
WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS WF RF

MAY AT WARREN FARM

Sorry, no heading photo this month. The weather has been so poor that little or no flying has been possible, so no decent photo opportunities.

WARREN FARM DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

We have now learned that only two bidders made it to the final stage of bidding. It is our understanding that the final run-off was between Southall FC and Queens Park Rangers.

Both bidders have been interviewed by the Ealing Council, and the report which recommends a final decision is expected to be completed in the next few weeks.

WFRF, along with other existing users of Warren Farm, will then be invited to hold negotiations with the successful bidder to ascertain whether they will grant us adequate facilities to ensure the future of WFRF.

The BMFA will be assisting with these negotiations whenever necessary.

The following statement was made on Wednesday 2nd May by Jonathan Kirby, Assistant Director of Major Projects at LBE :-

"The council are on course to conclude their bidding and selection process in accordance with their original timetable and are hopeful of being able to announce its decision in the coming 2 weeks. We appreciate that there has been uncertainty amongst groups, users and local residents but we have been unable to discuss the detail of the applications during the bidding process due to confidentiality agreements between all parties. There is a commitment to engagement and consultation with all stakeholders, which once a preferred bidder is in place, will be more informed and meaningful, given that we will be aware of the proposal and offer available to us. We believe that this process will allow for much needed investment in the facilities for the community, which as indicated in our cabinet report and documents to date was the focus and starting point of this process."

Our discussions with Mr. Kirby have been positive, and we are now more confident of our continued presence at Warren Farm.

FIELD AVAILABILITY

All of the goalposts adjacent to our flying area have now been dismantled. The grass was mown and left in excellent condition, although it is now probably waterlogged after the recent deluge! Please take care not to walk on the cricket tables, as this could damage the soggy turf.

The cricket season is now under way, and matches are scheduled for a 2pm start, however they need at least 30 minutes to set up the pitches, so please finish flying between 1pm and 1.30pm.

We will be unable to fly on Sunday 6th May, as there is a tournament booked for the whole day, beginning at 8am.

Throughout the cricket season, there may be some summer soccer on the far side of the field, so please ensure that you do not overfly them. Leave a 30m safety zone.

BMFA “A” & “B” TESTS

We will be carrying out further “A” and “B” tests during the coming months, so if you intend to take the test, please practice the flying manoeuvres and read the BMFA safety code.

Any of our instructors will be happy to talk you through the “A” Test. Bob, Tom and Nigel will also be able to help if you feel ready to take the “B” test. We will arrange for a second examiner to come to Warren Farm when we have enough candidates ready for the test.

AND FINALLY

If you live near in or near Northolt, keep your eyes (and ears) peeled for evidence of a Gas Turbine or a Helicopter.

No, it is not a rival model club being set up in competition with WFRF. The RAF have stationed four Typhoon fighter jets and three Lynx helicopters at RAF Northolt, for security cover at the Olympic Games.

If you see any regular activity, please let other members know. We are sure they would all like to see the jets in flight.

Tom Thomas

Field Officer

Fred Dunckley

Vice Chairman

Bob Howard

Chairman/Secretary