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"Dear Andy: How have you been?
Your mother and I are fine. We miss you.
Please sign off your computer and come
downstairs for something to eat. Love, Dad."

#### Some of you with kids of a "certain age" may appreciate this one!

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## Next month - October - Dioramas with Colin

## Peters Prattling

#### **Home Front**

I'm now another year older, but not necessarily wiser! As is usual for us, we take the day off work for our birthdays and try and go out somewhere interesting for the day. For mine we went to the Hornby Visitor Centre in Margate. Not a bad run down that way as the M2/A2 takes you most of the way.

### http://www.hornby.com/hornby-visitor-centre/

It's a really interesting centre, effectively divided into 4 parts giving you a history of Hornby in relation to the founding as a miniature railway/train manufacturer and beyond, a 2<sup>nd</sup> section is on Scalextric, a 3<sup>rd</sup> on Corgi diecast and probably for us the most interesting a 4<sup>th</sup> bit on Airfix. In addition to the





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Hornby exhibition there is a separate room which has a display of 35 wood and paper models of mostly English cathedrals. It might sound a little dull but they are very intricate models, none of them are more than about 3 foot long and were built in the 1850s, just looking at the craftsmanship the models are quite stunning. So if you are planning a trip down towards Margate I would recommend a stop off to go round the centre. If nothing else they have a cafe and reasonably well appointed shop for the Hornby products.







# THE SIR HERBERT OAKELEY COLLECTION CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL

Now on display at the Hornby Visitor Centre -

#### Southern Expo 2012

Southern Expo 2012 has been booked for next year. Dates for the diary are 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

### **Display at Hornchurch Country Park 1st October**

Mick Pitts called me the other evening to let me know about a display that Richard Smith (the author of several books about RAF Hornchurch) was planning a display in the afternoon of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at the Hornchurch Country Park. Mick had been asked by Richard if we would be interested in putting on a display of models.

I have said yes on the provision that we have somewhere under cover; even I would draw the line at displaying outside if it's wet and/or windy! Between quite a few of the club we have built most of the subjects from the Expo Battle of Britain decal sheet so that would be a good starting point of the display and perhaps those of us of a certain age who built models for the theme quite a few years ago on Squadrons based at Hornchurch could dust off (literally probably) some of those kits we built.

Hopefully Mick can give us some more details at the club night.

Setup would be from 10:00am with the show opening at 12:00 and closing at 5:00pm.

There was also talk of a flypast.

#### **Sweatshirts**

The sweatshirts are here!

### **Bob Plumridge & Ted Taylor**

I'm pleased to report the Bob Plumridge is returning to full health (well as healthy as can be expected!) and has been released from the confines of hospital, all being well (no pun intended!) he will be with us for this the September meeting.

Unfortunately Bob has told me that Ted has gone into hospital with a similar fluid retention issue as Bob. He's currently in the Royal London, so if you have a few minutes spare please feel free to call in and give him a visit. He can also receive calls on his mobile so if you wanted to give him a call





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instead please let either myself or Bob know and we can pass on his number to you if you don't have it already.

### **Under a Tenner Competition**

It's looking likely that at least 5 or 6 people won't be ready for tonight. Many thanks to all those who responded with the status of their builds. To give us all a sporting chance of finishing I'm going to delay the finishing line for this by another month, but this will have to be the last time, you have been warned!

Entrant	Subject	Status of build
Barry Breeze	EE Lightning (Hasegawa)	
Barry Brown	Gridiron Grabber (AMT)	Finished
Brian Thomas	Canadair Sabre (Airfix)	
Brian Thomas	Harrier GR3 (Esci)	
Colin McAuliffe	Sukhoi Su-27 (Italeri)	Needs more time
Danny Alvisse	Born Losers – Castro	Needs more time
Graham Hill	Mig-21 (KP)	
Ian Brown	Walfish (Eduard)	Finished
John Huston	Born Losers – Hitler	
Mick Pitts	Deuce ½ (Tamiya)	
Paul Bennett	Dassault Mirage (Eastern Express)	Finished
Peter Bagshaw	F-16B Fighting Fulcrum (Revell)	Needs more time
Ralph Hebron	Fokker D.VII (Roden)	
Robin Bellamy	Bristol Fighter (Eduard)	Needs more time
Robin Bellamy	Ki-43 Oscar (Fujimi)	Needs more time
Robin Bellamy	Me-110G (Monogram)	Needs more time
Wally Arrowsmith	DC-4 (Welsh Models)	

