

# Woodspring Flyer



## Heli Fly-in



Peter Whitlow writes:

“Good weather for the main club show, good weather for the E-Fly, could we get the hat trick and have good weather for the Heli Fly-In, you bet we can and did. Despite the very windy conditions on Saturday when we putting up marquees, and then hearing the rain pouring down in the middle of the night, I hesitantly opened the curtains on Sunday morning to see hardly any wind, even bits of blue in the sky and more importantly, no rain !! The last two years have started the day being wet which may have put off some pilots attending, just goes to show what an optimistic weather watching bunch RC fliers are, a bit of blue in the sky with no rain and by 10:00 there were 30 cars already there.

“This is the 5<sup>th</sup> heli fly-in with support slowly on the increase over the past couple of years, last year 18 pilots booked into TX control, this year 33 pilots booked in & flew. Towards midday there were over 60 cars and a quick head count showed just over 100 people attending. Pilots from Plymouth, Poole, Telford, Bournemouth, and Tavistock were in attendance; Jamie Cole even managed to find his way from his new home in Gloucester. Our own 9 year old rising star Heli Harry was itching to show us his latest moves, but teething problems with his new heli prevented this.

“It was very pleasing to see such a wide variety of machines and pilot abilities on display. From novices still trying to master the hovering basics, smooth scale flying and full out 3D aerobatics were all on display. There was also the full range of electric, nitro, petrol & turbine powered craft flying throughout the day and as you can see from the photos a real selection of scale models to choose from.



“We only had two incidents, one from flying low, or should I say a little too low and the ground won, and sadly Graham lost his Hexacopter camera platform, we did manage to recover the bits from the aircraft but could not find the camera, this was a great shame as there were some really good aerial shots but as you have already guessed they were on the camera memory card. Still we did get a chance to use the new bridge and can report that it is so easy and effortless to use, trust me I now know.

“This years chosen charity for the heli fly-in was CLIC Sargent, we were again amazed at the generosity of our raffle sponsors and people on the day buying so many tickets. The grand sum of £494.88 was raised which will be presented to CLIC within the next couple of weeks. A big thank you to Mark Pile for arranging all of the prizes and making it happen on the day.

“South West Heli’s were the only invited trade stand for this event, Rob reports that they did very well, especially on the new JR DSX11 radio deal that was running at the show. Now that this event has become firmly established in the flying calendar we will be giving some thoughts on how to make TX control more manageable particularly as we only had 3 radio’s on 35mhz.

“I know that there is little difference between pilots of planes or helicopters, if the winds are light and it’s not raining, you just want to go and fly. Once again I extend our thanks & gratitude to the committee and members of Woodspring for letting us use your wonderful facilities, and giving up a days flying for our event.”

Finally, in Peter’s words – “photo of Nick White who turned in late for parade and was assigned toilet duty for Sunday, good job he came suitably attired.”



If you want to see more pictures, follow the link <http://bathmhc.co.uk/flyin.html>