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## Peters Prattling

**Next month – January 2011 – Modeller of the Year Competition**

**Next month is the Annual General Meeting**

### Home Front

Firstly I'd like to wish all the club members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hopefully you've all been good so there's no excuse not to find some models or books under the tree.

Even more upheaval in the Bagshaw household this month! Taking advantage of the time to be at home we have been replacing the bathroom with a complete rip out and start again project. Needless to say I'm just acting in a supervisory and tea making role for some one else to do the work, otherwise it would take well over the 2 weeks or so projected. As I write this the new tiles are being grouted and a new floor is to be laid. Who knows I may have been able to have a proper wash by club night.



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## IPMS(UK) Scale Model World Report

Sadly not a great deal to report, not that many new releases announced, even on the Airfix stand, although they were showing off some of their new kits, namely the 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Mig-15 and F-86 Sabres. Both these kits are very nicely moulded, the F-66 being particularly well done I thought. Typically the 1/48<sup>th</sup> Sea Vixen didn't show up in time, this seems to be a consistent Airfix timing problem. They have now turned up in batches and initial reports from the internet sites are very favourable, even I may be tempted at some point.

The Branch and SIG leaders meeting was the typical affair of waffle and wandering off topic, however there was a point raised about the 2013 show as this is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of IPMS(UK). An idea was floated for clubs to produce a time line of "classic" kits from all the eras. The fly in the ointment is that it has to be built by an IPMS member and so far no mention of who will provide the kits, but something to think about perhaps.

## Mostly Part Start Models

Tonight I hope to bring along a couple of boxes of models which are mostly part started or even nearly completed, they are however not painted. If any one wants the kits either for spare parts or just to finish and paint they are more than welcome. All I ask is for a small donation to go towards the Southern Expo funds, as this was the condition they were donated to the club.

## Modeller of the Year Competition

The following models are eligible for entry to this competition.

Alan Wright	Aichi B7A2 Grace
	Boulton Paul Defiant
	Fairey Fulmar
	Fairey Sparrowhawk
	Fairey Swordfish
	Hawker Hurricane
	Hawker Tempest V
	Sukhoi Su-34
Barry Brown	Enzo Ferrari
	Tornado
Bob Smith	Grumman Avenger
	Panzer II
	Sherman M4A1
	Sturmtiger
Brian Breeze	Tiger
	Jadgpanther
Brian Thomas	Supermarine Swift FR5
	Avro 707
	Avro Lancaster
	Bae 146
	Chipmunk
	de Havilland Mosquito
	DH 88 Racer
	EE Canberra SC9
	EE Canberra T4
	General Dynamics F-111
	Hunter FGR9
	Jet Provost Mk.3
	Lockheed T-33
	Messerschmitt Bf109 E
North American P-51D Mustang	

	Nimrod MR2
	Republic F-84G
	Supermarine Spitfire 1a
	Tram
Charles Thompson	Grumman F6F Hellcat
	Macchi C.202
	Republic P-47 Thunderbolt
	Spitfire Vc
Chris Bunting	Matilda
	Matilda
Colin McAuliffe	Autoblinda Railcar
	Stug III Diorama
	Panzer III
	StuH 42
Danny Alvisse	Yak-17
	RAV 4
Ian Brown	Cromwell
	Curtiss P-40N
	Fokker DVII
	Messerschmitt Bf109 E
	Nakajima Ki-84 "Frank"
	Supermarine Spitfire 1a
John Houston	Cromwell
	Hawk T1
	T34/84
	Hurricane Mk.1
	Junkers Ju-87
Kevin Curley	RWD-5
	W.W.II Tank
Malcolm Robinson	Honda Moto GP
	Lamborghini Murcielago



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Paul Bennett	EE Lightning
	North American XP-51
	North American XP-86
Peter Bagshaw	Bo.105
	Douglas DC-9
	F-86 Sabre
	FW 190 A-4
	FW 190D
	Heinkel He-111
	Hetzer
	Jet Provost
	Messerschmitt Bf109 E
	Messerschmitt Me 109E
	Mig 15
Phil Worth	Sherman Firefly
	Sturmtiger
	Douglas Dauntless
	Ferdinand
	Fokker E.III

	IJN Chokai
Robin Bellamy	Messerschmitt Bf109 E-3
	Messerschmitt Bf109 E-3
	Spitfire 1
	Spitfire 1
	Stug IIIG
Sean Gamble-Beresford	Trabant
Steve Crust	F-15I RAAM
	Kurnass F-4 Phantom
	Phantom FGR1
Steve Hide	AC Cobra
	Aston Martin 214
	Audi R8
	Leyton House F1
	Plymouth Belvedere
	Porsche 956
	Porsche 962

## Forthcoming Shows in 2011

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.