## **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			
25 <sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)	IPMS Brampton, Burgess Hall, St Ives, Cambs, PE27 6WU			
25 September (Suriday)	We have space for this show.			
1 <sup>st</sup> October (Saturday)	IPMS Abingdon, Larkmead School, Abingdon, Oxfordshire			
16 <sup>th</sup> October (Sunday)	Expo 2011, Southwell Racecourse, Rolleston, Notts, NG25 0TS			
	Glasgow Modelfest, Kelvin Hall Sports Arena, Argyle Street, Glasgow G3 8AW.			
22 <sup>nd</sup> October (Saturday)	Fleet Air Arm Museum Autumn Model Show, Fleet Air Arm Museum, RNAS			
	Yeovilton, Ilchester, Somerset, BA22 8HW			
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Scale ModelWorld, Telford International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3			
(Saturday & Sunday)	4JH			
2012				
25 <sup>th</sup> February (Saturday)	On Track 2012, Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone			
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Cautham Evas			
(Saturday & Sunday)	Southern Expo			
April 1 <sup>st</sup> (Sunday)	Shropshire Model Show, Royal Airforce Museum Cosford, Shifnal,			
	Shropshire, TF11 8UP			
May 20 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Midland Expo 2012, Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre & Golf Course,			
	Alcester Road, Kings Heath, <b>Birmingham</b> , B14 6ER			
November 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup>	Scale ModelWorld, Telford International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3			
(Saturday & Sunday)	4JH			





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## **Robins Ruminations**

Some of you might remember that Peter made an announcement regarding a car show that was going to be held by the men's section of St. Peter's church on the 18th of July. My Wife has had an update on the show in her church newsletter, the show made a "profit" of about £3,000 which will be donated to the London Air Ambulance. So a big thank you to those that managed to attend.

According to the newsletter, the men's section of St. Peter's will be organising another show next year, at a date still to be confirmed. If you would like to know more of what went on at this year's show or see some of the cars that were there have a look at www.stpeterscarshow.co.uk

Well things in the Bellamy household have been as manic as ever with only the show at the Royal Engineers Museum being an "enforced" rest and boy was I in need of it. Our friend in Kent that broke her hip has now been moved out of hospital and is now in convalescence care with loads of physiotherapy. So we are still making the trip south of the water to visit and cheer her up as often as possible. My Mother in Law has also recently had a cataract removal operation and as Adele had some temporary employment at that time, it was decided that I should have a day off to go with her to the hospital. As seems normal for me recently, nothing ever goes to plan or straight forward. Instead of the agreed early operation time, 08:30, it took until 14:00 to finally get the simple operation done. Mind you it was good of the nurse to give my Mother in Law a gentle pre-med, it knocked her clean out for three and a bit hours and so I could at least read my modelling magazines in peace. I must admit that I wouldn't mind a bottle of whatever those tablets were, might well come in very handy at times! We are also going up to the Mother in Laws at around 22:00 every evening to check her eye and tape an eye shield over her eye, we know how to enjoy ourselves! At the moment coming up for the Mother in Law (and so Adele & I) is a hearing test at Queens, call back to St. Georges for the follow-up for the cataract operation and two local doctors appointments. Other than that we're having a ball!

However although it seems that we have been spending more time in hospitals and doctors surgeries that our own home lately, it's not all doom and depression there are lighter moments that seem to make it all worthwhile, but only looking back later!

In the bed alongside my Mother in Law in hospital was a very elderly, fairly deaf Greek-Cypriot woman also in for a cataract operation. Due to the type of operation being done the elderly lady had to have a general aesthetic, which of course requires a consent form to be signed. So far everything is simple and easy, but now the law, family, differing languages and deafness conspire to turn a quite, serene hospital ward into a three ring circus.

The law apparently is such that you can't have a family member translate for you to sign a consent form as you could be trying to act to the detriment of the patient for personal or family gain. So the hospital had arranged a Greek speaking interpreter to be present to explain the operation, risks and find out about if there are any allergies to medicines. All fair enough so far, the old ladies Daughter is there for comfort and to keep her talking and distracted while waiting for the operation and afterwards. Enter stage left the anaesthetist, a very nice soft spoken lady from Malaysia with consent form in hand, big smile and a very nice bedside manner. So now we had the anaesthetist, old lady, daughter and interpreter present in and around the bed, the stage was now set for the entertainment to begin. I've written this in English, but the anaesthetist was the only one speaking English throughout, I'm sure you'll get the idea.





