

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS **WFRF**



Could this be our new temporary site? Rectory Park, Ruislip Road, Northolt

DECEMBER AT WARREN FARM

LATEST QPR DEVELOPMENTS

We have recently been reporting that WFRF and LBE have been discussing a temporary flying site for the period when redevelopment works will make flying at Warren Farm impossible.

We can now reveal that the most likely location for our temporary flying site is Rectory Park, in Northolt.

The site is not as good as Warren Farm, as it does not have the total absence of other users, however many other organised clubs or informal flying groups operate successfully on such sites (Hanworth Airpark, Wormwood Scrubs Cranford park to name but a few), however we may need to change some of our practices to accommodate the situation.

There are no Saturday morning football fixtures at Rectory Park, although a number of informal "Kick About" and/or training sessions do take place. We understand that LBE will be liaising with these groups to ensure that we can operate safely.

In the meantime, we will continue to operate at Warren Farm as normal. The runway has now been mown, and the toilets have been recommissioned.

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It is our understanding that the Development Agreement will be signed by LBE and QPR in the next few days, however it is not yet clear to what extent the legal action by a group of Hanwell residents will delay the commencement of works. We are told that we will have several months notice before we are required to vacate Warren Farm.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership Renewal Forms will be sent out in a few days time. The WFRF subscription will remain at £38, as our licence fee payable to LBE has not increased, even though we no longer have to curtail flying sessions to allow for football or cricket.

It is our understanding that the BMFA subscription will remain at £32. We expect this to be confirmed after their AGM on 30th November, and reminders will then be sent out as soon as possible.

POLLY WHO? IS SHE A NEW CLUB MEMBER?

Ever wondered why you can easily paint Profilm & Solartex, but not Solarfilm?

The reason is that the first two are made of Polyester, whilst Solarfilm is made of Polypropylene. This is a plastic used extensively by the packaging industry, as it has excellent non-stick properties which make it ideal for hygienically packing food products. It is also resistant to most common solvents.

You probably come across Polypropylene and other similar plastics every day, and throw them straight into the recycling bin. Have you ever, as “The Salvager” on the Quest TV channel might do, considered recycling them yourself?

Pringle Packs

The lid of these wavy crisp-like snacks is perfect for mixing epoxy resin. A quick wipe with a strong detergent to ensure that none of the cooking oil from the snack has contaminated it, and it is far better than that old hardboard off-cut. When the epoxy is fully cured, twist the plastic & most of the resin will crack or peel off for the lid to be reused.

Aerosol Lids

Whether it is spray paint, hair lacquer or deodorant, the lids are generally made of polypropylene or a similar suitable plastic. They are usually resistant to thinners, although it is advisable to check this first. They are great for mixing paint, cleaning brushes or degreasing small parts.

Ready-Meal Containers

When you have finished your Tesco/Asda/Sainsbury ready meal, wash out the (usually black) plastic tray. Epoxy resin, used for glass skinning an airframe or joining a foam wing, cures more quickly in a pot than it does in a tray, as the heat build-up in a pot accelerates the chemical reaction. Most of these trays are resistant to thinners for cleaning them out, but it is probably not worth the cost of the thinners.

AND FINALLY

As this is the last newsletter of 2013, many thanks to all of you for bearing with us whilst we try to resolve the issues surrounding the redevelopment of Warren Farm.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy & Prosperous 2014, with plenty of flying on whichever flying site we eventually find ourselves using.