

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

DECEMBER AT WARREN FARM

FUTURE FLYING FACILITIES

Bob Howard and Paul Perkins have had another meeting with Chris Bunting (LBE Deputy Director of Leisure) to discuss the future of WFRF.

Firstly, there is to be another High Court Hearing on December 12th to rule on aspects of the planning application for the QPR project at Warren Farm. It is anticipated that the outcome of this hearing will not be known for about 8 weeks.

Assuming that LBE/QPR win the hearing, Chris believes that we should be flying at Warren Farm until sometime in March. By this time, the redevelopment works at Rectory Park should be complete, and we can return there to work out how to make the best use of the restricted area available to us.

In the meantime, Chris is helping Bob & Paul to investigate alternative sites. Some of these had previously been rejected as inferior to Rectory Park prior to our original move, however we now need to assess whether they are better than the reduced area now available to us.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewal forms have now been sent to all existing and recently lapsed members.

If you are a former member who did not rejoin last year, and now wish to do so, please call Bob on 07958 240 380 to arrange for a renewal form to be sent to you.

We have maintained the membership rate at £38, but the BMFA have increased the full senior membership rate to £34.

You will also note that subscriptions are now to be sent to Paul Perkins, who has taken over the role of Treasurer. Many thanks to Paul for offering to help in this way.

Please remember that we need to send the renewal documents and payments to the BMFA in early January, so we need your reply and remittance by 31st December.

FIELD CONDITION & AVAILABILITY

The runway remains in reasonable condition, although it is doubtful whether any more mowing can take place until sometime in the new year. Models with reasonably large wheels should still be able to cope, but those with small wheels will probably be unable to take off.

The new locks appear to have been fitted, and our existing keys still fit. If you need a key, please speak to Bob or Paul.

The lock has been difficult to operate for some time, as the worn hinges have allowed the gate to drop. Paul reports that the hasp and/or staple have been modified, and locking the gate is now, in Paul's words, "A Breeze".