

Bourne Stormers Model Club



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Firstly, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. 2024 looks like it's going to bring some challenges our way and, as a way of showing intent, we start the year with a flooded Club Field and a delayed Club meeting. To counter that, Malcolm managed to get some seaplanes in the air without driving to Scotland and the delayed meeting means I can report on a successful Club Winter Meal. When our meeting finally took place, the primary discussion was about the impending sale of the Field. A working group has been set up to co-ordinate any fund raising ideas people may have, or possible alternative sites if we are unable to purchase the Field. We have a small respite available to us because there will be a delay in sorting out the paperwork and Land Registry information prior to selling the Field. This could mean that we have most of the year to, hopefully, sort out the finances.

The Field Flood

Caused by a breach in the dyke wall a few hundred yards downstream, a number of fields have been flooded, including ours. Fortunately for us, the water wasn't deep enough to enter the mower shed, but it has put about an inch of water in the hut. Things are now starting to dry out with the Field being mostly above water again. Access is possible but the Field entrance is still very soggy so take care.



A very damp Club Field on the 3rd of January.



Malcolm taking full advantage of it.



We're back to having a Spotlight Model this Month thanks to Derek and his Berkik 3. This model was considered for our last Club Build, but the Polaris was chosen instead. This didn't

deter Derek though, as he built one anyway. Built from plans and using the 6mm foam material formerly known as 'Depron' (now DIALL Extruded Polystyrene) and a ply motor mount, Derek's model was hot glued together before being covered in coloured packing tape. The 1300mm model is adequately powered by a 3 cell 2200mAh battery turning a

5x3, 3 bladed prop via a 2826, 2200KV motor. I was around for the test flight and, as Derek says, it's a stable and easy to fly wing.

The Club Winter Meal was held on the 6th January at the Waggon and Horses in Langtoft. It was a new venue for us and proved to be a good choice. With about seventeen people attending, all on one long table, the food was excellent and reasonably priced. Thanks are due to Derek for organising it. He also suggested the possibility of a Summer Meal later in the year.



Finally, We were reminded of a suggestion for our next Club Build at the meeting. Under the title of 'Novelty Flying Machine' the only limitations are that it must fly a circuit (at least) and land within the Field. The plan is to have the event in May with a Club BBQ. There may even be some judging involved. Right, where are those drawings I did for a Starship Enterprise?.

Upcoming Events

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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February 2024

Wed 7th

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

Sun 4th

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