# WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS (WF)



Wayne and Richard refuse to let cold weather stop them from flying when the rain stops and the wind drops .

## MARCH AT WARREN FARM

### **BIG NEWS UPDATE**

The big news is that the proposal to build a sports centre on our flying site has been abandoned by Ealing Council. Instead, it will be designated as a "Nature Reserve", in effect leaving the site much as it is now.

Both the Nature Reserve group and Ealing Council have issued assurances that our club will be able to continue to fly at the site, although it is not yet clear whether our runway will remain in it's current location. Initial plans suggest that we will need to move the runway 50 - 100 metres to the right. This will bring us back to the location where we always flew before our enforced migration to Rectory Park. Any relocation will have to take into account restrictions arising from the latest CAA regulations, which prohibit flying too close to buildings, roads and railway lines etc.

All of this is probably some years away, so for the time being it remains business as usual.

Press reports can be read on several news websites by Googling "Warren Farm".

#### **FIELD CONDITION**

The grass is now very long, but we anticipate that the first cut will take place in the coming weeks. Models are still able to take off and land.

A work party consisting of Wayne and your editor recently spent a morning filling in the rabbit holes, and scattering garlic powder to discourage the rabbits from returning. Some of this has already been disturbed, but there is evidence to suggest that this was due to a dog owner exercising his pet on the runway.

### SAD NEWS

We were saddened to learn recently that former WFRF member Peter Pocock has passed away after a long illness.

Peter was very much a larger-than-life character, with interests beyond model flying extending to music, motorcycles, and restoring vintage tractors and static engines.

Our condolences to Peter's wife Sue and all of their family members.

#### NORWOOD GREEN VILLAGE DAY

We have indicated to the organisers of Norwood Green Village Day that we would like to present our usual static display. We hope to have confirmation of a date before too long, however at the moment it looks like 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Any help on the day would be much appreciated.

#### **ANOTHER WEIRD SHAPE IN THE SKY**

Richard Grimshaw has added a flying wing to his growing fleet of models

The Sonic Modell AR Wing has a 1metre wingspan, and is powered by a 3 to 4 cell Li-Po battery. The outrunner motor is driving a 3 blade propeller.

Richard reports that it is not the easiest model to fly, but he has been putting on some impressive flying displays.

