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## Peters Prattling

### Telford Update

A really great turnout from the club again this year and a very decent representation of the club's models on the table. My thanks to Ian Brown, John Huston, Steve Crust (& his partner), Robin Bellamy and Bob Smith for helping to man the stand and display models.

The Saturday for me just flew by, Robin & I arrived in time so I could get in early to deliver the club name board, Steve had setup the cloths on Friday and between him, Ian & John had filled a good proportion of the table. I used some more of my models to fill some spaces and Bob managed to get his models on for the Saturday as he was only there for the day. What seemed like a very short time it was almost the end of the show, not sure where the day went. Probably mostly wandering round the show talking to some traders and a little bit of light shopping in-between spending some time at the stand, also talking to members of the public or other clubs.

Obviously one of the subjects of conversation was Southern Expo, many people were saddened to hear it was stopping and some seemed to think we could just magic up another venue just like that but it was heartening to hear the affection the show is held in.

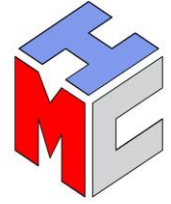
On Saturday Steve Crust's model of an F-15D (in Israeli markings – no surprise there) was awarded the best Israeli subject medal. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time he's won this. Great work Steve.

Not so much of a surprise if you follow some Internet forums, Airfix announced their "big" model for 2020 at the show, and it is a new tooled 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Avro Vulcan. Sadly, to ruin the surprise someone from Airfix managed to post the video a day early.



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Nothing much else on display that hadn't been announced already although I've read on-line that the new 1/48<sup>th</sup> Tiger Moth is running late as they had to scrap the 1<sup>st</sup> set of moulds due to poor manufacture. The new 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Mig-17 looks nice but someone with a real passion for this aircraft has managed to point out a few potentially "fatal" issues with the wings, although I suspect for most modellers it looks like a Mig-17 so therefore it is a Mig-17.

Wingnut Wings had a bit more of the 1/32<sup>nd</sup> Lancaster and also the Handley Page 0/100 (& 0/400) sprues on display alongside the soon to be released Fokker Dr.1.

My purchases were fairly eclectic as is my taste in models, a 1/144 double kit of the Gee Bee R racing aircraft from Dora Wings, it's really tiny, but thankfully comes with some masks for the paint scheme, I wouldn't have attempted it without. Also a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Yak-1b from Arma Hobby, the moulded details are some of the finest I've ever seen (I'll bring it along to the next club night I can make) and also a 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Kfir from AVG, it's something I've been looking to buy for a while now and had it on backorder from Hannants for ages but they never seemed to have any in. As Robin and I were waiting in the queue to pick up his pre-ordered items on Saturday I was looking at the AVG L-29 Delphin kit (there's another story there as I keep getting tempted to buy the Eduard Weekend Delphin but in 1/48<sup>th</sup> as it comes in a tiger stripe markings, I just haven't succumbed to this one yet) and was saying to Robin that I'd been looking for the Kfir only to look across at the next pile of kits to spot a small stack of them. I grabbed one off the pile and paid for it pretty quickly. Good job I did as they had all gone by the Sunday.

## The Club Still Needs a New Club Secretary

It's still required, it won't go away 😊

By the AGM in February 2020 we will need a new set of committee members, most especially my role. The treasurer role has already been taken over by Wally as Ralph had to stand down rather more urgently than he'd perhaps hoped. John Huston has thrown his hat in the ring as a potential Competition Secretary but obviously that will be up to the membership at the AGM to confirm.

The club will need at least someone or maybe a few members to step up when I leave my post of Club Secretary.

Off the top of my head the tasks to be covered include: -

- Complete and return the annual IPMS Branch Survey – this is **crucial** to enable the club to continue as an IPMS club and also books our space at Scale Modelworld.
- Organise the tea/coffee/biscuits and bring along all the "stuff" to the meeting – arguably the most important task
- Be the keyholder for access to the meeting hall.
- Produce monthly newsletter (assuming you still want one)
- Update club website ([www.sticky-fingers.org.uk](http://www.sticky-fingers.org.uk)), again assuming you want to continue with this
- Book the club attendance at other model shows which the members have expressed interest in attending
- Arrange judges for the "Modeller of the Year" competition – maybe this should be part of the Competition Secretary's role!
- Be the focal point for any queries from prospective members or other clubs requiring information

No need to be shy, please have a chat with me about what's involved and what you could do or might be interested in.

