

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS **WFRF**



Wayne's Magnatilla, still awaiting a new cowl. See article "ANOTHER NEW OLD SHAPE IN THE AIR "

MARCH AT WARREN FARM

APPLICATION FROM A DRONE COMPANY

Many thanks to all of you who responded to the article in the February newsletter about the call from a company involved with aerial photography, asking if they could use our facilities for professional drone training and equipment testing.

Over 80% of our members replied straight away, with a majority of 3 to 1 against the proposal. However, even those not opposed required assurances regarding conditions of use, times of operation, locations and whether the two groups would be able to co-exist. This has all been communicated to the officers at LBE who will be making a decision. We will let you know as soon as we hear whether our concerns have been taken into account, however this may take some time.

Meanwhile, if any drones are spotted in use at Warren Farm, please let Bob Howard know. If they appear to be parking a car on site, please make a note of the registration number, and if possible take a photo of the car, showing the number plate. The same applies if any non-members are found to be flying aircraft or helicopters there, but please take care not to place yourself at harm.

FIELD CONDITION

The runway is still in excellent condition, however some parts of the access road are obstructed by brambles blown over by the recent storms. Access is possible, but take care not to let the brambles scratch your car paintwork

We hope to be able to cut these brambles back within the next few days.

ANOTHER NEW OLD SHAPE IN THE AIR

Wayne Stephenson has resurrected another classic "Blast from the Past" in the form of a Magnatilla, one of the Flair Scout range which ceased production many years ago. These were proper builders kits for simplified replicas of WW1 fighters, including the Puppeteer (AKA Sopwith Pup) and the Baronette (Fokker Triplane lookalike). Some of you may also have seen Tom Thomas flying his Legionaire, based on the Nieuport 17.

Wayne's Magnatilla flies as well as it looks, but it will look even better when the shiny new engine cowl arrives to cover up all of the oily bits.

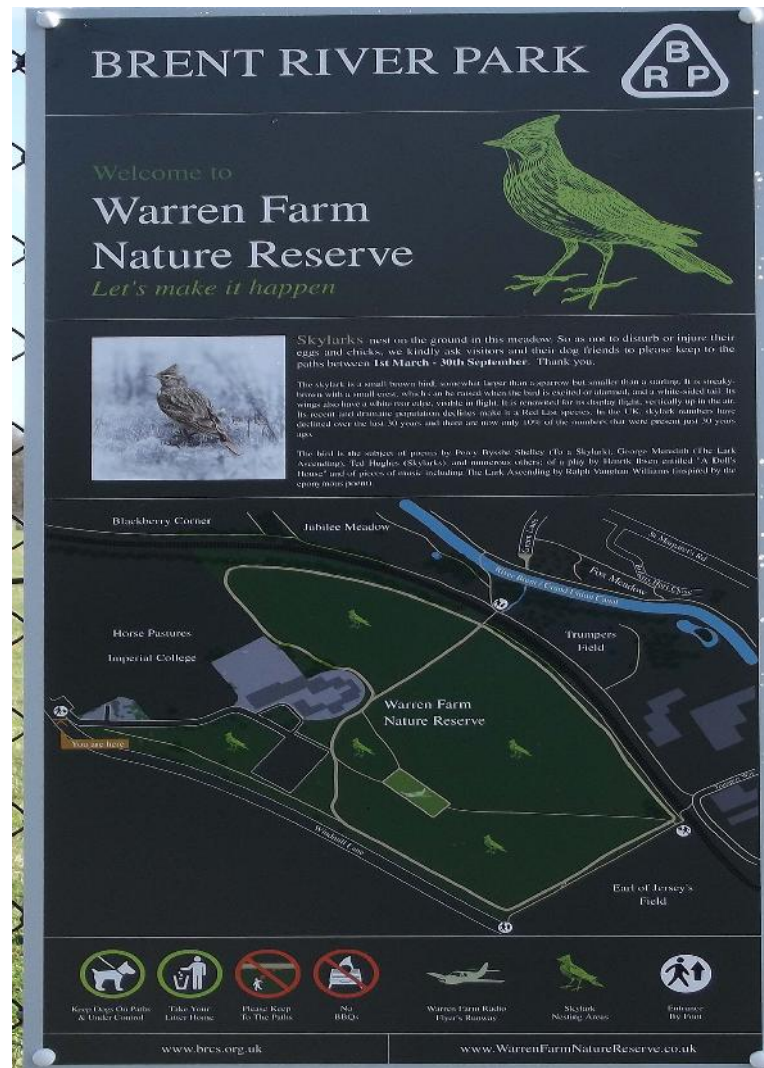
NEW NOTICES AT THE FIELD

The Warren Farm Nature Reserve Group have erected new notices at each entrance to the site.

Whilst the primary objective of the notices is to discourage people, especially dog walkers, from disturbing the nesting areas, we were pleased to note that the notice clearly indicate that the mown area is our runway. This is noted both on the map and in the key at the bottom of the notice.

The group are still in talks with LBE to have the site formally recognised as a "Local Nature Reserve", which should offer some protection from future redevelopment.

They have already made it clear that we feature in their future plans for the site, and that our activities will remain secure.



BMFA CENTENARY EVENT

You may have seen in your BMFA Magazine that there are plans to celebrate the centenary of the SMAE/BMFA on Sunday 15 May, when it is planned for clubs across the country to fly as many models simultaneously at 12noon. If you would be interested in taking part at Warren Farm, then please contact Bob Howard for more details.

AND FINALLY!



Wayne with his new(ish) Magnatilla