2011	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> February (Sunday)</b>	<b>ModelKraft</b> , Stantonbury Leisure Centre, <b>Milton Keynes</b> , MK146BN - I have received the invite and replied to this requesting 2 tables and to be in the ground floor main hall, in case Danny feels like attending.
<b>19<sup>th</sup> &amp; 20<sup>th</sup> March (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>Southern Expo</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May (Sunday)</b>	<b>IPMS Birmingham – Midlands Expo</b> , Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre, Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 6ER
<b>22nd May (Sunday)</b>	<b>Hendon Model Show, RAF Museum Hendon.</b> I've requested space at this show.

Peter

## Robins Ruminations.

Fingers crossed you are reading this in the hall with a mince pie in your hand enjoying a good chat. However if the weather forecasters have got it correct (for once) you are probably reading this on your computer or at the January meeting. As these matters are in far higher hands than ours, we shall just have to wait and see what occurs!

Unfortunately I will not be at tonight's meeting as I will again be at Heathrow airport attempting to get my Mother-in-Law on a flight to Malta, my third attempt at getting her on a plane and my fourth trip there in three days! I feel as if my knicker elastic is caught in the doors of Terminal Four! I can honestly say that in the past few days I have seen more than enough of the M25, abandoned vehicles, snow and accidents to last a whole year. However enough of my problems please enjoy the meeting and nibbles and I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

My Christmas this year is going to be a little unusual as I will be waking up on Christmas Day on my own. My Wife has volunteered to help out at her church preparing and cooking a full Christmas lunch for around 80 people that would otherwise be on their own on Christmas day. However, I will not be idle, because guess who's going to be



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preparing and cooking Christmas dinner at my house? Wife out, Son snoring, that leaves me, me and me! I will be slaving away over a hot stove, but after helping to prepare, cook, and clean away 80 Christmas dinners, Adele will probably just want a ham sandwich, cup of tea and half an hour's snooze.

I hope to be back to my normal style of article next month, please don't all groan, when I have hopefully resolved computer problems, the Mother in Law's flight and a few domestic issues that are outstanding as I tap this out.

It only remains for me to wish all the members a Merry Christmas and a Happy, peaceful, New Year.

My "Official" hat is now on.

Well the last competition evening went really well I thought, with Barry Brown, Steve Hide, Kevin Curly and Phil Worth being the worthy winners in their respective classes. Next month is the modeller of the year competition, of course, being judged by our friends from Southend, weather permitting.

Peter has kindly listed all those models that are eligible for entry into the competition and I have printed off the entry slips for the models. All you have to do is enter any additional details relating to your model. So please bring along as many of the models as you can and give the judges plenty to do. As ever, good luck and May the best model win.

*Robin.*

## Wrighty's References

# NAVY TO LOSE NEW CARRIER

## Cameron hints at axe to save billions

By TOM NEWTON DUNN  
Political Editor

**THE Royal Navy is to lose one of its two new jumbo aircraft carriers, David Cameron has signalled.**

The axing of one of the giants would lop **BILLIONS** off the defence budget.

But, crucially, it may also allow the Navy to keep more frigates and destroyers.

In a TV interview yesterday, the PM would only commit to one of the two Queen Elizabeth class carriers being built at a cost of £5.2 billion.

He said: "One of them is under way."

Revealing that the other's fate hung in the balance, Mr Cameron added: "They are a very big part of the decisions that we have got to make about how we make sure our forces are flexible."

The 60,000-ton ships, Queen Elizabeth and Prince of Wales, were ordered to replace the fleet's three ageing carriers, Invincible, Illustrious and Ark Royal. The future of Queen Elizabeth is safe but Prince of Wales may be built then kept as a spare or sold.

A plan submitted by chiefs might have seen the UK's surface warship fleet slashed to 12 – the size of Portugal's – as The Sun revealed two weeks ago.

**ABOUT** 55,000 of 300,000 defence industry jobs – more than one in six – could go because of MoD cuts, economic analysts warn.

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Air-some . . . how huge carriers would look at sea together



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**NUKE CALL IS DELAYED**

DECISIONS on renewing Britain's Trident nuclear missile deterrent WILL be delayed, PM David Cameron has revealed.

A £20 billion plan to replace the ageing warheads is a massive coalition flashpoint, with Tories committed to it and Lib Dems wanting a cheaper option. One compromise would be to postpone the call until after the 2015 General Election. But, when pressed yesterday, David Cameron told BBC1's Andrew Marr Show: "It's a bit more complicated than that."

The PM conceded: "There will be a stream of decisions as we go through, some before, some after."

Under current plans sanctioned by ex-PM Tony Blair, the go-ahead must be given to start building new warheads and submarines in 2014. Shunting the decision completely into the next Parliament would infuriate the Tories.

