

# WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



## JULY AT WARREN FARM

### FIELD CONDITION & AVAILABILITY

The runway is again in beautiful condition, as is the pathway from the car park. Many thanks to Matt Sugden and his team at AMEY.

Sadly, we have to report that the toilet provided for us was vandalised three times within days of being installed. We suspect that the individuals concerned are those who have also been destroying the wheelie bins in the disused tennis courts.

Euroloo replaced the toilet within days, and the new one is in a more secure location. No need for keys, as a substantial combination lock has been fitted. If you believe you may have need of this facility, please contact Bob for the combination

If you see anyone acting suspiciously around the buildings or wheelie bins, please contact Bob, who will pass the information to Park Guard. If you can provide a description, or see the direction from which they came or went, this will be of help.

### YOU WERE ONLY SUPPOSED TO BLOW THE B\*\*\*\*Y DOORS OFF!

Bob and Paul were horrified last Friday to find the gate fully open, and a large number of vehicles, including camper vans, in the parking area. The first thought was that travellers had broken in again.

It turned out the site had been taken over for the day by a film crew working at The Viaduct, the well known pub on the Uxbridge Road. The film, which stars Michael Caine, Ray Winstone, Jim Broadbent and Tom Courtenay, tells the story of the geriatric thieves who raided the security vaults in Hatton Garden.

Flying was not affected, but we did notice some of the crew watching the aerobatic display.

### SCALE COMPETITIONS

Your editor was recently invited by our old friends at the West London MAC to visit their BMFA Scale Competition, featuring some of the country's top flyers.

Sadly, flying was badly affected by a howling gale blowing straight across the runway. Even the great Mick Reeves, former world champion, struggled in the conditions, and was lucky to avoid damaging his Sopwith 1½ Strutter.

Other models entered included a magnificent Fairey Swordfish, with scale folding wings, and a Miles Messenger – all built from scratch by the pilot!

We wish all of the competitors well for the next World Championships, which is scheduled to take place in 2018. The GB team has not been doing so well of late, principally because of the number of flying sites which, like Warren Farm, have been lost or are under threat. We can only hope that the new purpose-built BMFA model flying centre at Buckminster will go some way towards helping to restore our fortunes, as we obviously cannot expect any help from the general sporting fraternity!

## **MODELS AT THE BMFA SCALE COMPETITION**



*Mick Reeves' Sopwith 1½ Strutter struggles in a violent crosswind*



*The Fairey Swordfish demonstrates its scale folding wings, which enabled storage below the deck of aircraft carriers. The Swordfish saw service throughout WW2, and outlived its planned successor, the Fairey Albacore.*



*The Miles Messenger served as a communications aircraft during WW2, and were later used as peacetime private and business aircraft. G-AKIN is one of 9 Messengers currently registered with the CAA.*