

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



DECEMBER INTERIM NEWSLETTER

WFRF & BMFA MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Many thanks to those of you who have renewed your membership.

If you have not yet done so, and intend to rejoin, please try to do so as soon as possible, as there is quite a bit of BMFA paperwork to do, even if you are not renewing your BMFA through the club.

RECTORY PARK FOOTBALL PLANNING APPLICATION

We now have a better idea of what is planned for Rectory Park. The attached diagram has been prepared for us by LK2, who are the architects for the MFA planning application.

We supplied them with a rough sketch defining the flying patterns which we felt were the minimum requirements for us to continue flying. They have now overlaid these flying patterns on to their block diagram, and we now need to investigate how we can adapt to these patterns.

For training flights, we have specified a broadly rectangular airspace 350m x 150m. This can be achieved, but only by flying above the height of the trees separating the main field from the back field. As training flights usually have to take place at altitude, this is achievable, however care will need to be taken as there is a playground area within the trees.

For low altitude flights, including landing circuits and aerobatic demonstrations, the available area is 350m x 100m. This should be achievable, although the trees at the right hand end are closer than we would have liked. This area also overflies other play areas, however we understand from Chris Bunting (LBE Parks Department) that these play areas are at the end of their useful life and badly positioned for use by local residents, so we hope that they will be moved.

We will also be speaking to LBE and MFA about the “Casual Footballers”, who bring their own goalposts, nets and markers instead of hiring official pitches from LBE. They have moved away from our flying area, where they initially created a safety hazard, and we will need to ascertain to where they will be relocated following the redevelopment works. There are two playable areas outside, or at least on the edge of, the flight patterns, and adjacent to the road (some of them often arrive by bus). It should be possible to ensure that they move to these areas.