Yesterday, Mr Cameron restated his commitment to sticking with Trident.

He said: "The decision's been made. We have an independent nuclear deterrent. I strongly support that and I support its proper and full replacement."

Flashpoint . . Trident submarine

## The Ecstasy & Despair of U-Boat U988

Sky Discovery (Knowledge Channel 1/10/2010)

U988 was a type VIIC, built by Blohm & Voss and launched in June 1943. An early mishap occurred during training exercises in the Baltic. U988 was in collision with a sister ship U983, which caused delay to her 1<sup>st</sup> patrol.

After repair and under the command of Ob/Lt Erich Dobberstein U988 was part of 7 Flottile based at St Nazaire (France). The patrol began when the boat left Keil on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 1944, arriving at Manvik (near Stananger Norway) on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Her orders were to join patrol lines in the North Atlantic.

### D-Day Deviation

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> May U988 left for the North Atlantic sailing across the North Sea, round the north of Scotland and Northern Ireland, but by the 6<sup>th</sup> June (D-Day) they were off the west coast of Ireland, when urgent orders directed her to the English Channel passing via south of Ireland. For those eager for action in U988 they couldn't ask for better. 100's of ships were going to and fro from France. By the 27<sup>th</sup> they were well in position in the Channel. However how much stress was involved, avoiding escorts, aircraft and minefields to get to where they were now, we can only guess! But they managed to locate, track and get into position to torpedo corvette HMS Pink, off Point Barfleur which is near Cherbourg. HMS Pink was damaged and towed back to Portsmouth (which is directly opposite Cherbourg) but the vessel was never repaired. On the 28<sup>th</sup> they intercepted Convoy FXP 18 and sank the "Maid of Orleans" (2386 BRT), staying in the area on the 29<sup>th</sup> they encountered FMT 22 convoy and despatched a large transport the "Empire Portia" (7058 BRT), their elation must have been sky high, 3 ships in 3 days.

### Luck Runs Out

On the 30<sup>th</sup> the inevitable happened, a Coastal Command Liberator of 224 Squadron located U988 south of Start Point and damaged her in a depth charge attack. The Liberator with her load gone then called up the 3<sup>rd</sup> Escort Group comprising HMS Domett, Duckworth and Essington all frigates, who quickly arrived on the scene to take over, they located and rained depth charges on the sub, destroying and sinking her in position 49.37N x 03.41W, some 72 Km due south of Plymouth, which indicates that the sub was attempting to leave the Channel after her success, but there was no escape for the 50 crew aboard, they were all killed, when the sub was destroyed.

### 60+ Years Later

Odyssey Salvage Co had located the wreck of U988 in 2005 and now returned in their salvage vessel "Odyssey Explorer" to confirm the ID of the vessel and catalogue much of the wreck, but in 2009 the wreck site had changed, covered in fishing nets and shoals of cod, blocked the ROV from getting in close, also stirring up silt. Trawler nets weigh quite heavy and when dragged across fragile wrecks can do much damage, dragging off parts of the structure and fittings etc. The next days despite the conditions excellent work by the ROV operator managed to catalogue and document a fair section of the boat. The ROV found an exposed area of the bow where the torpedoes were still loaded in the tubes, exposed and dangerous, all this was filmed and recorded before the wreck is totally decimated and lost for ever. It was of course a war grave and from that human remains may be found aboard, but no such remains were seen. It is a fact that such remains usually deteriorate quickly in salt water, even



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the bones, no doubt sea predators made sure very little goes to waste. A change in the weather meant that Odyssey Explorer had to leave and check out her next target.

## Tech Detail

3 <sup>rd</sup> Escort Group	K353	Essington	Captain Class Frigate, ex-USN Dest/Escort
	K351	Duckworth	
	K473	Domett	
Escort Vessel	K137	HMS Pink	Flower Class Corvette (Scrapped June 1944)
	224 Squadron	Liberator Mk.8	Based St Eval (Cornwall) Codes XB

## Think Carefully About What You Wish For!

Well Merry Christmas to one and all, I hope you get the plastic bits you wish for in 2010 among your Christmas gifts. One 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Super Hornet, the 1/48<sup>th</sup> Wellington, the new Bismark kit and a 1/24<sup>th</sup> Mustang will do nicely please. Hell what am I saying? Yes they are great kits but the time to build them, the space to display them when complete, it's the stuff of nightmares!

