



*Michael Sullivan's DH 82a Tiger Moth lifts off from the Warren Farm turf, with Mike at the controls.*

## JUNE AT WARREN FARM

### **MICHAEL SULLIVAN**

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Michael Sullivan.

Michael was instrumental in the creation of our flying site at Warren Farm. From the initial negotiations with LBE, he, together with Bob Howard and Ken Stanbury, took on much of the responsibility for details of the licence agreement. When LBE decided that our activities constituted a “Change of Use”, requiring planning permission, Michael took on the arduous task of completing the application and steering it through the various stages firstly to temporary approval, and later to the permanent planning permission and CAA permit which both endure to this day.

In later times, he undertook the dual roles of Club Secretary and Treasurer.

If ever a home-built scale (or even semi-scale) model, built and finished with great detail, appeared at Warren Farm, it was a fair bet that Michael had built it. We will all remember the Piper Cub, Tiger Moth, RWD 13 and Chipmunk, as well as the semi-scale crop-duster concocted from the remains of a crashed Regal Eagle.

Michael passed away on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, following a long illness. The world of aeromodelling is poorer for his passing.

Our condolences to Jannie and Michael's family.

### **QPR UPDATE**

There has been no further progress to date.

We are hoping to meet with QPR in the near future to discuss how, where and when we will be able to continue flying whilst the redevelopment works are in progress. We also await more information on the details of site availability when the redevelopment has been completed.

## **HANWELL CARNIVAL – SATURDAY 15 JUNE**

The carnival is now only 2 weeks away.

We will need a selection of good quality models for static display in the main area of the park. We will also need personnel to man the stand during the event.

If you would like to display your models, but are not able to bring them to the site, please contact Bob Howard to see whether transport can be arranged.

### **FIELD AVAILABILITY**

We are not aware of any scheduled fixtures, however it is apparent that some activity is still taking place. A large tournament took place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May, but we had not been notified of this.

We can only reiterate the advice given last month – by all means take a model to the field, but be prepared to leave it in the car if flying is not possible.

### **FIELD CONDITION**

The advice we received that the field would only be mown once more appears to have been the result of a misunderstanding between LBE and the contractors. Regular mowing is expected to continue for the foreseeable future.

On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May, members arrived to find that the grass was too long to fly, although mowing was taking place. Many thanks to Antonio, the contractor undertaking the job, who mowed a strip specifically for our use before returning to the task of mowing the rest of the field.

The surface remains uneven, and we do not anticipate it being rolled as no cricket will take place, however it is usable.

### **AND FINALLY**

Another reminder of Michael Sullivan's building and flying skills.



The RWD 13 was originally designed by Tony Datkovitsch, a member of West London MAC.

As a Polish ex-patriot living in Ealing, Tony was keen to build a model of an aircraft from his homeland, however when Tony passed away shortly after starting to build the model, Michael agreed to take on the completion of the model.

He had the great pleasure in being able to demonstrate the model to Tony's widow.

**Paul Perkins**

Licensee

**Fred Dunckley**

Vice Chairman

**Bob Howard**

Chairman/Secretary