



*In these days of ARTF, it is great to see an own design scratch-built model – but who built it? See page 2 for the answer.*

## DECEMBER AT WARREN FARM

### QPR UPDATE

The Norwood Green Ward Forum on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November, was well attended, with no less than 7 WFRF members present.

The new proposals submitted by QPR are totally different to those discussed at earlier meetings. The area available to fly in is roughly similar in size, but is now at the far end of the field, and is at right-angles to the previous layout. This will have several advantages for model flying.

1. The area is much further from the trees bordering Tentelow Lane, so we should be able to vary the take-off and landing direction according to wind strength and direction.
2. We will be able to fly an East-West pattern, thus avoiding flying up-sun. This has been a particular problem on winter mornings, when the sun is over the S/E boundary of the field. It may, however, be less advantageous for evening flyers.
3. As the main car park is a long way from the predicted Pits location, we are discussing alternative parking arrangements specifically for model flyers. There will be an access road and hard-standing area for contractors servicing the pitches. This would enable us to park at the bottom corner of the field, close to the pits but outside the permitted flying area.
4. There will be a new toilet block just outside the flying area, so trips to the main pavilion will no longer be required.

A marked-up plan of the new layout is attached, but please be aware that this could, and probably will, change before completion. We will be carrying out further talks with LBE and QPR to ensure that our needs are met. In particular, we are anxious to confirm that we will still be able to overfly the academy pitches when they are unoccupied, a condition agreed by QPR at our meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June.

### **FIELD AVAILABILITY**

There is no Saturday football booked throughout December.

There will be up to 6 matches on Sunday morning, starting at 10.30am, so no flying will be possible. There is a single match on each Sunday afternoon, so please fly only if they are in a location which you can avoid overflying.

### **RENEWALS**

Membership reminders have been posted. We have been able to maintain the £38 subscription fee, and the BMFA subscriptions have been increased by only £1 – not bad in this time of austerity.

Please try to reply promptly, as we will need to pay the licence fee before the Christmas holiday, and the BMFA subs at the start of January.

### **BUILDERS AT IT AGAIN**

So who guessed right about the heading photo?

Here are a few clues :-

- He learned to fly with us on both an electric glider and a I/C powered Arising Star.
- The glider has seen many modifications, including an aerobatic wing, a tail-dragger undercarriage and now a mid-mounted wing.
- He also passed his Instructor Examination last December – and is now taking over as a club licence holder.

Well done Paul Perkins – keep on “Rolling Your Own”.

### **WFRF WEBSITE**

The new WFRF Website is now under construction, courtesy of Malcolm Weller, who has identified a free website hosting service.

One of the ideas we have had is that of a live calendar, detailing any last minute sports bookings which have missed the newsletter. This should reduce the number of occasions when we turn up to fly, only to find a tournament in progress.

We would also like a gallery of members models, so dig out those digital cameras and start clicking!

### **AND FINALLY**

Many thanks to Tom Thomas, who has soldiered on as a WFRF Licence Holder for far longer than he anticipated when he took on the job. Thanks also to Paul Perkins, who will be taking over from 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Tom Thomas**

Field Officer

**Fred Dunckley**

Vice Chairman

**Bob Howard**

Chairman/Secretary



