

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS **WFRF**



Semper in excretia sumus solim profundum variat (translation below)

APRIL – STILL HERE, AND SOME NEW HOPE

Considering that we are now unable to fly until this wretched Corona Virus subsides, there has been a surprising amount to report this month, some good, some not so good.

THE BIG NEWS

The big news is that Hanwell Nature have cleared a major hurdle in their fight to retain Warren Farm in its present rewilded state as a nature reserve.

On Thursday 2nd April, the case for a Judicial Review was heard by The Hon Mrs Justice Elizabeth Laing DBE, who confirmed that the case against Ealing Council has sufficient merit and has granted permission to proceed toward a full Judicial Review of Ealing Council's decision not to require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA). This means the Judge saw clearly that Hanwell Nature has an arguable case, and she has allowed it to be heard in full at a 2 day Judicial Review hearing.

Hanwell Nature have assured us that, if they succeed in defeating the planning proposals, our presence at Warren Farm will be able to continue.

They have also expressed their gratitude for the support offered by WFRF members during the long and difficult struggle.

To quote Winston Churchill, "This is not the beginning of the end, but it is the end of the beginning". To carry on the fight, further funds will be required. If you have not yet contributed to the legal costs, or wish to make a further contribution, please visit the fund raising site at <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/protect-warren-farm/>

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to welcome a new member into the club. Wayne Stephenson is an experienced flyer, and has been at the field flying his Spitfire in very windy conditions.

He also flies at Northwick Park, but has started flying with us as the flying hours for I/C models (the Spitfire has an SC52 four stroke) are very restricted.

His fleet of models also includes a P51 Mustang and EDF model.

We look forward to seeing him with us as soon as flying is able to resume.

SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

A few weeks ago, a number of travellers arrived on the site and apparently damaged the gate to gain entry.

To make this less likely to happen again, LBE have installed additional security. There is now a metal post behind the low gate, which stops it from opening. The post is secured to the ground with a padlock at ground level, using the same key as the low gate, so entry and exit will now require us to remove and replace the post whenever we require access.



VANDALISM - AGAIN

Sadly, the toilet has again been overturned, presumably by vandals. Our new member Wayne has very kindly returned it to an upright position, but because of the Corona Virus, and the incursion by travellers, we have not yet been able to have it cleaned. This will be organised as soon as the coronavirus restrictions are eased, and we are also considering how to prevent a recurrence.

They also overturned and emptied the wheelie bin which has been standing near the toilet for some months. We now realise that this bin has been used by dog walkers for depositing their little bags of dog poo! The mess (and smell) defies description, but LBE have not yet, to the best of our knowledge, been able to have it cleaned up. If we are able to return to the site, please take care to avoid the contaminated area.

AND FINALLY

For those of you who do not have the benefit of Latin, a translation of the caption to the heading photo :-

“We are always in the s**t, only the depth varies”