

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

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JANUARY – AND STILL FLYING SOMEWHERE!

Happy New Year, and welcome to the first newsletter of 2020. Sorry it is a bit thin this time, but there has been little to report.

The wintry weather has not, however, brought a complete halt to flying. Paul has been at the field regularly, and reports that the grass has not grown much since the last cut. Even his Foamie Yak 55, with small wheels, has been able to take off.

RENEWALS

Many thanks to all of you who responded so quickly to the renewal notice. We have had a good response, and, after allowing for the licence fee which we will need to pay to LBE, have broken even with a small surplus.

If you have renewed your BMFA through the club, then you should receive your CAA Registration number shortly. You will need to mark this on your model, either externally, or inside an easily removed access point, such as a battery hatch.

If you have not yet passed the BMFA “A” or “B” test, then the new BMFA Registration Competency Certificate is required. The test for this can be found on the BMFA website.

Non flying members do not need to register or complete the new test.

FLYING SITES

At the moment, we anticipate being forced to relocate to Rectory Park in the near future, as the other options have not yet come to fruition.

We have spoken to the new owners of Osterley Football Club, and whilst they have not said no it is clear that there is so much work going on that it will be some time before we can hope to fly there. There will also be issues concerning access to the site.

There has been no response from the management company responsible for Osterley Farm.

VANDALS ATTACK - AGAIN

Before Christmas, Paul reported that there had been an incident.

When the QPR contractors carried out the archaeological survey a few months ago, they drove a tracked excavator across the earthworks surrounding the field. These earthworks were originally installed to prevent cars being driven across the field. The weight of the excavator flattened part of the earthworks close to our usual parking area.

Somebody had driven a car (probably a small 4 x 4) across the flattened earthworks, along the walkway mown for us by the LBE contractors, and around most of the runway perimeter. They then took a shortcut across the runway back to the walkway, leaving tyre marks on the runway. Fortunately, the damage is not bad enough to prevent flying.

The damaged part of the earthworks has now been made impassable by the installation of a “Tank Trap” comprising some of the less badly damaged wheelie bins, filled with heavy steel axles from the burnt out bins. The bins have also been pinned to the ground, again using steel axles.

If this sounds like something devised by B.A. Baracus in “The A Team”, you are not far off the mark!