

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

FEBRUARY AT RECTORY PARK

FIELD CONDITION

The field condition is slowly improving, and we hope to be able to resume flying as soon as the weather improves.

In the meantime, hand launched models can still be flown. However, please remember that the cricket table is still fenced off, and is very close to our take-off and landing area. It may be advisable to set up a little closer to the road to avoid hitting the fence when taking off or landing.

WARREN FARM

The proposed QPR redevelopment of Warren Farm has been in the press recently.

QPR Chairman Tony Fernandes has reiterated his plan to move to Warren Farm, but with a much less ambitious scheme than that for which they currently have planning consent.

It appears that the number of pitches will remain unchanged, so this would suggest that the reduction of scale will affect mostly the proposed buildings.

There is a Norwood Green Ward Forum on Thursday 19th February. It will be interesting to see if any details of the new proposals are unveiled at this meeting, which members of the public are able to attend.

The meeting, starting at 7pm, will be held at St. Mary's Parish Church, in Tentelow Lane, opposite The Plough. This is some distance from the Church Hall where previous meetings have been held. All WFRF members are welcome to attend.

In previous meetings, Warren Farm has been one of the first items on the agenda, so please come early.

In another move, Hanwell Community Forum have applied for Warren Farm to be designated an "Asset of Community Value". We understand that, as yet, there has been no response to the application.

AND FINALLY

Our enforced period of no flying is a great opportunity to carry out routine maintenance of models. A deep clean can often reveal items requiring attention (covering beginning to peel back is a common one), also checking that all fixings and glue joints are secure. If your model has wings secured with rubber bands, it is a good idea to invest in new ones. The old bands may have been affected by fuel, sunlight, cleaning fluids etc.

Li-Po electric flight batteries should have been kept on a storage charge. Give them an occasional check.

The most vulnerable item during any lay-up period is the Ni-Mh batteries used in transmitters, and in the receivers of I/C models. These batteries will self-discharge in a matter of weeks, and can suffer permanent damage. If in any doubt, replace them.

The best type of battery to use is the latest Ni-Mh Hybrid (also known as "Low Self Discharge") type, such as Sanyo Eneloop or Vapex Instant. These batteries do not self-discharge at anything like the rate of a standard Ni-Mh, and can be left for weeks or even months with no ill effects. They are readily available from most model shops, or over the internet.