

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



MAY AT WARREN FARM AND/OR RECTORY PARK

Not a great deal to report this month for obvious reasons. There is some opinion that flying may be able to restart in a few weeks, so now is a good time to make sure that all of your models, radio gear & batteries are ready to go.

FIELD CONDITION

Although we are unable to fly, we have been keeping an eye on both Warren Farm and Rectory Park.

Warren Farm is still in good shape, with the wildlife flourishing. Our friends at Amey have even mown the runway in anticipation of our return. The toilet has not yet been cleaned following the vandal attack, but this will be done as soon as the lockdown ends.

We will need to replace the warning notice, which has totally disintegrated. This will hopefully discourage the groups who have been using our mown strip for soccer practice.

The whole of Rectory Park has also been mown, so if we need to relocate there then we at least have a usable runway. With the recent lockdown restrictions, it is hoped that the area has not been damaged by footballers playing on waterlogged grass in studded boots, which caused us a lot of problems in the past.

CAA REGULATION CHANGES

The BMFA had planned further changes from 1st July to the regulations covering the use of drones and model aircraft.

Because of the disruption arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, these changes have been put on hold for an unspecified length of time, said to be “a matter of months”.

This does not, however, affect existing requirement such as the requirement to display an operator ID and the need for a competency certificate.

SOME SAD NEWS

Long-time model flyers will be saddened to hear that Lloyd Ressler passed away on the 20th April. Lloyd was the Life President of West London Model Aeroplane Club, and was also a leading light in the Large Model Association.

Our condolences go to his wife Pat, and to our old friends at WLMAC.

AND FINALLY

Some happier news, also from WLMAC.

Several of our friends from the club at Harefield are lucky enough to have 3D printers, which they had planned to use for producing components for the scale competition models often flown there.

They have stepped up to the plate during the COVID-19 Pandemic. In association with a group called 3dCrowd, they have been producing large numbers of face shields for use in the NHS. Those with newer printers have even taken their old printers out of retirement to increase output, others have been busy delivering the shields to the Watford hub, and one member, a qualified pilot, went so far as to deliver a batch to Belfast!

Many thanks Mat, Felix, Alan and any others at WLMAC who have been able to help the nation at such a difficult time.