

A report from Terry Weeks on the 2024 ASC day at Popham:

Following 2 cancellations due to unsuitable weather conditions the S. Area ASC day finally went ahead on the 11th of August 2024.



The Briefing

Our thanks must go to the Popham management team for the use of the facilities, the Spitfire Club Members for giving up the use of their site for the day and lastly but by no means least the Popham catering staff for the wonderful buffet provided.

The day started with David Durnford giving a briefing and all present registering their attendance, a total of 30 in all, a really good turnout.

Due to the height restriction at the site Terry Weeks, SA SF ACE, set his glider height limiter to 400ft to demonstrate this.

The event commenced with James Hounslow (SA ACE) taking some helicopter tests, and a Multi-rotor test.

The site was marked out with cones as required to facilitate the various tasks required and it all went ahead with great success.



A helicopter test in progress

This was then followed by a considerable number of fixed wing “A” & “B” tests and a club examiner test. Many of the candidates were



David Durnford S A FW ACE taking a test.



The next in line to be tested.

successful and there were a few failures but much was learned on the day by all, the whole point of the event.

Without exception all attendees thought the day was useful and were pleased to hear that the S. Area Team were more than willing to visit candidates on their own sites to undertake tests and include more in depth one-to-one training.



On the day the weather was perfect, the procedure starting at 10:00am and breaking for lunch at 1:00pm in the Popham conference room. The event finally closing at 4:00pm. Once again our thanks go to the Popham catering staff for the Buffet pictured here.

Further thanks must go to all of the Examiners that attended, the day could not have gone ahead without them, and finally to the S Area committee members for arranging the day and most importantly David Durnford for all his hard work in making the day the success it most doubtably was. Below a few more photo's of the day.

