



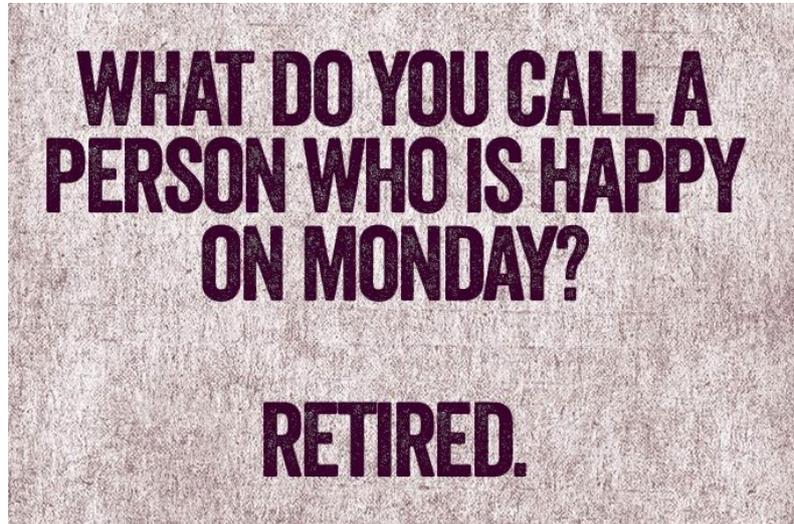
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## Peters Prattling

### AGM February 2017

A reminder that next month is the AGM where we decide on things such as who is in charge of running the club, what the monthly meetings will consist of, the format and possible themes for competitions and anything else you can think of. Thinking caps on please for ideas for meeting subjects or people you know who may be able to give us a talk about something of interest or is there something modelling related you could demonstrate? Modelling evenings appear to be popular so they are good for filling in meetings where we can't think of anything else.

It will also be the last competition round of the year for the Theme Build of "Animals" subjects, for which points will count towards the final positions of the club competitions.



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## Southern Expo 2017

Not that you need reminding but don't forget that the show is starting to get nearer. Planning is well under way but as ever we as the organisers and also the club will really need your help. Friday night setup will happen really quickly, blink and you miss it but partly that is due to the number of helpers, we will most likely need some volunteers to help out on Saturday and Sunday and the club stand will need manning as this is the ideal opportunity for the club to attract new members. Then on Sunday we will need more help breaking down the tables and moving them for collection, again the more the merrier.

## Church Hall Mini Market

A big thank you to your members who displayed their models at our Mini Market we raised £344 for our funds and lots of people commented on the display.

## Latest Airfix Announcement

To complete their new tooling announcements for 2017 that latest one is a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> North American B-25C/D Mitchell.



## Club Apparel

As resurrected at the last meeting, if I get enough people interested in club clothing I can put together an order. The more that the order contains the more likely the cost per item will come down. So far I have the following requests. Please check and let me know if there's anything wrong or missing before I place the order.

Club Member	Type	Size
<b>Allen Roffey</b>	Sweatshirt	XXL
	Polo shirt	XXL
<b>John Huston</b>	Polo shirt	L
	Fleece	M
<b>Bob Smith</b>	Polo shirt	XXL
<b>Kevin Curley</b>	Polo shirt	M
<b>Ralph Hebron</b>	Polo shirt	XXL
	Sweatshirt	XXL
<b>Steve Crust</b>	Fleece	L
<b>Richard Whitting</b>	Polo Shirt	XL
	Fleece	L
	Sweatshirt	XL
<b>Peter Dale</b>	Polo Shirt	L
	Fleece	M
	Sweatshirt	L



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## Forthcoming Shows in 2017

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.

