



A blast from the past – have a look at the 2013 membership card.

MARCH AT WARREN FARM

QPR UPDATE

A delegation from WFRF met with QPR on Tuesday 5th February to seek more information about our usage of Warren Farm when the development of the new training academy is complete.

To date, QPR have been less than forthcoming. They appear to have little idea about the usage of the pitches adjacent to our flying area, but they intend to use one of those pitches for all Ladies 1st Team home matches. They have advised that they will require terracing for up to 800 spectators on approximately 10 occasions per year. On reflection, we feel that it would be unwise to fly at all when these matches are taking place.

We discussed the proposed alternative flying patterns, as per the diagrams included in the February newsletter, and have reached the following conclusions :-

Pattern A will be used when the academy pitches adjacent to the community pitches are vacant. This is the minimum area that we consider will be adequate for training beginners. QPR have been unable to advise whether this area will be available to us on Saturday mornings, and therefore it is not yet clear whether we will be able to continue with our present programme of training on Saturday mornings.

Pattern B will be used when the academy pitches adjacent to the community area are occupied. This area is far more restricted, and would be usable only by experienced club members who are sufficiently skilled to keep their models in such a small area. It may also be necessary to restrict the type and size of models flown when Pattern B is in use.

We plan to discuss this further with QPR when their plans are more advanced.

FIELD AVAILABILITY

No Saturday football has been booked for March, so we will be able to fly with few restrictions.

There are up to 5 matches booked for most Sunday mornings, so no flying will be possible. The morning of Sunday 24th is clear at the moment, but may be booked up later.

No Sunday afternoon matches have been booked, so we will be able to fly.

Please be aware that many matches have been postponed due to inclement weather and poor surface conditions. There may therefore be a few late bookings to complete the league schedules, and we will advise all members as and when we have further information.

We are informed that, following completion of the football schedule, no further sports activity is planned for the foreseeable future.

FIELD CONDITION

Following the recent wet weather, the grass is very long, and suitable mainly for hand-launched "Foamies". We are advised that the field is expected to be mown within the next 2 weeks, after which we will be able to fly our normal models.

HEADING PHOTO

Some of you may have looked at the 2013 membership card and wondered about the model in the background photo.

The Flair SE5A was built by Ken Stanbury many years ago. This WW1 Scout is normally depicted in RFC colours, but Ken chose to model one of the many civilian versions operated by flying circuses during the 1920s.

Ken flew the model for several seasons, and it is now believed to be in the hands of Peter Pocock.

AND FINALLY

Anybody remember this one – the club Super 60 trainer, complete with 35mHz radio (note the trailing Rx aerial) and an OS 46LA engine. They don't make 'em like they used to!



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