

# WARREN FARM RADIO FLYERS



*Ken Stanbury has been entertaining us with the impressive performance of his Xfly F-22 Raptor.*

## OCTOBER AT WARREN FARM

### YET ANOTHER ATTACK BY VANDALS

It is with growing anger and sorrow that we have to report that the toilet has now been effectively destroyed by further vandalism.

Following the incident of the toilet being deliberately blocked, a member checked on the toilet a few days later, only to find that the inside of the toilet had been destroyed by fire. This was reported to the police, and photos of the damage submitted with the crime report.

In the absence of any action by the police, they were asked to expedite the investigation so that the wreckage could be removed, however before they had even replied to the request the remains of the toilet were overturned.

The police have now informed us that, in the absence of any evidence such as CCTV footage, no further investigation will take place. The toilet will be removed by Euroloo.

There is no point in replacing the toilet unless a way can be found to construct a secure compound, possibly utilising the metalwork of the disused cricket practice nets.

### FIELD CONDITION

The runway is in good condition, but obviously a bit wet. The outfield has been mown, and the straw taken away for silage or composting.

Greener Ealing have carried out repairs to the rabbit holes, however the rabbits have returned to continue their digging!

### BRENT RIVER PARK

Your editor/chairman recently spent an interesting evening at the AGM of Brent River Park, an organisation at the heart of keeping Warren Farm as it is now.

They are also involved in discussions with Ealing Council regarding other open spaces in the borough, including the proposed "Regional Park", which appears to include Perivale Park and other areas of open land.

## **NEW SHAPES ON THE FIELD**

Several new models have appeared on the field in recent weeks, all of them using the latest Electric Ducted Fan technology.

The heading photo is Ken Stanbury's Xfly model of the Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor. This 27in span model is powered by a pair of 11 blade, 50mm dia. ducted fans and a 4s Li-Po battery. No undercarriage is fitted, so hand-launching is the order of the day.

Ken's second new model is the Aermacchi MB-339 Jet Trainer.

The model is powered by a single 50mm dia 11 blade ducted fan and a 4 cell Li-Po battery.

Ken was kindly assisted by Richard for the first few flights, as hand-launching is tricky with a model lacking gyro-stabilisation.



Tom has also been getting in on the act with the Taft model of the Valkyrie, yet another ducted fan masterpiece.

The 57in span model is powered by a 90mm dia 11 blade fan, with a 6s 45mAh Li-Po battery. A retractable undercarriage is fitted, which has been successfully tested with a few short hops on our grass runway. Full flight testing will resume as soon as the weather permits.

## **AND FINALLY – GOOD NEWS FOR THE BUILDERS!**

Model flyers from earlier times will have fond memories of the the Top Flite range of kits. These were proper builders kits – basically, a box of pre-cut parts (wing ribs, fuselage formers etc.), a full size plan and an instruction book. Many months of cutting, gluing, sandpapering and covering with doped on nylon and tissue ensued

The good news is that some of these kits are now being manufactured again in the UK by Planes Revived. So far, six of the old Top Flite designs are listed on their website. The wood parts are laser cut, and vacuum formed or fibreglass components are listed.

Their website is <https://www.planesrevived.com/>

Is this, one wonders, the beginning of a renaissance for traditional kit-built models. There has been a lot in RCM&E magazine recently about Flair kits. How great it would be if some of their wonderful designs returned to production. One only needs to watch Wayne's Flair Magnatilla to appreciate the purity of a hand-built, open structure sport/scale model.

A number of classic competition aerobatic designs, such as the Crescent Tornado & Bullet are also available again from various sources.

We wish the best of luck to these companies who are reviving proper aeromodelling.