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I have added last months competition results to the website including some pictures of all but one of the entries.

Last Months Meeting

DiAerama Magazine

I was sent the initial copy of a home produced magazine called "DiAerama". It is intended to cover the building of diorama but with an aircraft bias, hence the slightly odd name. The initial cost prices is advertised at £7.50 a copy but with a discount if 10 or more copies are bought, for example, by a club to sell on. If anyone is interested in looking at the copy please let me know.

The History of RAF Wittering in Model Aircraft

By Wing Commander Clive Montellier RAF

The project for RAF Wittering was initiated to mark the Station's 90th anniversary. The Wing Commander and I got together to scope it out – were we going to try to model every aircraft that had flown from Wittering? What constituted a 'Wittering-based' aircraft? Would we include satellite airfields? Would we include every mark of a particular type, or every squadron that had flown that type? Then came the modeller's considerations: what scale? So, in good military fashion, we identified our mission: to replicate a selection of aircraft representing the principal eras of Wittering's history in 1/72nd scale.

Following the thread on the website became a fascinating business as various SIGs appropriated elements of the collection. The beauty of Wittering's history is that it spans such a variety: everything from V-bombers to Sopwith Camels, from fighters, to trainers, to bombers and back again. Needless to say, the Harrier SIG had plenty to keep them busy, but I think the Luftwaffe SIG also enjoyed the challenge of painting their favourite aircraft in RAF colours to represent No 1426 (Captured Enemy Aircraft) Flight.

In the wake of the IPMS Nationals at Telford came first of all a visit from some of those involved in the project (reported very promptly on the website), whom we were delighted to host for a day's tour of the Station. Then, a couple of days later, 36 models arrived, each beautifully constructed, each capturing a piece of Wittering's history. Much arranging ensued, ready for unveiling the following morning to accompany the change of Station Commander.

I could not conclude this article without paying tribute to the generosity of so many IPMS members who donated either their time and expertise or the kits themselves, or both. Whilst we provided some of the models, the majority came from the collections of Members who wanted nothing in return beyond the pleasure of knowing that their work would be on permanent display. To all who contributed my heartfelt thanks. For the IPMS, it shows what your organisation is capable of, and the power of your internet community. For me, the display has an important part to play in educating today's Service personnel in the ethos and heritage of their Station. At the same time, it pays mute tribute to the generations of aviators and ground personnel who have served on one of the RAF's oldest operational airfields.

Forthcoming Shows in 2007

Shows with **highlight** have been booked for us to attend. If you wish to attend any of the shows with the club stand please let me know so I can attempt to book space for the club.

2007	
1 st & 2 nd September (Saturday and Sunday)	Medway Modelling Club Exhibition , Royal Engineers Museum, Gillingham, Kent I have booked us 2 tables for Sunday 2nd September
16 th September (Sunday)	Sutton Coldfield's 31st Model Spectacular at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, West Midlands. Doors open 10 am to 4.30 pm
23 rd September (Sunday)	IPMS Coventry / Warwickshire wish to announce their annual model show to be held at The Midland Air Museum, Coventry Airport. Bagington, Warwickshire
	IPMS Farnborough present 'Modelfest 2007' to be held at Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, Camberley GU15 3PQ
	IPMS Fenland present 'Wings and Things' to be held at Spalding Grammar School, Priory Road, Spalding Lincolnshire PE11 2XH
30 th September (Sunday)	IPMS Brampton , The Burgess Hall, St.Ives, Cambridgeshire. Note this is a new venue and date. I've requested space for this one.
13 th October (Saturday)	IPMS Glasgow , Kelvin Hall International Sports Arena, Argyle Street, Glasgow G3 8AW, adjacent to the Transport Museum
14 th October (Sunday)	IPMS Lincoln , Southwell Race Course.
	IPMS Ipswich/St Edmundsbury Scale Modellers 'The East Anglian Modelling Show' to be held at the Maidenhall Sports Centre, Ipswich, Suffolk IP2 8NZ
November 10 th & 11 th (Saturday and Sunday)	IPMS Scale Modelworld 2007 to be held at the Telford International Centre. The branch return has been sent off so we " should " have some space booked.
2008	
3 rd February (Sunday)	ModelKraft 2008, Milton Keynes . New venue, Stantonbury Campus Leisure Centre, MK14 6BN. I've not had an "official" invite for this but I'm sure we'll be going.

