

# WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



*Paul's Fieseler Fi 156 Storch heads away from the runway after a perfect take-off. See also below.*

## JUNE AT WARREN FARM

### SUSPENSION OF ALL AVIATION ACTIVITIES

The BMFA website has posted an important newsflash.

Due to the flypast for the Jubilee Celebrations, there will be NO AVIATION ACTIVITY AT ALL (including model flying) on Thursday from 10.45 – 12.15. This seems to cover most of S/E England, and certainly includes Warren Farm.

The newsflash can be accessed at

<https://bmfa.org/News/News-Page/ArticleID/2787/Airpsace-Restrictions-for-Jubilee-Flypast-2nd-June-2022>

Warren Farm may be a good vantage point to watch some of the flypast.

On another aspect, members may recall that at Easter a large number of party-goers set up on Warren Farm with trestle tables, picnics, music etc. If this happens on Thursday, we will probably be outnumbered, and will probably just have to live with it. We might even get a free meal out of it. We can only hope that there are no barbecues.

### FIELD CONDITION

The runway has been mown, and in great shape.

The rabbit holes have been filled, and treated with a harmless rabbit repellent (thanks for the help, Ken). Some of the holes have shown signs of further disturbance, but only two are in a dangerous part of the runway, directly in front of the pits area. We will try to monitor these, and take action if necessary.

The large hole at the extreme end of the runway is now clearly a fox hole - he left a "calling card" as proof. This has been filled, but, despite being treated with a "Lion Poo" fox repellent it too has shown signs of further disturbance. This is not of great concern, however, as it is so far down the runway that very few models will reach it.

John Carpenter, who arranges the mowing, tells us that many open spaces, including cricket and football pitches, golf courses and school sports fields, are suffering similar rabbit & fox attacks. The foxes are believed to be looking for Leatherjackets, the larvae of the Crane Fly.

## **DOG WALKERS**

We have prepared a double-sided A5 handout, which has been handed to a number dog walkers to explain the problems caused by them walking on the runway. This is particularly important for owners of electric models, which often have insufficient flight time to loiter in the circuit until the runway is clear.

The response from dog owners has, for the most part, been positive. Several of them have offered to put this on various social media platforms, especially one for local dog owners.

We plan to continue with this policy for the foreseeable future.

## **MOBILE PHONES**

You may have read in the latest BMFA News about the possibility of mobile phones causing issues with our R/C equipment. Please be aware of this, and try to keep your phones away from the flightline.

## **A WELCOME SIGHT AT THE FIELD**

Paul has recently had several outings with his tiny hand-built Fieseler Fi 156 Storch



The lightweight model can only be flown in calm conditions, and even then only when the grass is short enough for the tiny wheels.

Who says “Big is Beautiful”- sometimes “Less is More”.