2017	
<b>January 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> (Friday – Sunday)</b>	<b>Engineering Show, Alexandra Palace.</b>
<b>January 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>IPMS Bolton Scale Model Show 2017, St Joseph's RC High School, Chorley New Road, Horwich Bolton, BL6 6HW</b>
<b>January 29<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>Model Market 4, Hanslope Village Hall, Newport Road, Hanslope, Bucks, MK19 7NZ</b>
<b>February 11<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</b>	<b>The Tank Museum Model Expo 2017, The Tank Museum, Bovington Wool, Dorset, BH20 6JG</b>
<b>February 12<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>Midhurst Modellers Show 2017, The Grange Community and Leisure Centre, 7 Bepton Road, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9HD</b>
	<b>Huddersfield Model Show 2017, Huddersfield Leisure Centre, Spring Grove Street, Huddersfield, HD1 4BP</b>
<b>February 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>Shuttleworth Scale Model Exhibition, Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, SG18 9EP</b>
<b>March 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>Southern Expo</b>
<b>April 27<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</b>	<b>IPMS Torquay &amp; South Devon, Torquay Town Hall,</b>
<b>May 13<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</b>	<b>Lancing, Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8AJ</b>
<b>July 30<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>Essex Modellers Show, Hannakins, Billericay, Essex</b>
<b>August 6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>Boscombe Down Aviation Collection, Old Sarum Airfield, Salisbury</b>
<b>November 11<sup>th</sup> &amp; 12<sup>th</sup> (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>Scale ModelWorld 2017, Telford International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4JH</b>

Peter

## Robin's "Ruminations"

I hope it isn't too late to wish all the members a Happy New Year and fingers crossed, a peaceful one.

The fundraising coffee morning that the church organised and club was invited to attend worked out very well with Graham, Kevin, Dave and yours truly attending with the club stand. After setting up the stand one of the show organisers / cooks wondered if we would like to try a bacon roll? Is the Pope Catholic? Three bacon rolls and three mugs of tea later, things were looking much better. The bacon rolls & drinks were even delivered to the stand! However don't get your hopes up for food and drink orders being delivered to the club stand at the Essex Show, such requests will be met by the kitchen staff with a sliding scale of responses.

- A withering stare.
- A polite "no".
- A much less polite "no" with a side order of expletives.
- An offer of being disembowelled with a blunt bread knife.

My Wife is going to be involved with her church flowers group in a flower show at her church, dates and details will be supplied when agreed. Her group is going to do Christmas, easy to do now but not so easy to find festive flowers and accessories in the summer months. However while at the coffee morning I saw that one of the stands was selling pine cones and so I bought a carrier bag full for just a couple of pounds, much to my Wife's delight. After another bacon roll each with a mug of tea to wash it down it the show was more or less finished and we started packing up. I was home in fifteen minutes which seemed very odd, going to a show and being home for lunch, very civilised. Not really "our type of show" but it was very pleasant and the organisers were happy to have us there and I must admit that I'd be more than happy to attend again if asked.



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I thought that the Christmas meeting / nibbles went very well and I certainly enjoyed sampling the fare on the tables and chatting to the members. I made sure that my Son wasn't at the meeting otherwise there wouldn't have been anything to eat on the tables after 19:30!

I hope that you all had a nice, peaceful Christmas and that Santa left you some plastic in your stocking or under the tree. Surprising I never had one piece of plastic in my stocking or under my tree, scandalous! Socks, shirts, smellies and a novel. The only modelling related items I received was a paintbrush holder from Sphere Products, (I love the smell of the toasted wood) and my Son bought me all three volumes of British warship camouflage. Not my normal modelling subject but a really interesting read with lots of coloured illustrations, now where did I put that Hunt class destroyer kit I bought at the London Model Show?

My New Year celebrations run along its normal tramlines of doing nothing until 23:57 when my darling Wife pushed a slice of bread and a lump of coal into my hands and patted me down to make sure I had some change in my pocket. I did ask her to pat down my front pockets again just to make sure I had some money in them but that was only met with one of "those looks", ah well, worth a try. Adele now threw me out the back door into the cold at which point I had to struggle opening the back gate, walk around to the front door and be let in after midnight. At least I was met with a kiss and a glass of warming Scotch, so my Wife's, strange northern ways aren't all bad and looking on the bright side, at least it wasn't snowing this year.

