

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



A DC3 using RAF Northolt – or is it. See page 2 for the truth.

JUNE AT RECTORY PARK

FIELD CONDITION & AVAILABILITY

Bad News , Good News and More Good News!

The bad news is that the runway area which the LBE contractors have endeavoured to prepare for us is virtually useless. It is far too small, badly rutted and full of holes dug by foxes. As fast as the contractors fill in the holes, the fox digs them up again!

The first piece of good news is that the cricket outfield is in very good condition, so we are able to use this area. The only caveat is that we must stay away from the close-mown “Table” used for the wicket. Having said that, we seem to be the only park users who treat the wicket with any respect – we frequently observe it in use for football practice, physical exercise and as a convenience for incontinent canines!

The second piece of good news is that the cricketers seem to be much better behaved than those that we encountered at Warren Farm, who frequently occupied the field well in advance of their scheduled match time, forcing us to abandon our flying.

Last Saturday, we were concerned to learn that both pitches were scheduled for a 1pm start. The cricket team did not begin setting up until about 15minutes before their start time, so we lost only a few minutes flying. We can only hope that this good behaviour will become the norm.

WARREN FARM REDEVELOPMENT

NQP Development Services (the agents representing Queens Park Rangers FC) have now formally applied for planning permission for the amended scheme to redevelop Warren Farm.

The planning application can be viewed at the :LBE Planning website :-

<http://www.pam.ealing.gov.uk/portal/servlets/ApplicationSearchServlet?PKID=179193>

Then click on “Click here to view any related documents”.

Although we have been promised a copy site plan to enable us to assess the available flying area, none has yet been forthcoming from the agent. Unfortunately, the quality of the plans available from the website is too poor to be of any use for this purpose.

ANOTHER NEW MODEL ARRIVES (AND LEAVES)

Ken Stanbury has been at it again!

He recently appeared at the field with a Hobbyking Douglas DC3 Dakota.

Sadly, the model has proved to be something of a handful. Although it survived a successful test flight, Ken has declared it to be too unstable to be flown in a public park, and has wisely decided to shelve the model for the time being. A great shame, as it was a beautiful model with great presence in the air. We know that whatever Ken chooses for his next project will be just as interesting.



When we were compelled to move from Warren Farm to Rectory park, we knew that many of our models would prove to be unsuitable for the new location. Sadly, this fate has also befallen the new club trainer, which has demonstrated flying characteristics which render it unsuitable for use at Rectory Park. Further development may be possible, but for the time being this project has also been shelved.

NEW MEMBER

We are happy to welcome another new member to Warren Farm Radio Flyers.

Mark Ressling has been flying for about 5 years, including indoor models. Although he lives locally, he has been flying mainly with the electrics-only Hayes & DMAC, but is now thinking about progressing to I/C powered warbirds.

His first visit to Rectory Park resulted in several very successful flights in conditions so windy that few others were brave enough to venture into the air.

We are delighted to have Mark on board, and look forward to welcoming others in the coming months. Please remember to spread the word – and remember, no one-off joining fee until 30th June.



AND FINALLY

A last look at the Dakota