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Anaesthetist) good morning Mrs. Papandreou, I'm the anaesthetist for your operation and I just need to answer some questions.

Old lady) Blank look

Interpreter) we have some questions for you Mrs. Papandreou, alright?

Old lady) Blank look

Daughter) she can't understand you.

Anaesthetist) why not? What's wrong?

It now turns out that the old lady speaks a dialect of Greek Cypriot not "proper" Greek. It was later described to me as something like the difference between London English and broad Glaswegian or Geordie, I now understood the problem.

Anaesthetist) Well we have to get this form sorted out or nothing happens, we'll make the best of it we can and see how we get on. Could you ask if she is allergic to any medication?

Interpreter) slowly Are you allergic to any medicines?

Old lady) WHAT?

Daughter) Medicines Mother, is there any medicine you can't take?

Old lady) nodding YES.

Interpreter) which ones?

Old lady) THESE. handing a bottle of tablets over to the Anaesthetist

Anaesthetist) No, not what she's taking, what she can't take! Is there any medicines she can't take?

Interpreter) No Mrs. Papandreou, are the any medicines that make you ill? Old lady) THOSE. Pointing at the bottle in the Anaesthetist hand

Anaesthetist) NO! NOT THESE, ONES YOU CAN'T TAKE! To the interpreter.

Interpreter) it's no good shouting at me, she's the one that's deaf. Pointing at the old lady

Daughter) don't speak about my Mother like that!

At this point a three way "animated discussion" between the anaesthetist, Daughter and interpreter kicked off with the bemused old lady looking from one to the other like a spectator at a tennis match! I was left thinking, Good Lord and this is only the first question on the form! All I was hoping now was that all this ruckus didn't wake my Mother in Law; it certainly seemed to wake up everybody else in the ward! At some point it seemed that it was mutually agreed between all participants that the previous consent form from the old ladies earlier eye operation could be used and then the form signed, job done.





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On one visit we had to go to her house with her Grand Daughter and pick up her canary and take it to the Grand Daughters for the duration of her absence as its welfare was giving her cause for concern. The only slight problem with this idea is that the Grand Daughter has a cat and the cat loves playing with a toy that just happens to look a small yellow bird. As you can imagine the cat thought this new toy was fantastic, this version of the toy even hops about, far better that the old one that just sat still all the time!

We all had visions of the Grand Daughter coming in from work one evening and finding feathers and bits of Grannies canary scattered all over the flat, not a pretty thought and even a less pleasant thought as to how to tell Granny that her lovely little canary was cat food! However our friends Grand Daughter phoned me one afternoon, the conversation going something like this:

"Hi Rob, Just a quick call as I'm getting ready to go out, I just thought you'd want to know, I've sorted out the canary problem."

"Excellent news, I'm sure Granny will be pleased"

"Yeah, I thought so as well, my cat was getting far too interested in the poor thing and I knew that if I left my bedroom door open even for a second the cat would be in there after it"

"Good news then girl, what did you come up with as a solution?"

"I've sent it to the cattery, must go now, bye"

"See you luv"

I put the phone down and started walking upstairs when her words finally registered. SENT THE CANARY TO A CATTERY! No, I must have misheard, talk about out of the frying pan and into the blast furnace. I had visions of a dozen cats or so fighting one another Tom & Jerry style to get the opportunity of grabbing the poor little thing. No I must have misheard her. When I got up the stairs Adele asked me who was on the phone, so I told her,

"What did she want?"

"She told me that she had solved the canary problem"

"Oh, what did she do? Put a hook in the ceiling to hang the cage from?"

"No, she has sent the canary to the cattery"

"DO WHAT?!"

"I thought it a bit odd, but I must have misheard her, got to laugh at the thought of it though haven't you? All those cats chasing one canary, I mean is it a way to exercise the cats or simply to cut down on the catteries food bill?"

