

Bourne Stormers Model Club



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I have a bit of spare time on my hands at the moment so I have endeavoured to get this month's Newsletter out early to remind everyone about the Club meal on Saturday. Hopefully all participating members will have received a menu and a request to forward their choices to Eddie as soon as possible. If you haven't received it, please contact either Eddie or this Newsletter and the information will be forwarded to you.

Due to our typically wintery weather over the last month, I've only gone to the Field once. Other, sturdier types, have no doubt been there more, but I was there on my own when the time came to test fly my newly completed Top Dawg. It seems to fly well, even in a fair breeze and, after stooging around for a while, it returned successfully to the ground just as the link between my brain and frozen fingers started to slow down.

From this month's meeting the main topic of discussion centered on the news from Solarfilm and then to the various well known modelling names that have had problems recently. It needs a good search around the internet to try and work out what is happening to these companies, but there is, currently, a definite downturn in the world of modelling and no apparent solution.



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To our Loyal Customers

It is with great sadness and after lots of consideration, we have decided to cease production of Solarfilm Products. Therefore, we will not be selling to wholesalers after 12th February 2018.

We have had to come to this decision due to the continued shrinking of the model industry and the demise of many of our wholesale customers over the last few years.

My father started 'Solarfilm' over 50 years ago and we enjoyed great sales success in the late 80's and early 90's filling the world's model shops with Solarfilm. But due to technology ie computers and a lack of demand for building models, our business has certainly tailed off and we feel it is no longer viable to continue.

My father never really retired, only when ill health forced him to in his late 70's, (which he later regretted). However, I have made a conscious or perhaps forced decision, to retire in my early 60's.

Although, I have not taken the decision lightly and I am sure the model industry will miss the Solarfilm brand. Thank you for your support over the decades and hope you understand our reluctant resolve.

It is certainly the end of an era for our family and the model industry.

We wish you all well.

Andrew Hardman.

This is the open letter from
Andrew Hardman (Mr.
Solarfilm) explaining his
decision.

Solarfilm's website
announces that 'Solarfilm
Online' will be coming soon so
it looks like it won't
disappear entirely, at least
not until stocks have run out.



We have a Spotlight Model this month and, luckily for you, it's not one of mine. Thanks go to Malcolm for passing on details of his recently completed Skyway Models 1/5th scale Yak18PM. Malcolm freely admits that it has taken a while to finish the Yak, not helped by a little fire on the fuselage. (There is no explanation about the cause, so to avoid litigation we'll assume spontaneous combustion)



With a wingspan of 84 inches, it is suitably powered with an OS120AX and fitted with Eflite retracts to tuck away those long legs. Now, as Malcolm says, he just has to pluck up the courage to fly it!

Finally, after a little discussion to dodge dates some people couldn't make, we have settled on provisional dates for this years Club BBQs.

The Spring BBQ is proposed for Sunday 27th May (gives people a little longer to complete their 'Top Dawgs') and for the Late Summer BBQ, Sunday 9th September has been suggested.



Spring BBQ in 2017

Upcoming Events

February 2018

Wed 7th

Meeting at the Wishing Well.

Sat 10th

Club Meal. 7ish for 7:30pm at the Wishing Well. 3 course meal, £20 a head.

March 2018

Wed 7th

Meeting at the Wishing Well.

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Introduction to Aerobatics with GBRCAA at BMFA National Flying Centre 10am to 4pm £12 per person inc. refreshments and sandwich lunch.

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