

# WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



*A new arrival at Warren Farm – is it a gull or a buoy?*

## JUNE AT WARREN FARM

### **FIELD CONDITION & AVAILABILITY**

The runway has been mown again for us in the last few days, so no excuses for not flying your best models! The LBE/AMEY grounds maintenance team have again done a superb job.

We now also have access to a toilet, concealed behind the stack of wheelie bins in the old tennis court. No need to hike all the way round the fenced area, it is close to the small gate visible from our runway. It is fitted with a combination lock, the number of which will be emailed to members in a day or so. Many thanks to David Farrell at LBE for organising this for us.

### **OUR FUTURE**

We were recently visited by Chris Bunting from LBE, who kindly arranged our return to Warren Farm. He has confirmed that the plans for redevelopment of Warren Farm are still in place, so we have to anticipate that this return to our home is temporary.

Chris is still trying to organise alternative flying facilities for us, but we feel that it is likely that the type of models we can fly will be greatly restricted.

In the meantime, the regulars are making great use of the facilities to resurrect many of the flying skills which have become alien to us during our enforced transfer to Rectory Park.

### **RECTORY PARK**

Ken has recently driven past Rectory Park several times, and he reports that the redevelopment work is cracking on apace.

How much flying space is likely to remain is not yet clear. We will hopefully be able to assess the situation when the fenced off Astro-Turf pitches are complete, however at the moment work seems to be concentrated on the buildings and car park.

## **A NEW SHAPE APPEARS**

Whenever an unusual new shape appears, you can always bet that Guy Lee-Emery will not be too far away!

He has recently been seen in the vicinity of a near full size seagull (no idea what species), built from a kit with a foam wing, very similar to the Kline–Fogleman airfoil section seen on Guy's other oddball creations. This wing design has great handling at low speeds, but does not like high speed flight, so it is ideal for this type of project.

Control is by “Ruddervators” the control surfaces on the V-Tail operate in unison for elevator control, and in opposite directions for rudder.

During test flights, several real-life seagulls were flying around. The model is so realistic that, on several occasions, spectators only realised they were watching the wrong seagull when the wings started flapping!

Guy is now researching different species of seagull to find one with a colour scheme which can be replicated with acrylic paints, especially if it is a scheme which will enhance visibility. The “Little Gull” is currently the favourite.

Guy has been instructed NOT to fly his gull over parked cars unless it is wearing a nappy!

Not content with this success, Guy has recently been seen testing a small free-flight “Proof of Concept” prototype for yet another creature-based project. So far, we have had an eagle, a flying man and now a seagull. Whatever next? Dumbo? Pegasus, the flying horse? Maybe the flying monkeys from “The Wizard of Oz”? Who knows?

Watch this space for further developments.