I shall just say that Adele did not share my sense of humour at that moment and after one of "those looks" and dark mutterings of "silly sod", reached for the phone. It didn't take long for me to realise that I hadn't misheard our friend when I saw the colour drain from my Wife's face and her eyes glaze over. So being the brave, strong man of the family I did the big macho thing and quietly sneaked out of the bedroom and hid downstairs making Adele a strong cup of tea, I figured that she was going to need one! Adele came down the stairs shaking her head looking most relieved, it turns out that the cattery does indeed take in caged birds for holiday periods (in a separate building from the cats thankfully) and so that seemed the safest thing to do with the canary for the foreseeable future. Phew!





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## My "Official" hat is now on.

### Show Report #1 Royal Engineers Show at Chatham

The show was held over the weekend of 3rd & 5th of September and was almost like attending two completely different shows. On the Saturday Adele and myself were the only two club members present due to another members family commitments. The show was really busy with club members and members of the public circulating around the museum in large numbers. I picked up a couple of bits from under the club stands for myself, a couple of cheap kits for the Expo raffle and a couple of kits for another club member. Adele had to depart for a few hours in the afternoon to visit a friend in the local hospital and I was kept very busy answering questions about the models and generally chatting. Before I realised what the time was, Adele was back and it was time to pack up and go home.

On the Sunday Danny and John also attended the show, unfortunately Adele and myself had managed to leave our sandwiches and drinks in our hallway. However we had spotted a boot sale fairly close to the venue and armed with a food list including a breakfast in a bun for John. Adele duly returned an hour later with John's breakfast bun and a couple of bags of books, but no nibbles for me! It almost seemed as if somebody had forgotten to open the front doors as few members of the public seemed to come in at all. However time still went quickly with the good company on the stand, with John's Irish Air Corps aircraft attracting a lot of attention and comment. So after a couple of more bargains and a few more kits purchased for other club members it was time to head home. All in All a very nice show and well worth attending even if the Sunday was very quiet.

### Show Report #2 Euro Militaire at Folkestone.

This show was a bit of a last minute thing as I had not exactly planned to go but when Phil Worth phoned me up and asked if I would like to go the offer was just too tempting to refuse. So yesterday we made an early start and after picking up one more passenger, we had a fast run to Folkestone and managed to get parked up on the roadside fairly close to the venue. For those of you that have not been to this show, it is spread over three floors of the Leas Pavillion right on the seafront. The competition classes attract a large number of entries from all over Northern Europe, the figure panting being of the highest order. We wandered through the competition room having a good look at the excellent models on display and I for one came away feeling just a tad envious of the skills of the modellers displaying there. After lunch we all criss crossed the main trading hall looking at all the goodies being offered for sale and chatting to the various traders I knew.

Of all things I ended up purchasing a new Badger airbrush, something that was certainly not on my list of wants when I left home in the morning. Although I had thought of buying a gravity fed airbrush for those small spraying jobs, I could not justify the cost of getting one. I had a very nice long chat with the man from the U.S. selling the airbrushes and purchased a brand new 100LS for only £30, the list price being around £80. After one more cup of coffee we headed off home. Although we all enjoyed the show, we all agreed that the show had a rundown feeling of a show in decline and the number of empty spaces on the trading floor told their own story. A great shame for a once great show, I do hope that the organisers can turn the show around and revive it to its former glory.

Tonight is competition night and although I will not be able to enter anything, good luck to all those taking part in tonight's competition.

#### Robin





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## Wrighty's References

## **Latest News Updates**

#### **Tornado & Base Blitzed**

Following on from the Disbanding of Tornado Squadrons (see Sticky Fingers July 2011) an old friend Mr Liam Fox has done it again. RAF Leuchars in Fife, Scotland would cease to be an RAF station, and will transfer to the Army in 2013. Tornado aircraft left the base for Gioin Del Colle in mid-July to build up numbers at the Italian (NATO) base. This is for operations against Lybia. Thus under the leadership of No. 2 (Army Co-op) Squadron they now have the equivalent of 3 Squadrons for this duty.

With 13-14 Tornado Squadrons now gone we have No.31 in Afghanistan along with No.9 Squadron but not for long. No.9 is planned to rotate back to Gioin Del Colle in late August in a probably swap with one of the other Squadrons, thus leaving only a minimum of spare aircraft to fulfil both commitments. It seems a large slice of "Luck" may be needed to keep this lot going?

