

# Bourne Stormers Model Club



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Having survived the "Great Flood of '24" the Field is now usable again, when it's not raining, too windy or too cold (that last one may just be me!). We currently have some heavy machinery stored behind the Field being used to repair the dyke. The last time I was flying, someone wandered down from the footpath towards these machines and set off an alarm with a warning recording saying they were being filmed. Just to let everyone know. Because of these large machines moving around there has been some work done on the track leading down to the Field so that's a bit of a bonus. As there was only a handful of people at the meeting this month, most of the discussion was about the upcoming F1 season and a 'how to' about moulding canopies. I was also asked to work out the FunFly event dates for this year, so here they are (all on Sundays):

14th April.

19th May.

16th June.

21st July.

18th August.

15th September (could add a Battle of Britain Day combat session to that if you want).

20th October, if we are doing one in October.

On the Sunday before the Club meeting we had a working party down the Field to sort out any damage to the Hut. In the end there was very little so, as we had people there, we made the patio a bit bigger, replaced our oil drum heater and built a new table (the old wooden one broke during the flood). So, on behalf of the Club, I'd like to say a thank you to those that could take part.



An extended patio so chairs on the outside of the table don't sink into the grass. The new heater with it's own patio. Since this photo, the table has also been painted.



As a Spotlight Model this month I thought I'd share with you my oldest surviving model, especially as I've been flying it a little more recently (but only when it's calm). This is my Ikarus Eco 8, built in 2001 and originally powered by an 8 cell NiCad and a brushed 500 size motor. Over the years this has been updated to a 3 cell 3900mAh



LiPo and a good brushless motor. With spares now being a bit difficult to find, I have bought two complete kits (one for only £10) to hopefully keep it flying for a few more years. The tail gyro is a basic one pinched out of a dead indoor micro heli and the rest of the electronics is similarly basic. The second picture was taken during Covid lockdown - just trying to maintain my sanity! After a bit more practise I may try a stall turn or pirouette but, at the moment, flying a normal circuit is challenging enough.

Flying in late January, in the background are the vehicles mentioned earlier. Big, yellow diggery things helping to fix the dyke. No, I don't know anything about big diggers!



Finally, don't forget about our 'Novelty Flying Machines' event, combined with a BBQ, and planned for May. If we're not including it with the FunFly (it would be a busy day), the 12th or 26th would be most likely, but the date will be decided at a Club meeting soon. The only rules are that the model cannot be multi-rotor based and must be able to fly a circuit and land within the Field.

## Upcoming Events

### February 2024

**Wed 7th**

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

**Sun 4th**

Indoor flying at Bushfield Leisure Centre, FF and light RC only.  
Brian Waterland 01778 343722.

### March 2024

**Wed 6th**

Club Meeting at the Wishing Well

**Sun 3rd**

Indoor flying at Bushfield Leisure Centre, FF and light RC only.  
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**Fri 29th**

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