

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

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Model flying is a family activity – Tomas Garai practices using the new runway, with wife Patricia & Nathaniel offering support. Paul Perkins is, as usual, keeping an eye open for walkers crossing the flying area.

AUGUST AT RECTORY PARK

FIELD AVAILABILITY AND CONDITION

Cricket matches are booked for most Saturdays & Sundays. We anticipate that they will start setting up at around 12.30pm, so we need to make an early start, around 10am, to get a decent morning of flying in.

The council contractors have been mowing a runway for us to the right of the cricket circle. It is large enough to land in, but small enough to make us concentrate on getting the approach right. However, if there is a strong crosswind it may still be necessary to land in the cricket circle.

The surface is still a little uneven, however as our presence on the field will discourage casual football training in our area we hope that continued mowing will rectify this.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Our numbers continue to grow, following the loss of several members when we had to vacate Warren Farm.

Ian Bird has been introduced to the club by Tom Thomas, and has kindly donated a brand new OS40LA engine, which we hope to install into a club trainer in the near future.

We have since had a further 2 enquiries from local residents wishing to join, and hope to see them at the field very soon.

TRAINING

If any members have a suitable trainer (I/C or electric), and would be willing to assist Bob with the Saturday morning training activities, we would be glad of your help.. If you have a spare transmitter, we can provide a buddy-box lead. The “Slave” transmitter can be on 35MHz (with the crystal removed), but the “Master” transmitter must be on 2.4GHz.

WARREN FARM

Your chairman/editor recently paid a visit to Warren Farm to see how it looked.

It was in a pitiful state. The grass has now been “cut”, but having been left unattended for several months the only machine able to cope with its overgrown state left it looking like a farmers field after the harvest – we would never be able to take off or land.

Weeds are growing up to 3 feet high in places, and are even growing through cracks in the tarmac car parks and tennis courts. The area in front of the nursery building has not been touched (probably the machine was too big to use) and the bushes are badly overgrown.

So what is happening to our former home? Well, we expected to find contractors on site by now, but nothing is happening.

Reports from several news sources suggest that Tony Fernandes (QPR Chairman & Co-Owner) is having second thoughts about the whole project.

In addition, a local residents group is seeking to have Warren Farm designated as an “Asset of Community Value”, with a view to taking over management of the site if the QPR plans fall through.

There is little that we can do to influence whatever the outcome will be, however we will be monitoring the situation, with the hope that one day we will be able to return to our much-loved and much-missed “Alma Mater”.

AND FINALLY

Congratulations to the The GBR team of Alex Kennedy, Richard Crapp and Dave Toyer , who took the Team Silver Medal at the first F4H (Stand-off Scale) FAI World Championships which ended last week in France.

Commiserations to the F4C (Class 1 Scale) Team of Dave Knott , Dave Womersley and Mick Henderson, who narrowly missed out on a Team Medal.

Congratulations also to David Kopal, representing the Czech republic, who took the Individual Gold Medal the F4H class flying his 1/4 full size Boeing Stearman, and to Marc Levy, from France, who beat 39 other competitors from around the world to win the Individual Gold Medal in F4C flying his Fouga Magister CM 170.

No ARTF models here, of course. The models flown in these competitions are designed, built from scratch and flown by the entrant.

Both classes require the model to be both statically judged (against photographs and certified drawings of the full size aircraft) and flown through a pattern of manouvres applicable to the full size machine.

Models of this class can be seen in action at the BMFA National Championships, which will be held at RAF Barkston Heath over the 3 day August Bank Holiday. Competitions held will include several classes of scale flying, aerobatics and pylon racing, as well, as an airshow-style display line, control line events and numerous trade stands.

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