

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



FEBRUARY AT WARREN FARM

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Members visiting Warren Farm in the last few days will no doubt have been perturbed by the sight of a large digger excavating a series of archaeological trenches.

When Bob visited the site on Friday, he questioned the site supervisor, Marius, on where the trenches were to be dug. One of the trenches was straight across the runway a few feet in from the car park end, the other was to be along the runway from our pits area to the far end. These trenches would seriously reduce the available runway area.

Marius very kindly agreed to suspend excavation of those two trenches until the issue had been resolved. Chris Bunting was immediately contacted, and agreed to raise the issue with Historic England, who had planned the location of the trenches.

On Monday, we were delighted to hear that our appeal had been favourably received. The trench across the runway has been moved to the very end of the mown area, and we will now lose only about 3mts of runway length. The other trench is to be moved back behind the pits area, leaving us with an almost unchanged runway.

Marius has also advised that the trenches will be backfilled, possibly as early as the end of this week, so the piles of spoil will largely disappear.

Many thanks to Chris Bunting, Historic England and Marius for working with us to avoid a premature end to our time at Warren Farm.

FUTURE FLYING ARRANGEMENTS

It is probable that, when the redevelopment works begin, we will be forced to relocate to the greatly reduced area of Rectory Park, as a consequence of which we will no longer be able to fly our larger models, and training of beginners will have to cease.

As reported previously, we are actively seeking alternatives to Rectory Park for future flying. We have now spoken to the owners of a site which may be able to accommodate us. We had fully anticipated that we would receive a blank refusal, however the person we spoke to has taken our details, together with a copy of a presentation originally prepared for an earlier meeting with QPR, and has promised to discuss it with the committee

There is, of course, no assurance that our request will be granted, and if it is there will be much work to do to make the site usable.

In the meantime, we have a meeting with Chris Bunting scheduled for mid February to discuss this and other possible solutions.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Many thanks to those of you who rejoined the club this year. We were pleased to note that, despite our uncertain future, we lost only another 2 members this year.

For those who have not yet rejoined, it is not too late, however you will now need to arrange your own BMFA membership.

FIELD CONDITION

The grass is now getting longer, so models with big wheels are recommended. We would not be surprised to see Ken's Grand Tundra in action again – made for the job!