

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS

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Is this our new home? More details below.

JUNE AT WARREN FARM

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

The latest communiqué from LBE suggests that it should be “mid-late June before anything happens”.

When the work commences, WFRF has only one available flying site at the moment. For a brief few years from 2014 to 2017, flying took place at Rectory Park, Northolt. This ceased when contractors began work on the new Middlesex Football Association training facility.

This facility is now complete, but unfortunately it is located very close to our former flying area. An added complication is that the floodlighting pylons are painted light grey, which makes them impossible to see when flying. As a result, flying will probably need to be restricted to small models flown only by experienced pilots. Training of beginners will probably not be possible.

A further issue is the cricket. At weekends, cricket takes place from 1.00pm, however they often start setting up long before this. We will be speaking to Sports Bookings to see if anything can be done to avoid this. Outside of the cricket season, the cricket squares are fenced off, which will reduce the landing area.

In addition, the boggy condition of the ground precludes mowing a runway area during the winter months, which will require the use of hand-launch models only.

On the plus side, the shape of the park means that crosswind landings will become less common – we will be able to land from the far side of the field when the wind is from a westerly direction. Also, Middlesex Football Association are happy for us to make use of their car park, toilets and cafe. This is clearly preferable to having to bring models from the limited parking space in the slip road, as we had to do when we flew there a few years ago.

FIELD CONDITION

The runway remains in first class condition, and Amey have assured us that they will continue to maintain the runway for as long as we are flying there.

NORWOOD GREEN VILLAGE DAY – SATURDAY 13TH JULY

We have now booked our place for a static display at Norwood Green Village Day. The idea is to raise the profile of the club with a view to securing flying facilities which improve on those of Rectory Park. We will need a number of models available for display.

Models of all types are welcome, but with the emphasis on larger and home-built stuff rather than small foamies, as we need to show the full extent of our activities.

We will be setting up between 10am & 11am, and the event closes at around 5pm. There are refreshments & toilets on site (and a beer tent). You are welcome to leave your models and collect them later if you need to go off.

Exhibitors are able to park on the green close to the display. Entrance to the site is at the junction of Norwood Road and Tentelow Lane.

CAA REGULATIONS.

Your editor wrote to the CAA, the Minister of Aviation, Virendra Sharma MP and Stephen Pound MP.

The response from the first three was at best lukewarm, however the reply from Stephen Pound was more encouraging.

His reply includes :-

“It is so often the case that the bad drives out the good, but I entirely support you in your determination to ensure that this is not the case in respect of drones and conventional model flyers”

He goes on to assure us of his support and that he will keep a close eye on the matter. It is refreshing to know that we have the support of a politician of his standing.



The WFRF display at last year's Norwood Green Village Day