#### The F-35B

Reported in July 2011 Sticky Fingers, the F-35B is in trouble. Robert Gatis the Defence Chief has been replaced by Leon Panetta in the role. The 73 year old veteran has taken over and as stated, he may be cancelling the whole project, the deficit and problems of the F-35B is his major priority. His Pentagon operative Ashton Carter gave Congress a grim picture of cost overruns and stated that "support for programs that do not work will not be supported". The US requirement of nearly 2,500 aircraft has doubled in cost (in real terms) and is unaffordable! Fact! There is suggestion that the F-35B Pratt & Whitney turbofan engine is to be replaced by a Rolls Royce F136 or a GEC version, but both are only in development stage. Also the plans of the Marine Corps to push ahead with the B model, but this may be linked to the survival of the Marines Corps itself. So much is in the melting pot between now and the end of the year, we can only offer hope for the programme (Agent Rob Dorr).

### "Last Post" for Lyneham

The "Last Post" so often sounded in Wooton Bassett for our brave dead, has now sounded for the nearby base itself, where repatriated soldiers were brought to RAF Lyneham. On 1/9/2011 4 C-130 Hercules flew a tour of the Wiltshire towns, before flying in at Brize Norton in Oxfordshire, which will assume duties for Lynehams previous commitments. Also closed was RAF St Mawham, who also relocated to Brize Norton. Combining transport bases, air refuelling, transporting etc in one place to save costs. Helicopter bases were also to be included but cost saving were deemed ineffective so this plan was dropped in 2009.

Now for the good news! In the last 2 winters inability to clear the snow led to aircraft going to land at civil airports as far away as Manchester and it's also vulnerable to fog, causing similar disruptions at Brize Norton. So say the opponents of Lynehams closure. (Agent Webb of Wooton)

### **Norwegian Gamblers**

Quiet country Norway, seems to be seeking attention, aside from their "madman" killing nearly 100 people, a world record for a single person. Now they announce they are going to buy 4 F-35A JSF fighters from the US for training purposes. This "cost wise" is Norways largest ever defence purchase. They also intend to buy 56 in total by 2018 with operational capability being targeted for 2019.

In view of the article above the JSF 35 this looks a risky gamble, almost like buying a washing machine from a firm in the hands of the receiver, i.e. spare parts not available or obsolete. (Agent R Bjarre)





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### **Aussies May Have Struck Lucky**

As reported (in July 2011 Sticky Fingers) Super Hornets are being provided in lieu of the JSF F-35 due to its uncertain delivery and now maybe even its failure. However by early 2011, 5 Hornets have arrived at the Aussie base of Amberley, with 4 more to follow, to complete the first 24 of the contract. These are high quality Super Hornets all prewired for electronic attack conversion at a later date.

In a separate report from our US agent (J. Hunter) that has only just arrived, he waxes lyrical about the success of the Super Hornet F/A-18E & F and electronic attack derivative EA-18G Growler as the backbone of the US Navy, whilst Bwoing look to engage new customers of which Australia is one.

The preceding JSF article did not pass unnoticed by the Aussie Government and their order remains at only 14. Their Defence Minister Steve Smith stated that no further orders will be placed until the Pentagon risk assessment is completed with regard the JSF Project. He even stated that the new Hornets may be increased instead, if they live up to Agent Hunters expectations. You can read what that is in next months Sticky Fingers.

#### **USAF "It Never Rains!"**

Special Top Secret coded message from Agent Dorr.

- 1 The whole of the F-22 Raptor fleet was grounded on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011.
- All the prototype fleet of the JSF F-35 were grounded on August 30<sup>th</sup> 2011. (As if our reports in this issue are not problems enough!)
- These statements are guaranteed true, don't forget who told you first, these are the things they don't want you to know. And "Arsenal" think they've got problems!

Once again, enough said!

#### **Sticky Fingers History**

The year 2000 was a big milestone for me, finding new material for the Sticky Fingers was becoming difficult, but as the "Canadian Airforce in England" proved there were still untapped resources that nobody had covered. One such area was the Operational Training Units in WW.II, photos in batches on a certain subject often were captured from their units by code letters, but invariably one would be listed as belonging to an OTU.

