

Bourne Stormers Model Club



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As we enter the final month of the year and look forward to the big, rapidly approaching event on the 25th, I wanted to include a suitably thoughtful and artistic picture combining an element of our hobby with a well known seasonal character.

But then I found this instead !



Quite a busy meeting this month, being our AGM. Sausage butties and chips were supplied part way through to keep our strength up as we discussed Club fees, changes to the constitution and the ever popular election of Club Officers.

Firstly Club membership fees. With the potential for a difficult year ahead of us (more later) an 'across the board' increase of £10 on Club fees was voted for. So, for 2024, a Senior member is £98, a Veteran member is £88 and a Junior member is £65, all plus BMFA membership fees.

Two changes to the Club Constitution were made. The first was a name change, an 'Associate Member' will now be called a 'Family Member' (partner or spouse of paying member, non-flying with no voting rights). The second change agreed upon was the introduction of an 'Honorary Member'. The Committee can vote to award an Honorary Membership to a member of special merit (similar to a BMFA Honorary Membership). An Honorary Member will have full voting rights and will not be required to pay membership fees.

There was also one Rule change, again, a wording change to match the Constitution. 'Guest Members' are now known as 'Temporary Members' and do not need to be BMFA members but must have equivalent insurance.

Club Awards. This year the prestigious 'Mole Reduction Agent' award went to Steve Mason for continuing to keep the pesky blighters at bay even though they've been trying hard. Congratulations Steve, and apologies for being a fraction slow with my camera.

Although I was not available for the culmination of our hotly contested FunFly League, results were kindly taken for me and the eventual winner was Mark Eggleston. Congratulations Mark. You should know that Simon was only one point behind you and Rog came in a close third. I'm sure there were undoubtedly a number of people who deserved it, but the Committee chose to award the Coleman Trophy to yours truly for my continued Newsletter ramblings. My humble thanks to all concerned, especially the photographer who was a lot better than me'.



At this point of the meeting it was time to elect or re-elect the Committee members and Club Officers. Rather than a complete Committee list here are the changes:

Chairman - Joh Cole, Vice Chair - Steve Mason, Social & Events Secretary - Derek Bailey

Now, as a reminder, a full list of our Safety Officers and Club Instructors:

Safety Officers - Mick Gray, Simon Roberts, Mark Eggleston and Dave English

Club Instructors - Steve Mason, Mark Eggleston, Rog Robbins, Simon Roberts, Alan Brain, Steve White and Dave English

Club Examiners - Steve White and Malcolm Styles

Finally, everyone is probably now aware that our Field is up for sale. The asking price and the necessary legal costs will total the best part of £50K. We have first refusal and will be asking about a timescale to pay if it is possible for the Club to buy it. At the moment a Lottery grant has been applied for but, even if successful, will be no more than £20K. Any other ideas for funding or alternative locations will be appreciated. Alan Brain is co-ordinating the effort so please contact him (or this Newsletter) if you come up with something. We will probably have to make a Change of Use application and become a bit more 'official' to qualify for some funding options. This will most likely be the main topic for discussion at the Club meeting on Jan 3rd so it will be worth attending.

Upcoming Events

December 2023

Wed 6th

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sat 2nd

Indoor flying at Bushfield Leisure Centre, FF and light RC only.

Sun 10th

Buckminster - E2k & C32 pylon racing. Spectators welcome.

January 2024

Wed 3rd

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sat 6th

Club Winter Meal at the Waggon and Horses in Langtoft.

Sun 7th

Indoor flying at Bushfield Leisure Centre, FF and light RC only.
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