## My "official hat" is now on.....

Tonight is the "Modeller of the year" competition, our friends from Southend will be doing the judging as usual, weather permitting I hope, sitting here looking out of the window at the snow. I will hopefully have all the entry slips ready as usual and as ever wish you all the best of luck with your models in the competition. Always remember, win, lose or draw in this or any other competition, at least you've had the enjoyment of researching, building and displaying your models.

Could I ask the proud "owners" of the clubs trophies to kindly return them to me this evening so that I can get them engraved ready for presentation at next month's club meeting. I believe the relevant members are:

Bob Lawrence	Wally Arrowsmith Trophy
Peter Bagshaw	IPMS Hornchurch Trophy
Robert Smith	Modeller of the Year Trophy

**Robin**



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## Roffeys 'Ravings'

### P-38 'Maid of Harlech'

As you may be aware I'm a bit of a P38 lover and came across this on Christmas eve, Ok so I've got my eight grandkids around on the big day and that's good but THIS IS NEWS THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT SO FAR!! Described as 'one of the most important WWII finds in recent history', the location of the Lockheed P38 Lightning has been kept a secret to keep the amazing find safe.



The P-38 'Maid of Harlech' crashed on the Welsh coast after both engines failed.

Buried for 60 years shifting sands revealed her, but now a charity has announced plans to next year retrieve the wreckage. The International Group for Historic Aircraft Recovery are looking for support and a British museum who will accept the fascinating American machine as a gift to display at their venue for history lovers.



Museums have as we saw from the recently recovered Dornier raised aircraft from the sea in good condition.

The aircraft will partially dismantled and submerged in tanks of a special solution through which a mild electric current is passed. The process will take a year or more but will result is a relatively stable aircraft

**Allen**



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## Wrighty's References

### Crash List 2015/2016 Fulfilled

You will recall that one more crash for November 2016 carried over to December 2016 would fill the 24 spaces on which proceeded it in the list of reckless operations and other careless actions. Therefore early December 2016 4 extra entries were listed for the final place and the prize trophy. They are listed below, can you spot the winner?

#### 1 Blocked W.C. System

This entry is based on the story by "Metro" as a clumsy mess up. Canada to Pakistan is a long way to hold your breath, (14 hours), we at Wryspy thought the wet floor of the plane would have rusted away and fall through, lucky for them Manchester was in the way. Nice photo of aircraft PK798, note the 2 alcohol bombs under the wing a severe danger if ever I saw 1. Another lucky escape but then that's Metro. Wryspy observed many passengers getting back aboard after the 3 hour delay. Spanish tourists sang and waved handkerchiefs from the next airport lounge, taunting these Manchester tourists (but they knew "Real" & "Baca" had taken Man City & United to the cleaners in the European Cup winning 2-0 in both cases), the plane did get to Pakistan so it's not a crash – entry disqualified.



#### 2 Brazilian Police Killed in Helicopter



Brazilian police crashed at Rio killing 4 police on board in their helicopter whilst trying to support a "Drugs Support" ground mission. This is a back up to the ground forces drugs bust as the criminals are known by such as ('drugs busters' in English). Who brought the chopper down shooting by the 'drugs busters' with automatic weapons to gain enough hits to bring down the low flying copter or mechanical faults to upset the low flying option. The damage noted in the photo suggests that it was the method and WrySpy votes for this one.

#### 3 Reply from Admiral Kuznetsov

The Russian carrier in the Mediterranean who in early December 2016s photo as it forayed well into the Mediterranean with Su-33 aircraft around mid-December.

You will recall the WrySpy had given advice on situations like this previously. Now read the picture of the Admiral Kuznetsov caption, looks too good to take the last place in the crash list, but does agree with WrySpy who said as follows, "it says, stay out of the way and range of big guns let the Russians go ahead and look, they won't shoot, so there is no need the USA fleet coming out to test their guns and that goes for the Europeans in that area, get out of the way. Mr Putin does not want a war e will leave when he sees nothing to

