

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

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A few new models – Potential new members display their models at Rectory Park

JUNE AT RECTORY PARK

FIELD AVAILABILITY

We now have more information about the Saturday morning fun-runs which we mentioned last month.

Apparently, the runners will be passing us at about 9.10 – 9.30am on Saturdays. However, they will be running on the Ruislip Road pavement, so will not encroach upon our flying area. We wish Fiona Kennedy, who is organising these events, and all the runners the best possible luck in making this venture a success.

If any of our younger and fitter members (if there are any) wish to take part, please contact Bob Howard for details. Please do not all rush at once (Oh look, there goes another squadron of flying pigs!).

The cricket fixtures are scheduled for a 1pm start. We have asked the bookings office to advise the groundsman and the teams that we will not cease flying any earlier than 12.30pm.

FIELD CONDITION

We recently met up with the contractor who mows the field. He tells us that his instructions are to mow the cricket outfield (within the white circles) weekly, and the remainder of the field fortnightly. We have asked him to extend the weekly mowing area a few metres to the east of the cricket outfield to provide us with our own take-off and landing area, however whether this will happen remains to be seen.

In the meantime, we can use the cricket outfield as a runway, but please remember to set up outside the circle. In the case of I/C powered models this avoids oil & exhaust stains on the grass (although we should all be using drip trays!!!), in addition to which the longer grass may reduce the chances of a model taxiing away if the tickover speed is too high.

NEW MEMBERS

We recently had a number of potential new members at the field, with models including a large electric Extra 300, and a beautiful “Dago Red” P51 Mustang, with a retractable U/C which seemed to withstand the rigours of the rough ground.

We look forward to welcoming Dean and Danny into our ranks very soon.

FOOTBALLERS

We regret to report that two of our members were subjected to harassment by two groups of footballers on Sunday 4th May.

Our members arrived to fly, and as they were setting up a group of footballers told them to go to another part of the park to fly, as they wanted to train in our flying area. As they were outnumbered, they moved closer to the marked out football pitches.

Before they were able to continue, they were again approached, this time by a group who were later found to be the London Eagles Juniors, and were told, by one of the adults in charge of the match, to move. They were unable to do so, as the only area they could have used was still occupied by the first group of footballers.

Our members phoned Bob Howard to advise him of the situation, He and our Field Officer, Rick Smith, arrived at Rectory Park shortly before 11am to resolve the matter. By the time they arrived, some of the first group had dispersed, however there was by then little flying time available before the cricketers were due to arrive. The London Eagles group were also very close to the flying area.

The only member of the first group that Bob & Rick were able to speak with was not very forthcoming, although when one of our members was eventually able to fly he remained to watch the flying. Our booking details for Rectory Park showed no football fixtures, and as far as we are aware they were not paying for their use of the site.

The London Eagles representative claimed that they were using bookings which they had previously paid for, but which had been cancelled due to the waterlogged condition of the park. They also claim to have one further such fixture outstanding, and have agreed to relocate further away from our flying area. We do not anticipate further issues with this group. It is our understanding that they had set up in the area normally marked out for them by the LBE maintenance team, and we are endeavouring to have their marked-out area relocated away from the flying area when the new season starts to avoid further conflict.

One of our new members, Tomasz Skoro, knows the London Eagles organisers well (they are all part of the local Polish community), and will be liaising with them on our behalf.

We are more concerned about the group using our flying area for training. The park is large enough for them to relocate, but not for us to do so. It is clear that they are an "Ad Hoc" group, not a team paying for the privilege of using the area (as we are), and we will be taking firm action should this occur again.

AND FINALLY

Our licence fee has now been paid for the period 1st May - 31st July.

Curiously, when we received our receipt in the post, the issuing department was the Cemeteries Office. Perhaps they regard us as "The Living Dead".