

WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



The new Club Trainer, in Hi-Vis colour scheme

AUGUST AT WARREN FARM

FIELD CONDITION

The runway is now in great condition, having been mown for us by John Carpenter only a few days ago.

Sadly, the same cannot be said of the toilet. A few weeks ago, the door lock disappeared. We later found it under the toilet, having clearly been smashed off with a hammer.

The toilet has now been attacked again. Both of the locks, on the door and the chain, had been smashed off, again with a hammer, and graffiti had been sprayed on the side and door, although the toilet is still functioning. We have no evidence as to who did this, although we do have a few suspects with whom we crossed swords some time ago. They are not connected with either the sports or wildlife communities!

We have asked the Graffiti Removal Team at LBE to clean the toilet, but still await their visit. If they cannot adequately remove the paint, then Euroloo will replace it, but this will cost a considerable sum of money, as the unit will be declared a write-off.

Even if you are not intending to use the toilet, please have a glance at it whenever you visit the site. You only need to ensure that it is still upright, the chain is still in place and there is no graffiti. All of this is visible from the access path leading to the runway.

WARREN FARM ON SKY NEWS

The campaign to preserve Warren Farm as a Nature Reserve was featured on Sky News last Saturday. Those of you with Sky may be able to watch it on Catchup, but the link below will take you to a transcript of the broadcast.

<https://news.sky.com/story/sports-centre-that-fell-into-disrepair-is-now-home-to-owls-and-plants-on-uks-extinction-list-12930343>

THE NEW CLUB TRAINER ARRIVES

Following an electrical failure on the 12 year old club trainer, a new version is now ready, and has been test flown. Again, an ST Models Discovery, but with a few minor changes.

The old version was converted to Taildragger, following destruction of the nose-wheel steering by the rough ground during our brief tenure at Rectory Park. The nose-wheel will remain in place unless a similar failure occurs.

As the control surface hinges are moulded into the foam, a thin smear of UHU-POR adhesive has been applied to each hinge-line. This does not impede movement, but greatly increases reliability of the hinge.

The vulnerable wing-tips have been fibre-glassed, using Deluxe Materials EZE-KOTE. They had become a bit moth-eaten on the old trainer.

Finally, the colour scheme has been changed to one more appropriate for training beginners. Why, oh why, do model manufacturers insist on a largely blue & white colour scheme, which is not easy to see. Fluorescent orange wing-tips, elevators & rudder show up well.

On the subject of colour for foam models, it has been found that, at least on the type of foam used for the Discovery, Halfords Acrylic car paint is fine. As a precaution, a thin coat of EZE-KOTE was used as a barrier layer, but this is probably not necessary. Please test before using it on other models, which may use a different type of foam.

The smart orange Arrow, was cut from OraTrim – much easier than trying to mask up and spray!

AND FINALLY

There is anew model flying show in September.

A couple of years ago, the managers of Popham Airfield in Hampshire decided to stage a new show, This is a welcome addition for those living within reach, especially since the end of the shows at Sandown Park, Ascot and Blackbushe. The airfield already has a model flying club operating alongside their wonderful full-size operations.

This year the show in on the 2nd & 3rd of September. Popham is located on the A303, between Basingstoke and Andover.

Details of the show are on the link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/popham-model-show-2023-tickets-428770132007>

Examples of the show can be found by clicking on the following links: -

Laura – a better flyer than most men!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmtlx36xVXo&ab_channel=EssentialRC

More general flying.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tf1KHzCvnTo&ab_channel=RichardWeeks

I hope to be there, health (and weather) permitting. Popham is also home to a wide variety of light aircraft, including vintage types, microlights and even the odd helicopter.

The cafe even brews the best cup of tea in Hampshire!