Yes the OTUs would be a good subject, but it nothings ever been published before how do you know where to start? My research of books in my collection brought in very little, the only real help came from the book "Squadron Codes 1937-56" (Patrick Stephens Ltd 1979), they listed the OTU Squadron numbers and known codes at that time, but to this day I have never told anyone how I did it, but an ingenious idea came to me in a daydreaming moment. This is what I did in the year 2000;- well Patrick Stephens to the rescue again, they produced as series of books, I think there were 8 volumes covering all airfields on Great Britain in WW.II (i.e. London & the South East), so each area was covered. You may have seen these around in the last 2 to 3 years; they were updated reprints of the originals. I didn't have them, and at about £12 each couldn't afford £100 for them, but I knew somebody who did have them; Havering Library. My first visit netted about 5 volumes that was enough to be getting on with, whilst I extracted the airfields, dates and aircraft using them, the other 3 gradually joined the pile in my front room.

I collated all the Squadron numbers and codes on sheets, then listed whether they were Fighter, Bomber, Coastal or Army Co-op OTUs. Now I had to add the types of aircraft used, pick up changes of groups, pool units etc, add the bases to their designated Squadrons and link in the satellite airfields to the parent stations. Then when complete each one would be written like a mini history, encompassing all the information that had been gathered. Remember I didn't have a computer then, only in my head, it often lulled me into a sound nights sleep.





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I still have the master copy, it runs to 14 foolscap sheets and gives full details of every OTU, where they were based, what they flew and where they flew from. Glancing back over the names of the airfields, there are many you would have difficulty finding in the British Isles atlas but thats a job to stop getting bored on a rainy afternoon, like today as I am writing this.

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To compliment Alan's' history of Sticky Fingers I have replicated the very first appearance of the newsletter, I think it took a month or 2 before the name Sticky Fingers was applied – Peter



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#### **Dear Members**

This broadsheet is an idea I filched from A.L.M. as an effort to keep you all up to date with what is going on in the club, use it as a place to sell any unwanted kits, share with us any tips you may have gained from your modelling or even articles about how you built a particular project if you are too shy to stand up in front of 30 or so fellow modellers.

Anything you want printed just drop me a line at the address above a week before the club meeting so that Peter can get the time put the newsheet together.

Well, tonight is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) night as well as the last competition round for 1995/96. Best of luck everyone. The AGM is where you get your chance to have your say, which doesn't mean that if you want to bring something up at any meeting you are not welcome to. I am quite happy to stand as secretary for another year but if someone in the club would like to have a crack at it by all means do. I think the rest of the 'Mafia' are standing again but if you like counting money (and who doesn't) or arranging competitions, please come forward. We also need some competition ideas for the forthcoming year. Our next competition is in August, and some suggestions by Ken Sparks appear below, but again this can be 'hammered' out either on AGM night or next month.

#### **COMPETITION SUGGESTIONS - By Ken Sparks**

World War 2	British	Single engine fighters
"	USA	"
"	German	"
"	Japanes	"
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#### **COMPETITION SUGGESTIONS - By Peter Bagshaw**

#### Aircraft

**Biplanes** 

Special Markings/ Colour schemes e.g. RAF Anniversary markings/Tiger Meet etc Luftwaffe or German Airforce in general Helicopters

US Navy (club secretarys favourite!)
Spitfire (Well it is the 60th anniversary this year)
Sharksmouth

Bare metal - Silver schemes

Nightfighters or They flew at night (bombers and fighters etc that flew specifically at night)

#### Other

Any colour as long as it's green TV/Movie related

## **TOPICS & SUGGESTIONS - By Ken Sparks**

- 1) Hints and ideas in starting AFV/tank modelling.
- 2) Hints and tips on cockpit construction, how to get that really used look.
- 3) Aircraft construction are we loosing the art of stretched sprue and other DIY techniques with the advent of resin and etched brass add-ons.
- 4) Aircraft construction should we stick part A to B as per the instruction sheet or should we adapt to how we finish a model.
- 5) All modelling should we strive for perfection or just 'stay in our own back yards'.
- 6) As modellers should, say, the competitions reflect all aspects of our hobby, should the competitions make/encourage us have a go at another type of modelling.
- 7) How about a visual quiz say for October or December.

### **Model Show Diary**

29th & 30th June 1996 - Queens Hall

Corn Exchange Rochester Kent

(12 Feet booked)

25th & 26th August 1996 - London Borough of Havering Show

The Show Site Harrow Lodge Park

Hornchurch

That's it for now. Happy modelling and how many fingers have you got.

Alan