

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



WFRF members check the new notice at Rectory Park before commencing their first flying session.

APRIL AT RECTORY PARK

FIRST FLYING SESSIONS COMPLETED

The first flying session at Rectory Park was completed on the 15th March, with no major issues. LBE provided a couple of Park Patrol officers in case of problems, but they were not really needed.

The models flown were Paul's and Tamas's "Swift" electric flying wings, and Tom's 4 stroke powered "Super 60". The ground was, however, very rough. Further sessions on 22nd & 30th March also went smoothly, although we had to ask the coach of the Larkspur Rovers soccer team to ensure that their training activities were moved well away.

LBE have been asked to look into improving the condition of our take-off and landing area, however since then the entire park has been mown and rolled. The surface is not yet as smooth as Warren Farm, however Bob's "Discovery" electric trainer was able to take off. We anticipate that further mowing & rolling visits will improve the surface still further, although it will probably never be as smooth as Warren Farm.

FIELD OFFICER

We know that we will soon attract new members, and it is probable that they will take some time to become accustomed to the way we run our flying sessions.

Rick Smith lives within earshot of Rectory Park, and will always be aware when flying is taking place. He has kindly agreed to accept the post of Field Officer, and will be keeping an eye (and ear) on flying activities at the field whenever necessary.

Rick has full authority to ground any model which is too noisy, or which is being flown in a manner likely to jeopardise our future at Rectory Park.

WARREN FARM

Warren Farm is now considered unflyable for the foreseeable future. It is not being mown, and we anticipate that, subject to the ongoing legal action, redevelopment works will commence in the near future.

We look forward to being able to return there in due course.

POLLY WHO (AGAIN)

The December newsletter carried an article about recycling polypropylene food containers as glue pots etc.

Model builders often find themselves with offcuts of Solarfilm & Solartrim. These are often too small to use as anything other than repair patches, however they still have a use. Offcuts of ply, balsa or (if you are a DIY enthusiast) MDF also accumulate.

Many types of glue work best if the joint can be clamped whilst it is drying, and the wood offcuts are great for spreading the load of the clamps, and avoiding dents in balsa. However, it all goes pear-shaped if the wood block is contaminated with glue – it will become firmly stuck to the model, and cannot be removed without damaging the model.

Cover the wooden clamping blocks with the film offcuts. Very few types of glue will stick to it. Profilm can be used, but is less resistant to some types of glue (remember the December article - it is the only film that can be painted).

AND FINALLY

A few reminders of our first day at Rectory Park.



Tom prepares the Super 60 for flight.



First take-off of the Super 60



Paul launches the Swift - the first flight of a WFRF model at Rectory park