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Peters Prattling

July Meeting

Next months meeting is down as a learning session, the plan being for us all to bring along some (or all) of your favourite modelling tools and performing "show and tell" or discussing amongst ourselves these tools and their use(s).

New Web Hosting Site

Hopefully no one has noticed, but I have moved the club web hosting to another company. The one we were with was relatively inexpensive but on renewal this time had put up the price by an order of 3, so a quick Google search found another one which has taken the cost back down into a very affordable price. We have a 3 year contract so I will be able to hand this over to whomever applies for a role in the new club hierarchy in the knowledge they won't have anything to worry about for a couple of years at least.



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They are offering a free sample for £1.97, it looked interesting so I've ordered some.

<https://www.shadowfoam.com/free-sample/>

Medway Model Show



I've had an invite to the Medway Show in Gillingham and suspect as per usual we could go on either or both days depending on interest shown.

Forthcoming Shows in 2019

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.

2019

June 22 nd (Saturday)	IPMS Ipswich Model Day , Ipswich and District Indoor Bowling Club, 136 Rushmere Road, Ipswich, IP4 4JU
June 23 rd (Sunday)	IPMS Coventry & Warwick , Midland Air Museum, Rowley Road, Coventry, CV3 4FR
June 29 th (Saturday)	IPMS Plymouth , Plymouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Plymouth, PL1 2BJ
July 6 th (Saturday)	Hailsham , Civic Community Hall, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX
July 14 th	North Somerset , The Helicopter Museum, Locking Moor Road, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 8PP
	Romsey Scale Model Show , Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey, SO51 8GL
July 28th (Sunday)	Essex Modellers Show , Billericay.
August 3 rd (Saturday)	IPMS Dundee , The Boomerang Community Centre, 10 Kemback Street, Dundee, DD4 6ET
August 4 th (Sunday)	IPMS Avon , Thornbury Leisure Centre, Alveston Hill, Thornbury, BS35 3BJ
10 th & 11 th August (Saturday & Sunday)	Echoes of History , Purleigh, Essex
August 11 th (Saturday)	Boscombe Down Model Show , Old Sarum Airfield Old Sarum, Wilts SP4 6DZ



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August 31 st (Saturday)	Aberdeen , DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Aberdeen Treetops, 161 Springfield Rd, Aberdeen, AB15 7AQ
September 1 st (Sunday)	East Riding , Driffield Showground Kelleythorpe, Driffield, Yorkshire YO25 9DN
September 7 th & 8 th (Saturday & Sunday)	IPMS Medway , RE Museum, Gillingham, Kent
September 8 th (Sunday)	Chiltern Model Show , The Weatherley Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire SG18 8JH
	IPMS Wombourne , Wombourne Library, Church Road, Wolverhampton, WV5 9EZ
September 14 th (Saturday)	IPMS Farnborough , Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, Camberley, GU15 2PQ
September 21 st (Saturday)	West Cornwall , St John's Hall, Elverton Road, Penzance, Cornwall TR18
September 22 nd (Sunday)	Wings & Things , University Academy Holbeach, Park Road Holbeach, PE12 7PU
	Keighley Plastic Model Show , University Academy Keighley, Greenhead Road, Keighley, BD20 6EB
September 28 th (Saturday)	South West Model Show , The Tank Museum, Bovington Wool, Dorset, BH20 6JG
	Scale Scotland , BT Murrayfield Stadium, Roseburn Street, Edinburgh, EH12 5PJ
September 29 th (Sunday)	Brampton , Burgess Civic Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 6WU
October 5 th (Saturday)	Abingdon Model Show , Larkmead School, Abingdon, OX14 1BB
November 9th & 10th (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale Modelworld 2019 , Telford International Centre Telford, Shropshire TF3 4JH

Peter

Robins Ruminations

I hope to be at the club on Monday night and I should be but I have been a touch unwell, more run down lately really but this has led to a more serious problem, namely eye problems. I'll spare you lots of nasty details but basically, I have had to give up wearing contact lens for a while and gone back to wearing glasses, for the first time in 38 years! Quite a shock to put it mildly and having the effect of me lacking proper depth perception. So, no driving or modelling, a slight problem to put it mildly coupled with a problem with of my peripheral vision being "curved" due to the thickness of my glasses, which causes me a sense of vertigo if I move my head quickly, but I still hope to be at club night to see you all regardless.

