

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS **WFRF**



A new shape at the field – Ken's BAE Hawk in Red Arrows livery.

OCTOBER AT WARREN FARM

FIELD CONDITION

The runway was recently mown, and remains in good condition.

The good news is that the LBE contractors have filled the rabbit holes. Many thanks to John, Matt and the team at Greener Ealing.

The toilet is in working order, but will not be replaced until we are satisfied that the vandalism has ended. It is significant that this all took place during the school holidays.

MEMBERSHIP

We have recently received a number of enquiries about club membership, both from experienced model flyers and newcomers to the sport. We still have vacancies, so if you know any potential new members please put them in touch with us.

We may also need to increase the number of instructors – can you help?

WARREN FARM IN THE NEWS

There was a full 2 page spread about Warren Farm in the “The Gazette” (also available as the Uxbridge Gazette), a free local newspaper available at some local supermarkets. We still have a couple of copies if you would like to read the article.

In brief, Ealing Council (LBE seem to be pressing ahead with their plans to de-wild part of the site, and return that part to football and cricket. The Warren Farm Nature Reserve Group continue to press for retaining the rewilded state as a “Local Nature Reserve”, much as it is today.

The encouraging part is that, in the past, both sides have assured us that we will be able to continue flying at Warren farm. The only concern that we have with the LBE plans is how much flying time we will lose due to sports fixtures.

There are a number of other press releases on the Warren Farm Nature Reserve website. These can be viewed at <https://www.warrenfarmnaturereserve.co.uk/campaign-petition>.

NEW MODELS ON THE SITE

Ken Stanbury has been entertaining us with his new fleet of Electric Ducted Fan scale jets. All are from the Arrow Models kits, and are powered by 50mm fans with a 3cell 2200mAh Li-Po battery

First of the current crop was an Aero L-39 Albatross. The full size was built in the former Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic), and was used as a basic trainer by many of the former Eastern Bloc countries. Many are now in civilian use, and can be seen at airshows across the world, including the UK and USA.

Ken reports that Hand Launching is not easy, but once in the air it is a delight to fly, although the small size requires keeping the model close enough to see.

Landings are a delight, and the model has an excellent power-off glide



The BAE Hawk trainer is more familiar to western eyes. Kens model is in the well-known colours of the RAF “Red Arrows” display team, which flew over parts of North Ealing as part of the recent Coronation Flypast.

As with the Albatross, it is vital to keep the model close to the runway. The Hawk also shares the tricky launch characteristics of the Albatross.

It has been suggested to Ken that he make contact with Olympian Javelin star Tessa Sanderson – her technique should ensure a good launch every time!

