

# Bourne Stormers Model Club



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With another 'Model Restocking Day' approaching I hope everyone has left the requisite subtle hints to Santa, or your usual 'Santa's Assistant' to ensure no un-necessary socks are received. As this is the December Newsletter I would like to wish everyone an exceptionally Merry Christmas, an equally Happy New Year and pass on the good news that Club fees will not be increasing this year. Now that I've bumbled my way round to it, our Club AGM was held on Wednesday with eighteen members attending and five apologies, unfortunately including my own. Thanks again to Jon for passing on the information to me.

As usual, all the Club officials promptly resigned and, this year, were also promptly re-elected to serve for another year. In a reasonably short meeting, there were no other significant matters arising, which lead to the Club Awards being presented.

The Coleman Shield was awarded to Jim Johanesen for his continued support to the club with his display of commitment, engineering skills and, especially, mole catching expertise.

Our FunFly competition was won by Mark Eggleston who, except for missing the August event and having a bad day on the September event, came first or third every month.

The Most Improved Flyer Award went to Derek Bailey for his excellent performance in the FunFly competition.

A new award was introduced this year. In a more light hearted sense to the other awards, this one, called the 'I've Had a Bad Year' award, will be presented, each year, to the person who is judged by the members to have had the worst modelling year. For it's inaugural year it was awarded to Malcolm Styles, not only for his performance in the FunFly competition this year, but also, by his own reckoning, for his general poor flying during the year.



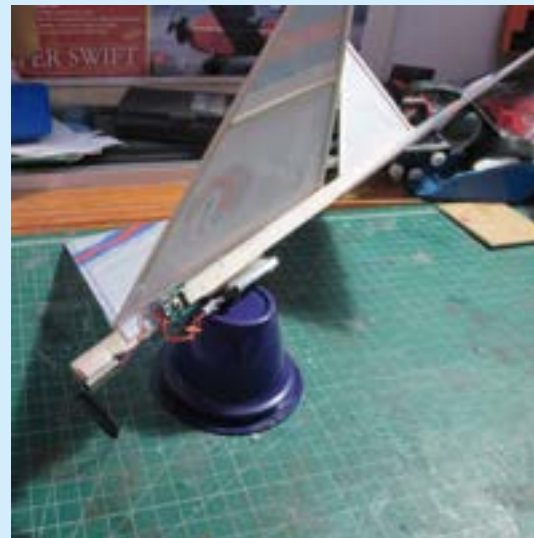
This year's Award winners in all their glory.



Something a little different on the control surface front for this month's Spotlight Model. Dave Wall has sent details of his Twisty electric glider. Designed by Pierre Rondel of Planet Soaring fame for KAVAN, this 60 inch span model has 'wingerons'. The whole wing is rotated a few degrees to provide roll control (ailerons). Add to that the all moving tailplane and the

only control with a hinge is the rudder. Mark assisted with the maiden flight but the phrase "uncontrollable bucking bronco" was used prior to the ground getting in the way. However, very little damage occurred and, after the C of G was revised, successful flights were achieved. Dave reports that it may be a little underpowered on a windy day but flies well in a lighter breeze.

Finally, something completely irrelevant as I've had a little time for small projects recently. Remember the Club BMFA Dart build we did a while ago? (here's a picture to remind you.) Well, I'm ready for the next one!



## Upcoming Events

### December 2025

Wed 3rd

Club AGM - Wishing Well

Sat 20th

Club Christmas Meal. 7pm for 7:30 sit down. Contact Derek Bailey.

### January 2026

Wed 7th

Club Meeting - Wishing Well

Sat 10th

Peterborough MFC Indoor Flying Bushfield. FF or slow/light RC only. [peterboroughmfc.org/events](http://peterboroughmfc.org/events)

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