However, with the aid of my good lady I still got to two model shows and had a weekend away with her in Salisbury, so it can't be all bad can it? My eye problems reared their ugly head on the day before Adele and I were due to go to the Salisbury model show. Adele immediately said that she would drive to Salisbury and we could go to the model show, how much Adele wanted to go to the show and how much she fancied away the weekend away I never asked too closely. After a pleasant and thankfully, uneventful drive we arrived at the venue just after 8am, I just did the minor bits and set-up the club stand in the hall as I was suffering badly from vertigo while Adele did all the fetching and carrying from the car. Our stand was in a large side hall with the host club, Salisbury, Farnborough and a couple of traders and thankfully my vertigo abated a fair bit by lunchtime and so I could have a couple of walkarounds of the main hall to look at the traders and club stands. I was very happy as I managed to pick-up a Wingnuts Wings kit of an Albatros D.V at a reasonable price and a kit of a Me.109 that I have been looking for, so happy days but I was more than content to sit back down for lunch.

It was after lunch that I had a very interesting chat to a member of the public regarding my old Mig-17 model. The elderly gentleman told me that he grew up in a small village in Egypt a couple of miles from an Egyptian airbase, he told me that as a young boy he remembered seeing the bombing of the airbase during the Suez crisis and again the aircraft from the airbase rising up to meet the Israeli aircraft in the Six Day War and the ensuing air battles and the destruction of the airbase. Afterwards, he remembers the constant aerial activity during the early part of the Attrition War and noticing that the aircraft flying out of the airbase were all camouflaged like my Mig 17 by then. In the early seventies, he left Egypt and moved to Britain and has never been back. I asked him if the colours of my model were right and after a close examination, he said it was just as he remembered them except the green might be just a tad dark, but said after 40 years his memory could be wrong. I told him that he was the first person that I had met that had seen the real aircraft in situ and operational and I'll make my next one with the green a touch lighter. The show wound down around 3:30 pm and again Adele did most of the fetching and carrying to the car after I had packed-up the stand.

We spent the night in a very nice hotel overlooking the river Avon and water meadows to the cathedral. On the Sunday Adele attended a service in the cathedral and I was left to my own devices in Salisbury but I didn't go far and enjoyed sitting in the



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warm sunshine watching the world go by. I met Adele after the service and after a quick look around the inside of the cathedral and a look at the Magna Carta. After a very civilised pot of tea and wedge of cake, Adele informed me that we were going to attend a fete in the Bishops private garden in aid of one charity or another. Unfortunately, Adele had no idea where the bishops house and of course the garden was, but rescue was at hand and came in the unusual form of a couple of camels ridden by "harem girls" with an advert on their rumps, (the camels not the girls), saying follow me to the Bishops garden, simple really, what could be more normal on a Sunday afternoon is Salisbury?

The garden fete was really good with the W.I. doing the cream teas, selling cake and of course jam, lemon curd and honey. A book stall that had loads of books for me a £1 apiece, I picked up a two-volume work on the operational diaries of U-boats in WWII and three other books for £7, all the change I had. Adele indulged on the plant stall as there was a couple of "weeds" that she wanted, so laden down we slowly plodded back to the car and headed off for our next hotel just outside Chichester. After a meal in the hotel we fell into bed after our fairly busy day totally cream crackered.

On the Monday, after a very nice breakfast we were off to the Wealden Centre, a valley dotted with buildings saved from destruction from road, rail and housing projects from all over the country, dismantled piece by piece and lovingly rebuilt. It has a working watermill which they allow you inside and use it to grind their own grain and sell it to local bakers and of course people that like bread baking. After a very leisurely wander around we returned to the car and made our way home. A great weekend away with a really good model show and garden fete thrown in for good measure, how bad can that be?

Last weekend was the inaugural Elstree / Borehamwood model show, after picking-up Graham, Adele drove us there as although I was coping with my old glasses much better by then, I still didn't have enough depth perception to feel safe driving. The hall was very good, large, pretty good light and a light airy feel to it with a canteen in a side annex. The show was very well organised but some of the road signs were a little puzzling with the words "model show" but with some of the signs with arrows pointing up and some pointing down. The show was well attended but unfortunately some clubs never replied to their invitations to attend, their loss, but for an inaugural show I thought it really was good and shows much promise for the future. Ian Brown, Graham and I were the members attending and we filled the stand with a really good display with a lot of interest shown by members of the public in the variety of different types of models, especially Grahams figures. I led Graham astray with the Aviation Book Shop as I found some books on the Finnish air force however, I also found a few books on American carrier aircraft in the silver wings era nice and cheap. I also picked-up a Wingnut Wings decal sheet for the Albatros D.V. I had picked-up in Salisbury as I didn't like the kit decals for Von Richthofen schemes. When the show wrapped up, we loaded the car and have a fairly quick run home. A really nice show and well worth attending next year.

Robin