

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



NOVEMBER AT WARREN FARM

WARREN FARM REDEVELOPMENT PLANS

We begin with the disappointing news that the last legal challenge, brought by the Save Warren Farm Group, has been rejected by the Supreme Court. This means that QPR are now free to begin redevelopment works, although at the moment we have no news of when this will be.

We have contacted Chris Bunting at LBE, who has advised that, as the news has broken only within the last few days, it is too early to have any idea of the timescale for commencement of the works. When he learns more he will contact us to arrange a meeting to discuss how WFRF can continue to fly.

At the moment, the most likely scenario is a return to Rectory Park, although as the new soccer academy has consumed so much of the park flying will be restricted to small models (probably electric only), and it is highly unlikely that any training of beginners will be possible. It will also be unsuitable for drones and FPV models.

We are continuing to seek an alternative flying site, however we went to a lot of trouble over this before, without success.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

It is understandable that members may be reluctant to renew membership of a club with such an uncertain future. We have therefore decided that, if for any reason a member decides that the future flying arrangements are not acceptable, their WFRF subscription will be refunded in full. We will not, however, be able to refund BMFA subscriptions, which will continue to cover members who are in a position to fly at other clubs.

FIELD CONDITION

The field remains in great condition, having been mown within the last week. It is unlikely that it will be mown again until the spring (if we are still there by then), however at this time of year the grass grows so slowly that it should remain flyable for as long as we need it. We hope to continue flying there for as long as the weather holds out.

We should like to express our gratitude to the Amey team of Matt Sugden, John Carpenter and Jess who have done such a superb job of keeping the runway in good order for the last two flying seasons, also to Chris Bunting who arranged for us to return to Warren Farm and authorised both the mowing and the toilet.

AND FINALLY

As the main flying season winds down, a word of thanks to all of you who have supported the club through a very difficult period. It has been gratifying to see so many great models emerging from storage or the workbench for an airing – Paul's Spitfire and Hurricane, Ken's B17, Grand Tundra and Viper Jet and Chris's Bistormer. Your editor has had some great flights with his newly refurbished Hawk 70, whilst on-board video footage from Ted's Cloudsurfer has appeared on YouTube.

Star performer recently has been Guy's Red-Backed Sea Eagle – so realistic it probably confused a few passing bird-watchers!

Last but by no means least, some of us had a really great day out at Norwood Green Village Day. We hope to be in a position to return there next year.