

# WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS **WF** **RF**

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*Test flight time – Nigel Smith help Oliver Dilley with his brand new “Vanquish” aerobatic model.*

## MARCH AT WARREN FARM

### WARREN FARM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The proposed changes to Warren Farm were discussed at length during the Norwood Green Ward Forum on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February.

Bob Howard addressed the meeting, and drew attention not only to the plight of our members, but also to that of the nursery, who face having to find new premises, and the football and cricket teams, who may face greatly increased charges.

All of our concerns were echoed by local residents and representatives of the Norwood Green Residents Association, who were all very supportive of us. Additional concerns, unrelated to our situation, included increased noise and traffic, particularly at night, if the proposed new sports hall is rented out for evening activities.

We were reassured by Cllr. Rajinder Mann that the position of WFRF was safe, however it was pointed out by others present that the wording relating to our activities was sufficiently vague as to leave the successful bidder room for manoeuvre.

A suggestion was made that a further meeting should be held before a final decision is made. Initially this was intended to enable residents to question Cllr. Julian Bell (Leader of Ealing Council) and Jonathon Kirby (LBE Assistant Director of Major Projects), however at Bob's suggestion it was eventually agreed that representatives of the organisations bidding for Warren Farm will also be invited to attend to answer questions.

Club members are welcome to attend the meeting, which is provisionally scheduled for Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm, in St. Mary's Church Hall, Norwood Green Road (close to the junction with Norwood Road). We will confirm the venue in due course.

Please note that the Church Hall is NOT adjacent to St. Mary's Church. If you are planning to attend, and are unsure of the location, please call Bob Howard for directions.

## **FIELD AVAILABILITY**

There is good news on availability of the field.

Only one Saturday football match is booked during March, so we will be able to fly with very few restrictions. The afternoon match on the 10th March is planned to be on Pitch 2 (in front of and to the left of our usual pits area), so we may need to finish early on that day.

All Sunday mornings are fully booked with Football, however on the 4<sup>th</sup>, there is no afternoon football, so we should be able to get an extra session in. There are a few matches on all other Sunday afternoons, but small electric models may be possible at the southern end of the field.

Please be aware that some matches have been cancelled due to the inclement weather, so there may be a few late bookings as teams try to complete their league programmes.

Weekdays are, as usual, fairly free of activity, but be aware of contractors working on site. Surveyors have been spotted (possibly in connection with the proposed changes) and they are not as familiar with our activities as the regular maintenance teams.

## **RECENT ACTIVITY**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February saw a flurry of activity, as members took advantage of the mild weather for what was, for some, the first outing of the year. New models on show included a "Fun-Jet" and a "Vanquish" aerobatic model, both flown by Oliver Dilley (pictured right). With several of our newly qualified instructors on site, our small band of beginners were also able to enjoy some tuition. It is planned that training models and buddy-box equipment will be on site every Saturday morning (weather permitting), so we hope to have our beginners flying solo by the summer.



*Oliver carries out the pre flight checks, under the watchful eye of WFRF instructor Nigel Smith.*



*A perfect first landing*

The Vanquish is an all wood, electric powered aerobatic model, so it presents considerable challenges to a relatively new flyer such as Oliver, who until now has mostly been flying lightweight "Foamie" models.

The weight of the Vanquish is around 1.4kg, so it will be suitable for taking the BMFA "A" Certificate test. The minimum permitted airframe weight for the test is 1kg (including batteries for electric powered models).

We will be carrying out further "A" & "B" certificate tests during the year. Remember that the test includes questions on the BMFA safety code, so start reading the BMFA handbook now.

**Tom Thomas**  
Field Officer

**Fred Dunckley**  
Vice Chairman

**Bob Howard**  
Chairman/Secretary