

HALE HALL MODEL CLUB NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the November Newsletter. As some of you may know I am in the throes of moving house so this month I have only managed a short edition covering some information on our flying site development. I hope normal service will resume when I emerge from all the packing cases!

Date for your diary

We will be holding the club AGM at the BAE Lightning Club on Thursday 2nd December starting at 19:30. We are hoping for a good turnout; remember this is your chance to have your say!

For Sale

The trial 'For Sale' system seems to have been a success as most of the items have now been sold. Only the 4 Metre glider belonging to Derek Beaton is still for sale, if you are looking for something impressive why not have another look! I will continue with the same system, if you have any items for sale please contact me at andy.holden56@btinternet.com.

[Derek Beaton For Sale](#)

National Lottery Grant

Unfortunately our kind offer to use some of the National Lottery Community Fund's budget to replace the club hut has not been accepted. Not unexpected as they seem to be concentrating on Covid related projects at the moment. But as they say 'if you don't ask you don't get', so it was worth a try. The committee are currently devising a 'Plan B' for the hut replacement / refurbishment. In the short term the arrival of our new storage container will allow us to tidy up the hut and make it a more pleasant space to be in.

Flying Site update

After the disappointment of the failed lottery application we have had some good news on the mower container and the car park upgrades. The mower container is planned to be delivered earlier than expected on Monday 6th December. On Tuesday 23rd November a group of us were relaxing at Dave Sewell's, enjoying some coffee and cake, when Jack received a call from Andrew Duckett informing us that Matt (Matthew Hall, son of the previous owners of the farm) would be arriving in about an hour to prepare the foundations for our container! Luckily we were planning to go flying that day so we finished our cake and made our way to the flying field. Matt arrived just after 13:00

as promised; his only instructions were 'do what they want'! Unfortunately our esteemed site co-ordinator, Andrew O'Neill, was AWOL so we had to make up the plan as we went along! After some measuring and a little head scratching a way ahead was agreed and Matt got to work. Alternating between the digger and a Manitou loader (great big boy's toys!) Matt dug out the footings, laid hardcore and finally covered it with stone 'dust'. A weed suppressing membrane was placed on top of the hardcore. The work continued well into the darkness, eventually finishing around 19:00.



Looking for the pot of gold!





Working on into the night!

With all the heavy work completed it was left to the Hale Hall elite to complete the job by laying and levelling paving slabs for the container to sit on.



What do you think?



The finished article!

Fencing contractors are now on site. We understand that the plan is to have a fence around our car park with double gates into the field near the dyke. The south west corner of the car park will be completed as part of the fencing installation.

Your club needs you!



As we approach the end of the year it will soon be time to draw up the grass cutting rota for 2022. The committee take on most of the tasks to keep the club running smoothly but we do need help from the club members to keep the grass on the runway and pits in good order. During the grass growing season, usually March to October, teams of three are responsible for keeping the grass cut for a month. So when Dave Ringland asks for volunteers please consider giving up a small amount of your time to help the club. Training is given on operating the mower, you never know, you may even enjoy it, I do!

Parting shot

So that is the end of another newsletter, I hope you found it interesting. For future newsletters I would like to include as many of your projects and especially first flights as possible. So please document the occasion with a few photos or contact me and I will try to come down with my camera. I do have some ideas for future articles, but the success of the newsletter will only continue if you, the members, provide me with some copy. Anything aircraft related will be more than welcome, days out, trips, build logs, full size or something for the Curiosity Corner.

Don't be shy; if you don't fancy writing a full article, just send me a few notes and I will do the rest.

If you have any suggestions on subjects to be included in the Newsletter, drop me a line.

In these days of data protection we need to ask members if they have any objection to be included, either by name or photograph, in the Newsletter. If you do not wish to be in the Newsletter please let me know.

Cheers,

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