

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



Builders at work again. Paul Perkins has finished the Spitfire.

SEPTEMBER AT WARREN FARM

FRED DUNCKLEY MBE DL

Fred Dunckley has decided that the time has come for him to retire from the position of Licence Holder at Warren farm, as he is no longer able to visit the field.

Newer members may be unaware that, without Fred, Warren Farm Radio Flyers would never have existed.

Fred has been active in local politics for many years, including a term as Mayor of Ealing. He had been instrumental in negotiations to form the Ealing and DMFC, which flew at Horsenden Hill in the 1980s. He later chaired the Parks and Amenities Committee when WFRF was trying to negotiate the right to fly at Warren Farm.

He stepped into the breach as a licence holder when Mike Sullivan unexpectedly left the club in 2009, and his advice has been an invaluable source of encouragement and inspiration during the recent negotiations with LBE and QPR.

We would all like to thank Fred for the wonderful support he has given model flyers in the Borough of Ealing, and wish him well for the future.

FIELD AVAILABILITY

The sports bookings office have advised us that they have been instructed to accept no more sports bookings from 1st September, so we should be able to fly unhindered from then on.

Our new temporary licence to fly at Warren farm has been signed, however this expires on 31st September. It is anticipated that (subject to legal action by a local residents group) QPR will take over the site from 1st October. We hope to be able to negotiate an agreement with QPR from that date forward.

ALTERNATIVE FLYING SITE

We have been advised by Jonathan Kirby (LBE) that there may well be times during the redevelopment works when it will not be possible to fly at Warren Farm. Jonathan has offered us an alternative location, however this site has proved to be totally unusable.

Several other alternative sites have been surveyed by Bob and Ken, and a report on the most suitable sites will be presented to Jonathan within the next week.

The BMFA are being kept abreast of the situation.

POACHERS

One of our members has reported that he encountered “Poachers” (e.g. non members) flying at warren farm recently. Despite being advised that this was a “Members Only” flying site, they refused to leave.

LBE Ranger James Morton has been advised of this turn of events, and he has offered the following advice :-

“It’s disappointing that the poachers have returned to Warren Farm. To help me dissuade them it would be very helpful to have the following every time they are seen:

Date and time when spotted

A description of the individuals concerned

A description of their vehicles – with registrations

A brief summary of what was said to them and what they replied

It’s fine for you and your members to tell them that they have no permission to fly there and are breaking the law doing so. However obviously I would advise against any form of confrontation.

I’ll make a point of frequently popping in during the day and I can ask our park security contractors to visit during the evenings when they are in the area. Could I ask that all your members make sure that they are carrying their club membership cards otherwise we can’t distinguish the good guys from the bad!”

AND FINALLY

Paul Perkins has been at it again!

His latest creation is a Spitfire, built from the old Pica kit. These superb kits were designed by Dave Platt. These builders kits are much missed, having largely disappeared when ARTF models became so popular that they were no longer commercially viable



Dave was responsible for many of the models for the 1966 film “Battle of Britain”. He later relocated to the USA, where his association with PICA began.

He later formed his own company, and still supplies plans and parts for the scale modeller.

Paul’s model is of all balsa/ply construction, with a tissue & dope finish. It is powered by an Enya 61 2 stroke engine, and is expected to make it’s maiden flight in the very near future.