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Helipad introduces helicopter students and PPLs to landing at major events

Veteran helicopter pilots will often recall their first landing at a major UK event. The roar of the engines, and the tight turnaround times as upward of a hundred helicopters and their passengers vie to land at heliports within a short time frame.

For new pilots and PPLs, however, landing at a major event for the first time can be daunting.

“It wasn’t that long ago that I was a flight instructor”, said Nick Cox, partner and manager of Helipad, part of the Hai Air Group. “I know that the job presents many challenges; not least, to provide a wide range of experience for student pilots and qualified PPLs. After all, there are only so many fly-outs to Le Touquet you can do – and students are hungry to learn more about putting their skills to the test.”

Helipad is launching a new initiative, aimed at Flying Instructors and their students. They are offering Flying Instructors and their students half-price on all event landing fees throughout 2020. Any Student, PPL(H) or CPL(H) in training will qualify for the discount.

The students will be invited to fly in on most of Helipad’s smaller race days and events such as Henley Regatta, The Game Fair and the many music events. These sites do not experience the levels of traffic found at the likes of Cheltenham Festival or Epsom so it not only provides a different flying experience, but also makes a fantastic day out.

Helipad will provide a comprehensive briefing pack for every student, to include all the information pilots need to know and will then have the opportunity to put this into practice.

Most of the staff at Helipad are Pilots and understand that this will be, for most new pilots, an unfamiliar environment, so new pilots will also be given the extra bit of space and time they may need to get in safely.

The Helipad team also have their eye firmly on safety and are well-known for their efficiently run, CAA-approved heliport sites. All their events are covered by fire and rescue and they can provide passenger transport if needed.

“We believe that it is up to us as an industry to work together and promote the use of helicopters in the UK”, said Nick. “I hope that this offer will go some way to support this”.

If you need more information, please contact Brenna Price-Walker brenna@helipad.co.uk , or Nick Cox, nick@helipad.co.uk.



PHOTO: Approaching Helistrip 32 at Cheltenham in March 2019.

COMPANY INFORMATION

- Hai Air Group is the parent company for Hai Air Limited and Helipad Limited.
- Hai Air Limited provides executive jet and helicopter sales, aircraft finance, pre-purchase inspections and import/export management.
- Helipad Limited has provided professional aircraft management at major UK events for over 35 years. It provides aircraft mobile re-fuelling, fire cover and other related airside services.

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