

# WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



*An honoured guest enjoys his first taste of model flying, assisted by Bob Howard and Paul Perkins*

## JULY AT RECTORY PARK

### FIELD AVAILABILITY AND CONDITION

The field is now in fine fettle, having been mown in the last few days.

At the moment the cricket circles are mown weekly, however in the near future an additional area 60mts x 40mts will be added as an extension to the right of the nearest circle, to provide us with our own runway.

As previously advised, the cricket fixtures are scheduled for a 1pm start. We have asked the bookings office to advise the groundsman and the teams that we will cease flying at 12.30pm. However, following discussions with the contractors who run things whenever there is only a single match they will try put it on the furthest pitch, which is far away from us not be a problem.

### MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Following the closure of Warren farm, we lost a number of members for whom the journey to Rectory Park was too great. However, we have picked up several new members. Bob Fallahi and his son Shayan, pictured right, are attending regularly for lessons from Bob, and will soon be buying their own trainer.

We also had a visit recently from a potential new member who is currently flying with another club. They have an annual subscription of £85 and a joining fee of £150, which makes our fees of £38 and £20 respectively look like excellent value for money. We expect him to be joining us very soon.



## **AN HONOURED GUEST**

We recently had a visit from a guest from New Zealand.



Robert Berger is a Paralympic Target Shooter, but is now in the process of taking up model flying. He was staying with his friend Mick Tresnan, who's flat overlooks Rectory Park, and they both spent a morning with us flying as our guests.

Robert has now returned to The Land of the Long White Cloud, and has apparently found two flying sites within travelling distance of his home. Surprisingly for a country with such a small human population (vastly outnumbered by sheep), it appears that

model flying sites with few restrictions are not that easy to find. It makes us realise how lucky we have been to be offered Rectory park, following the closure of Warren Farm.

We hope to see Mick again soon, and wish Robert well with his transition from Target Shooting to Model Flying.

## **SAFETY ISSUES**

We are now flying in a park which is much more heavily used by walkers than we have been used to at Warren Farm.

It is important that a spotter is alert for walkers crossing the flying area, and has made sure that all pilots are aware of any such risks. Recently, a family crossed the landing area whilst a model was landing. The pilot had not heard any warning, as the spotters were too far away. It is important that the spotter must be alongside the pilots, and not in the pits where he can be distracted by others.

There has also been some concern about models being flown far too close to the pits, therefore we are going to try a change of layout.

The flightline (e.g. where the pilots stand) will remain close to its present position, although when the new runway is mown we may be able to move a few metres to the East. The pits area will be moved close to the trees, where it will also be in the shade. This keeps everybody except the pilots and spotters well away from the flightline. Also, the distance from the gate to the pits (when we are carrying lots of heavy equipment) is greatly reduced, although the distance from the pits to the flightline will be greater.

## **AND FINALLY**



*The Discovery on final approach following another successful training sortie. All photos courtesy of Mick Tresnan*