

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



WFRF Display at the 2022 Norwood Green Village Day

JUNE AT WARREN FARM

NORWOOD GREEN VILLAGE DAY – 1ST JULY

Our most important event of the year takes place on Saturday 1st July – just over 4 weeks away.

This is our only opportunity to present our case to Ealing Council (several councillors came to meet us last year) and to the general public. We need to present models of various types for a static show, also people who are able to answer questions from the visitors. The models will be fenced off, so if you are only able to keep an eye on the models then this will help.

We will be setting up from around 10am. The event closes at 6pm, but we normally begin clearing away much earlier than this, as soon as the visitors begin to disperse.

Any help you can offer, even if only for a couple of hours, will be much appreciated.

FIELD CONDITION

The field is now in superb condition, thanks to the Greener Ealing team led by John Carpenter. They have now mown the strip twice using the cylinder mower, which could not be used when the grass was long and wet.

Our attempts to control digging by rabbits are beginning to show signs of success. We hope to arrange a work party to further these works, possibly on a windy day when flying is not possible.

TOILET LOCK

One of the toilet locks has disappeared, possibly having been left unlocked. This has now been replaced. The code for both locks has been changed, but is not being widely publicised. If you feel you may need to use the toilet, please contact Bob Howard on 07958 240 380 for the new code.

SITE SAFETY

A serious accident was avoided recently. The driver of a large vehicle had opened the tall gate for access, but had not fully opened it. The lowest part of the half-open gate, which obstructed the road, could not be seen when negotiating the blind bend.

If you see the gate open, please take care, and if it is only half open then either fully open or close it.

SMALL CAN BE BIG – SOMETIMES

Scale flyers are usually seen with large models – 60 inch wingspan is by no means unusual, but they need plenty of airspace.

Tom Thomas has gone in the other direction, with models not much bigger than an Airfix kit. His latest is an E-Flite F4U-4 Corsair, powered by a single cell 0.15 Ah battery. With a wingspan of just 16 ins, it flies well in Tom's expert hands, although with such small wheels it is unable to take off from even the smoothest of grass runways.

Fortunately, hand launches are usually easy enough with models of this size. It pays to keep the model close in, as it can become difficult to see at such a small size.



GOODBYE TO AN OLD FRIEND

The faithful old SC Discovery Trainer has now been retired after 12 years of sterling service. The ESC finally gave up the ghost, and as it is mounted inside the solid cowl replacement would involve major surgery.

The good news is that a replacement has been in the loft for some time (a gift from the editor's wife), and will be in service as soon as the editor has recovered from his own surgery, which was considerably less drastic than that required for the trainer!

AND FINALLY

A few photos of recent activity at Warren Farm.



Richard "DAREDEVIL" Grimshaw on an inverted low pass along the runway – RC Factory Edge 540.



A happy smiling group wait for the wind to drop. They were all in the air a short time later.