

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS **WFRF**



Richard's Wot-4 - now with electric power replacing the old and unreliable 2 stroke engine.

JULY AT WARREN FARM

FIELD CONDITION

The field has again been mown. The contractors have reverted to the rotary mower, however they are mowing more slowly, as a result of which the finish is as good as that achieved by the cylinder mower. Many thanks to John, Ted and the rest of the Greener Ealing team.

RUNWAY INCURSIONS

Warren Farm has seen a large increase in walkers, runners and dog walkers since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. Most of them are respectful of our needs, however there have recently been several incidents of people refusing to vacate the runway. The worst such incident involved an apparently courting couple who refused to move to the edge of the runway when a club member arrived to fly. As a result, the member had to abandon his flying session.

There is a small notice near the parking area, advising of our presence, however as this does not have the LBE logo it carries no authority. The Warren Farm Nature Reserve people are planning to erect signs at each entrance to Warren Farm, which will advise visitors of our presence. We have also approached LBE with a view to having a sign installed on or near the runway, however this will need to be done in a way which will not affect the wildlife.

PARKING

We were sorry to learn that a member's car, parked under the trees near the derelict buildings, had been vandalised whilst he was flying. The undergrowth is so tall and thick that cars parked there are out of sight of the flightline.

We strongly recommend that all cars be parked on the disused tennis courts, where they will be more visible.

NEW MEMBERS

Our latest new members, Tomasz Skora and Danny Simons, have been making themselves at home at Warren Farm.

Both of them are very experienced flyers, Danny having been flying since the age of 12. Tomasz learned to fly in his original homeland of Poland.

We first met them during our brief stay at Rectory Park from 2014 – 2017, before the construction of a new soccer academy put an end to flying there.

Tomasz also joins the small band of members flying on Mode 1, or “Split Sticks” transmitter layout, which pre-dates the development of modern Proportional Radio.

We hope that they will both be happy flying with us.



NEW MODELS

When Richard Grimshaw (another Mode 1 flyer) returned to model flying after a break of many years, the obvious choice of model was the good old Wot-4 – a design dating back more than 30 years.

The “reclaimed” model, sourced from the internet, was in good condition, and needed little attention to return it to flyable condition. Sadly, the old 2 stroke engine was not in such good condition, and proved to be unreliable.

Richard has now updated the model to a modern electric power system. Richard’s old flying skills are back to normal, and the Wot-4 is earning its keep most weekends.

AND FINALLY



Danny's MX5 (no relation to Paul's sports car) takes off for his first flight since the start of the first lockdown.