purchasing bits and pieces. Could you maybe consider helping on the flight sim to encourage the younger generation or perhaps you have specific interests and would like to share these with others to promote some new ideas, there is an opportunity for all those willing to contribute to add something to help us get the

Popham model show off the ground in August. We do have a large marque that is available with space for tables, displays etc so let us know if you are interested .

IMPORTANT NOTE Amended:

The diversion warning that we warned you of is being removed at the time the show is taking place, so access is again available via underpass from the A303 when travelling from the East. Good news as it avoids the lengthy “U” turn.

Camping will be available for those wishing to stay over the weekend, however numbers may be limited to ensure that all show pilots have the opportunity to set up camp first. There will be adequate parking space for those attending for the day and of course a Bar and Refreshments will be on sale both days.

We do believe that the more activities, displays, stands and events that we can include over this weekend will only enhance the appeal of the show and also provide more opportunities for local clubs and modelers to become involved. The prime objective is to organise a model flying display, however there is no reason not to consider expanding the opportunity to model boats, tanks, cars etc. in future events. Perhaps you have contacts in another modelling aspect that would enhance future events at Popham – if so then we would love to hear from you.

Lastly it is recognized that the past 12 months have been difficult for all with travel restrictions, cancellation of many events and constraints in all aspects of our everyday activities. With this in mind the prime objective of the Popham show is to offer a local annual event that will benefit all who enjoy our hobby, encourage those interested to come, learn, and meet likeminded individuals and help develop our sport for the future. While many model flying fields are under review or have been lost Popham is offering a rare opportunity to develop and promote our sport for the future.

If you have ideas for the future, then we want to hear them – and we look forward to meeting you at Popham in August.

For general information contact Mike Pearson Airfield Manager / Event organiser.

Offering support – contact Any of the S Area Committee.

Want to get involved - contact Terry Weeks email: t_weeks@sky.com

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