

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



FEBRUARY AT RECTORY PARK

FIELD CONDITION AND AVAILABILITY

In a word, WET!

Only hand launch models can be flown, but please take care to keep everything as dry as possible. This is particularly important with models like the Swift flying wing, which has all the electrics underneath.

We understand that the works for the MFA Redevelopment scheme will begin in April, so we will need to reassess both our location and flight pattern to avoid conflict.

We have also learned that several events are planned at Rectory Park this summer.

Firstly, Circus Fantasia from 7th to 14th May. The area that they used last year will no longer be available to them, due to the MFA redevelopment, so they will be in the bottom left hand corner of the field. We are trying to get in touch with the circus to discuss whether flying can continue, but to date they have not replied.

Secondly, there will be an Eid Summer Fete on Monday 26th June. It is unlikely that flying will be possible, however as this is on a Monday we can live with this.

Finally, the Dominion Chapel will be holding a Fun Day on Saturday 1st July. Again, it is unlikely that we will be able to fly.

LICENCE RENEWAL

We are in the process of renewing our licence to fly at Rectory Park.

In view of the problems which they have inflicted on us, LBE have agreed to a significant reduction in our annual licence fee. This is very welcome, as the combination of an unusable take-off area for nearly half of the year, the disruption following our move from Warren Farm, and the predicted loss of much of our flying area at Rectory Park has resulted in a significant reduction in membership numbers.

They have also agreed to a 3 year licence instead of the previous annual licence.

3D PRINTING (AGAIN)

Our 3D printing guru, Blake Guyan, has been busy again!

Your editor had previously discussed with him the possibility of producing a dummy radial engine for a Boeing Stearman Biplane. Blake has now located and downloaded the files for such a project.

The radial engine is a major part of the Stearman's character, and to cheat with a "Super Stearman" cowl would be a shame.

The next move is to measure the plans and decide what size to print the dummy engine – that is, if we are ever lucky enough to find a flying site where a magnificent model like this can be flown.