Peter

Robins Ruminations

Summer distractions or who nicked my modelling time?

Well at last summer seems to have arrived after the terrible weather that so recently flooded parts of the country. However with every bright, sunny day comes complete with a dark lining, for instance, mowing the lawn that seems to have taken on the appearance of the Amazon rainforest. Clearing the flowerbeds of Triffid-like weeds that seem to drink and thrive on Weedol. Combine this seasonal workload with barbeques, long, light evenings, life's normal domestics and the modelling has to take a back seat my Wife tells me, who am I too argue? Is it just me that seems to go through a "modelling drought" during the summer?

Still, I took my modelling box and a kit away on our two week holiday with me this year with the expectation of a rainy day or two, not too much to hope for this year! However although the best intentions, or at least my intentions, were dashed and the model box returned unopened. However at least the beer was cool and the pub grub hot!

My Official hat is now, ON

I was greatly heartened by the excellent turn out for last month's competition, both in numbers and quality. Congratulations to Peter, Mick, Ted and Ian on winning their respective classes, excellent models and worthy winners all of them.

I don't think that I'm giving away and secrets when I inform you that the council/sports centre management have been approached for the hire of the Harrow Lodge sports centre for Southern Expo 2008. As ever the different "independent" council bodies are taking their own sweet time to talk to one another to agree or not on a date and price. Apparently the sports centre even have to "liaise" with the parks department to see if the grass would be "available" to use as an overspill car park. Keep your fingers crossed and watch this space.

In the expectation / hope of Expo 2008, have you given much thought to the club display, i.e. the 60's theme? I will be passing amongst you this evening to get a rough idea and make note of what's going to be your modelling boards and tables over the coming months. I only want a rough idea so we don't end up with 16 Hawker Hunters and 10 Centurion tanks and bugger all else.

Robin

Competition Standings after the 1st Round.

Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

1/72nd Scale or Less

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Peter Bagshaw	Grumman F6F Hellcat	50
2 nd	Alan Wright	Su-47 Berkut	39
3 rd	Alan Wright	Nakajima E8N Dave	35

Greater than 1/72nd Scale

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Ted Taylor	Lockheed P-38 Lightning	46
2 nd	Robin Bellamy	Focke Wulf FW 190 D-9	45
3 rd	Robert Smith	Messerschmitt Me 262	40
4 th	Robert Smith	Vought F4U Corsair	30

Positions after 1st Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 st	Alan Wright	44
2 nd	Robert Smith	40
3 rd =	Peter Bagshaw Ted Taylor	25
4 th	Robin Bellamy	23

IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

Military Vehicles

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Mick Pitts	M3 Grant	42
2 nd =	Mick Pitts Phil Worth	Crusader Mk3 Karl Gerat	34
3 rd	Peter Bagshaw	3/4 Ton Beep	29
4 th	Peter Bagshaw	Warrior	18
5 th	Danny Alvisse	Saracen Mk.2	13
	Danny Alvisse	Saladin Mk.2	10

Miscellaneous

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 st	Ian Brown	Fiat 500	48
2 nd	John Huston	BMW 318i JTCC	39
3 rd	Greg Brand	Honqio China Car	31
4 th	Danny Alvisse	Mitsubishi FTO	30
5 th	Alex Smith	Yamaha 500cc	26

Positions after 1st Round

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1 st	Mick Pitts	48
2 nd	Peter Bagshaw	36
3 rd	Danny Alvisse	29
4 th	Ian Brown	25
5 th	John Huston	23
	Greg Brand Phil Worth	21
	Alex Smith	17