I started modelling in 1967; that will be 44 years next month, I worked out that in that time I have made 260+ models mainly aircraft, but some ships and AFVs in all scales, this only averages about 5 or 6 per year. After initially making various themes of countries aircraft and all their main types, I decided that space was running out, so I decided on kits for their difficulty and complexity to make each project last a lot longer. For example a simple Frog or Airfix kit can be easily stretched to 6 weeks, by adding interiors, cutting and altering wing flaps, adding radar, making new cockpit covers etc, it cost nothing and a certain amount of pride can be achieved when comparing to a modern kit if you make a good job of it.

The 1/48<sup>th</sup> kit of the FW 190 is a good model, you see 100's of them at shows, all in brilliant airbrushed colour schemes, but how about cutting them open, making an engine and displaying that, I don't mean an "aftermarket" resin offering, making it out of scrap, design and fitting it yourself? No, you don't see them, but I was making them before resin was even invented. It's the challenge and satisfaction you get from doing it yourself. But it's all on offer, why bother you may ask? Well if you want a quick job and fill your space and you don't have the competitive "can do" spirit, then it's OK isn't it? The reason modellers hoard kits is largely because of the demise of Airfix and Frog, the kits ran out and if you wanted a certain type you had to get it when available, i.e. people put kits in stock for future use, but trends change and that Harrier may not look so appealing when the newest Tomcat appeared on the shelves, so it went on hold until later. There is no excuse to this to happen today, a recent look at SAMi magazine has about a dozen pages relating to new and reissued kits available every month. The latest example being a new 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Ju-188 by some unknown firm, it's the "cats whiskers" according to the review. Do you know I still have the old Matchbox kit in my stash, it might be worth a look to use to model review to make this up now. You may have noticed I recently did this with an Me 410 (Aurora kit) and Swordfish (Frog) turned into 6 weeks projects, the Swordfish was 3<sup>rd</sup> in our club competition. Talking of "stashes" of kits, I probably have less than most of you, about 7 to build, plus a few 1/48<sup>th</sup> I cannot use as I have no space for them if built.

As one former club member once said "I've worked out how many kits I build a year and how many kits I've got. If I build at the same rate I'll be 123 years old, if I never buy another kit". Sadly, that gentleman died at the age of 47, so presumably a lot of the kits went into the dustbin.

Think about it, too many kits, not enough space, too eager to finish the model, not enough time to model; maybe that tie and socks present are not too bad an option after all. Happy New Year lads!

However I have decided and begun my next project, something entirely new for me, to design and scratchbuild a 1945 "C" class Royal Navy Destroyer (10 1/2 " length). All parts made from balsa, plastic card and stretched sprue, I'll bring it along and show you my progress next month, it's a big challenge as I don't have a detailed plan, so it's based on photographs of the said class of Destroyers, wish me luck, but it's not luck you need, it's the desire to get the job done come what may.

**Alan**

## Competition Results for the 4<sup>th</sup> Round

Sorry no photos of the competition entrants, I forgot/was too busy/any other excuse I can think of and our “official photographer” John Huston was off with a cold.

### Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

#### 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale or Less

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Barry Brown	Tornado	49
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Bagshaw	FW 190D	42
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Colin McAulliffe	Yak-17	39
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Bagshaw	Mig 15	38
5 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Curley	RWD-5	37
	Brian Thomas	DH 88 Racer	16
	Brian Thomas	Avro 707	12

#### Greater than 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Phil Worth	Douglas Dauntless	53
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Brown	Fokker DVII	48
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robin Bellamy	Spitfire 1	43
4 <sup>th</sup>	Robin Bellamy	Spitfire 1	41
5 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Thomas	Hunter FGR9	33
	Brian Thomas	Chipmunk	15

#### Positions after 4<sup>th</sup> Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1st	Brian Thomas	189
2nd	Peter Bagshaw	122
3rd	Steve Crust	94
4th	Alan Wright	81
5th	Robin Bellamy	65
	Paul Bennett	63
	Ian Brown	59
	Phil Worth	50
	John Huston	48
	Charles Thompson	41
	Barry Brown	25
	Bob Smith Colin McAulliffe	21
	Brian Breeze	19
	Kevin Curley	17

### IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

#### Military Vehicles

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kevin Curley	W.W.I Tank	75
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Peter Bagshaw	Hetzer	59
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Brian Breeze	Jadgpanther	55

#### Miscellaneous

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Hide	Porsche 956	73
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Danny Alvisse	RAV 4	64
3 <sup>rd</sup> =	Steve Hide	Leyton House F1	51

### Positions after 4<sup>th</sup> Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Steve Hide	145
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Colin McAulliffe	68
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phil Worth	50
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Smith	48
5 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Bagshaw	47
	Malcolm Robinson	42
	Barry Brown Kevin Curley	25
	Brian Thomas Danny Alvisse	23
	Rob Smith	22
	Brian Breeze Robin Bellamy	21
	Ian Brown Sean Gamble-Beresford	17
	Chris Bunting John Huston	10