

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

APRIL AT WARREN FARM

WE ARE BACK!

With the partial lifting of Lockdown Rules, we are now able to resume our flying activities, but with a few COVID-19 rules in place:-

- No more than 6 members on site
- Social distancing at all times.
- Use sanitiser whenever handling equipment which may be used by others, including buddy-boxes and locking/unlocking the gate.
- Park the cars at least 2 mts apart.
- Use the toilet only if essential, and use the sanitising spray before and after.

Keeping to these simple rules should enable us to continue flying safely.

WARREN FARM IN THE NEWS

The bid by environmental campaigners to have Warren Farm designated a Local Nature Reserve has been in the news.

Firstly, a full-page article has appeared in the Gazette. There has now also been a report on BBC TV local news, outlining the benefits to wildlife, which has flourished at Warren Farm since it fell into disuse as a sports venue.

We have been in touch with the organisation leading the campaign, and they have assured us that, if they are successful, they are happy for us to continue flying as at present.

FIELD CONDITION

The outfield is still now looking good.

We have asked the team in charge of mowing the runway to revert to using a cylinder mower, as the rough finish left by the rotary mower has caused problems in both taking off and landing.

NEW MODEL BUILDS

The latest bulletin from SLEC (the major importer of Balsa) suggests that supplies are now improving, but with a considerable increase in cost arising from shipping issues. They appear to think that some of the cost increase may be short-term only.

The good news is that, in order to increase the volume of wood available, younger trees are being felled, so the wood tends to be lighter.

As Balsa trees can grow to maturity in as little as 6 years, it is safe to assume that timber supplies from a new generation of trees will be coming on line in due course.

AND FINALLY

We are happy to welcome Jay Odedra as a new member. Jay flies drones as part of his work in the TV industry, but has joined us to fly conventional models.

We have also had enquiries from two potential new members, both experienced model flyers. If they join, we will be close to the maximum number that our site can support, however we hope to recruit 2 others, both instructors, in the near future.