

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



APRIL AT – WHERE?

FIELD AVAILABILITY

First, the bad news. On Monday 10th April, contractors working on the MFA development will be erecting hoardings around the entire area which will form part of the new soccer academy. It is unlikely that we will be able to fly anything but the smallest foamies in the remaining area. The build programme for this project is 40 weeks, after which time we will know how much flying area will be available to us.

Now you are awaiting the good news!

The QPR development at Warren Farm is currently being delayed by on-going legal proceedings. The enquiry into the footpaths across Warren Farm is scheduled to take place in September, and it is our understanding that no work can proceed until a judgement has been made. Meanwhile, Warren Farm lies derelict, unused and apparently unloved.

Ealing Council have agreed that we can return to Warren Farm for the time being, and have arranged to have a runway area cut & levelled for us. The contractor hopes to start the work this week, so we should be returning to our “Alma Mater” very shortly.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Chris Bunting (Assistant Director of leisure at LBE), who has organised this move, and to Matt Sugden of Amey Ltd who is managing the works to provide a runway area.

AND FINALLY

Over the last few months, the poor ground conditions at Rectory Park have restricted us to flying only hand-launched models. The most popular among these have been the “Swift” flying wings, usually supplied by local company Robotbirds.

Whilst cheap and fun to fly, they are tough enough to withstand landing on rough ground, will fly on inexpensive 2 or 3 cell batteries, and are almost fully aerobatic, bearing in mind the restrictions of a model with no rudder.

Paul Perkins was caught carrying out a hand launch on one of the final flying days before undercarriage equipped models became usable at Rectory Park. No doubt Swifts will still be flown when we return to Warren Farm, but it will be great to be able to fly proper models again, even if it is only until the QPR redevelopment begins.

