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Sloane Helicopters has been the UK and Ireland dealer and service centre for the Robinson Helicopter Company since 1976 and has sold more than 600 Robinson helicopters.

We operate our own fleet of Robinson R22, R44 and R66 helicopters and can arrange demonstration flights at short notice. Expert advice and guidance are offered to prospective buyers, together with comprehensive, customised sales proposals. Ex-factory deliveries of all Robinson models are currently available from February 2017.



### New Robinson Sales Manager



We are delighted to announce that Rick Andrew joined Sloane as our new Robinson Sales Manager on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2016. Originally from New Zealand, Rick has lived in the UK for five years, holds a PPL and is an experienced sales professional.

For information on any of the Robinson range of helicopters, whether new or pre-owned, or to arrange a demonstration flight, please

contact Rick at [randrew@sloanehelicopters.com](mailto:randrew@sloanehelicopters.com), on +44 1604 790595 or on his mobile +44 7341 885382.

### Flight Training

We offer the highest standard of training courses for every level of pilot from the novice to the experienced professional.

Four students have recently qualified for their PPL(H), one has qualified for his CPL(H) and another for his FI(H). Two students passed their R22 type rating and five their R44 type rating.

Every year we organise Flying School trips to a variety of different places which have included Le Touquet, Paris, and Mallorca. In 2017, we are proposing trips to Northern Ireland, the Lake District, the Isle of Wight and Le Touquet.

Future specialised training activities include a mountain flying course, an advanced instructors' course, a Robinson safety course and underwater escape training.

Further information on forthcoming courses and events can be found on our website [www.sloanehelicopters.com](http://www.sloanehelicopters.com) or by contacting our training team at [training@sloanehelicopters.com](mailto:training@sloanehelicopters.com) or on +44 1604 790595.



## RHC Safety Course

Tim Tucker, who has been conducting the Robinson Factory Safety Course for 30 years, came to Sloane in July 2016 and 14 pilots attended the course.

The purpose of the overseas Robinson Factory Safety Course is to enhance the safety of pilots operating R22/R44/R66 helicopters outside the USA and is tailored to the local flying environment.

The course consisted of two days of ground study after which all students flew with Tim and experienced the Vuichard vortex ring recovery technique. Everybody thoroughly enjoyed the course and found it extremely informative. Details of future safety courses will be given on our website [www.sloanehelicopters.com](http://www.sloanehelicopters.com).



## Robinson Helicopter Company news

- Garmin GTX 335 and 345 Mode S transponders are now available as an option for the Robinson range of helicopters. These transponders meet the forthcoming EASA regulations at minimum cost.
- The optional auxiliary fuel tank for the Robinson R66 Turbine is now available and extends the helicopter's range by more than 200 nm.
- Following FAA certification of the two-seat R44 Cadet in May 2016, Robinson have delivered two R44 Cadets to an Australian customer and additional aircraft to Flying Schools in South Africa and USA.
- The Garmin G500H Avionics Display System is now available as an option on both the R44 Raven II and the R44 Cadet. The G500H is made up of Primary Flight Display (PFD) and Multifunction Display (MFD) units offering moving maps, instrumentation and situational awareness.
- A collective-activated hour meter with an updated hub and redesigned main rotor spindles has been introduced on all new Robinson R22s. The key advantage of the collective-activated hour meter is that it does not record engine warm up and cool down time.



## BRDC Rising Star Patronage

Sloane has recently become a Patron of the British Racing Drivers' Club (BRDC) Rising Star Programme. The BRDC is the most exclusive club in motor racing and is both the owner and operator of Silverstone circuit.

David George, Chairman of Sloane Helicopters, said "There is a natural fit between the British Racing Drivers' Club and Sloane Helicopters as many of the attributes associated with helicopter flying are similar to those associated with racing cars. Some BRDC members are already flying helicopters and we look forward to encouraging many more to learn to fly with us. Our imminent improvements to helicopter operations at Silverstone ensure that it will be regarded as a first class flying facility."

## Apprentice qualifies for licence

Yasar Oral, a Sloane engineer, has successfully passed his licence examinations and is now a Licensed Engineer. Yasar joined Sloane on an engineering apprenticeship in 2009.

We recognise that there is an increasing demand for high quality aircraft engineers in the UK and we operate our apprenticeship scheme to ensure that we develop the highest standard of next-generation qualified engineers. Two more apprentices are expected to gain their qualifications next year.



## Website launch

Sloane has recently launched a new website at [www.sloanehelicopters.com](http://www.sloanehelicopters.com). The website provides information on all of the products and services we offer including detailed information on the Robinson range of helicopters.

This launch marks another step forward for the company as we continue to expand our market presence and aircraft services.



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