

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

MARCH AT WARREN FARM

You may have seen the recent email with a link to the latest BMFA advice on COVID-19 restrictions. They expect flying to resume on the 29th March, however they are investigating to ascertain whether the rules will permit an earlier restart.

We will need to arrange for the runway to be mown, also for Euroloo to service the toilet.

Please remember that, until further notice, only 6 people will be allowed on our area. We plan to mark out pits locations 5mts apart.

CAA OPERATOR REGISTRATION

The CAA are in the process of issuing new Operator Registration Numbers to all who renew. These numbers are considerably longer than before, but will remain with the operator for life. Do not forget to change the number on your models

Also, when you receive your new number from the CAA, please forward the email to Bob (wingman_1950@talktalk.net) as we will need to keep a record of these numbers.

REGISTRATION COMPETENCY CERTIFICATE

The test for the Registration Competency Certificate (RCC) has been changed to incorporate the latest requirements of the updated CAA Article 16

Existing certificates gained before 31st December 2020 remain valid, however it is worth retaking the test if you plan to take any of the Achievement Scheme Tests, which require the candidate to answer 5 compulsory questions based on Article 16. If you have passed the RCC test after 1st January 2021, these 5 questions are not required. You will, however, need to provide evidence that you have taken the test (e.g. a copy of the certificate).

FIELD CONDITION

The outfield is now looking good following the annual "Ecological Mow". Please remember to avoid the area where the Skylarks (*which we are pleased to see have now returned*) are nesting.

We are now able to park on the disused tennis courts, however please do not park too close to the corner nearest our runway. The last thing we need is an errant model hitting a car.

NEW MODEL BUILDS

Some of you may be aware that Balsa Wood has been in short supply, apparently due to companies involved in the manufacture of wind turbines buying up vast quantities of balsa.

Reports from Sarik (who now supply kits for the former RCM&E plans range) and Tony Nihuis Designs (who produce a wide range of scale plans & kits) suggest that the situation is easing.

Although Balsa (a member of the Mallow family) is technically classed as a Hardwood, it is unique in that the growth time is incredibly short. They can grow from sapling to mature tree, ready for felling, in as little as 6 – 8 years, so further new supplies will eventually be forthcoming. Most conventional hardwoods take over 30 years to achieve this level of growth.