There is 1 main requirement for the Club Secretary role, namely that you are an IPMS member, however if someone comes forwards who is not and the club is willing I'm sure the finances to purchase their membership could be arranged, so you can't let that be a barrier or excuse.

Also, from a Club Secretary point of view don't worry about Southern Expo this is not part of the role, Robin & I will keep the duties for this.

At the AGM anyone can put their name forward to fulfil any of the roles, even though Wally is covering one of the roles and John Huston has expressed interest in another.



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## Forthcoming Shows in 2019/2020

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	
<b>December 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday)</b>	Midland Air Museum, Midland Air Museum, Rowley Road, Coventry, CV3 4FR
<b>December 8<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	London Model Show, Haverstock School, Haverstock School, 24 Haverstock Hill, Chalk Farm, Camden, London, NW3 2BQ
2020	
<b>January 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> (Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>London Engineering Model Show, Alexandra Palace</b>
<b>January 19<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	Bolton IPMS, University of Bolton Arena, De Havilland Way, Bolton, BL6 6JW
<b>February 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</b>	The Tank Museum, Bovington Wool, Dorset, BH20 6JG
<b>February 16<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	Halifax Model Show, North Bridge Leisure Centre, North Bridge Street, Halifax, HX3 6TE
<b>March 28<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>Southern Expo 2020</b>
<b>April 5<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	Shropshire Model Show, RAF Museum Cosford, Royal Air Force Museum, Lysander Avenue, Cosford, Shifnal, TF11 8UP
<b>April 18<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</b>	IPMS Dorset, Parkstone Grammar School, Sopers Lane Poole BH17 7EP
<b>April 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</b>	Scottish Nationals. The Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth, Scotland PH2 0TH
<b>May 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)</b>	Tangmere Military Aviation Museum, Chichester, PO20 2ES
<b>May 10<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	ModelKraft 2020, Marshall Arena Milton Keynes, MK1 1ST
<b>June 28<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	MAFVA Nationals. Burgess Hall, Westwood Rd, Saint Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU
<b>July 26<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	<b>Essex Modellers Show, Hannakins Farm, Billericay.</b>
<b>September 20<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)</b>	University Academy Holbeach, Park Road, Holbeach, PE12 7PU
<b>October 17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)</b>	REME Museum, MoD Lyneham Wiltshire SN15 4XX
<b>November 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	IPMS(UK) Scale ModelWorld.The International Centre Telford, Shropshire TF3 4JH

*Peter*

## Robins Ruminations

Another month, another article. I'm sorry I missed the last club night but I was coming back from a long weekend away with Adele away from it all in a converted barn in the middle of green fields, no phones at all, wonderful. It was just the sort of break we needed after all of our recent trials and tribulations.

Well tonight is competition night and I will be ably assisted by John Huston, who, it now appears is my understudy for the Competition Secretary. Don't forget gents, there's still the club secretaries' job up for grabs, it's not as bad as it seems reading Peter's job description. I think that most of Peter's responsibilities are keeping things updated and "ticking over" from month to month, that's not to make light of his position as club secretary but I'm sure from the number of models Peter gets completed he is not hunched over his computer for hours each night. So please just have a chat to him about it, in person or if you prefer, by phone one evening, I'm sure that he wouldn't mind that.

Well another Telford has come and gone, the Nationals has been put to bed for another year, yes, I know that the E.C. of the I.P.M.S. like it called Scale ModelWorld but I just can't think of it as anything else but the Nationals. Peter and I loaded his car up at 04:50 on Saturday morning and set off soon afterwards. We missed most of the rain but met fog and below zero temperatures on the journey, thankfully we met most of the fog in the "roadworks" sections where we had to reduce speed anyway and so we weren't delayed by much. Peter and I made two runs into the hall early to deliver old magazines into the kit swap and models, cloths and odds and ends to the club stand.

After making sure that everything was set-up and looking good, I went for a wander checking out a few "traders of interest" that I thought might have something that would interest me. However I was continually getting caught-up in enquiries regarding the demise of Southern Expo and so every ten minutes or so I would have to go through the same speech that it



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was that the hall was being knocked down, hence the "farewell Hornchurch" banner across the show flyer, not that it was our intention to shut the show down permanently. I was beginning to wish that I had made a flyer stating this, it probably would have saved me a couple of hours over the weekend. After what seemed about half an hour, I got back to the stand two hours later, where did the time vanish to? After nibbles and chatting to the other club members present on the stand, I went for another wander looking at all the other trade stands goodies on offer and club stands displays. After a few more breaks on the stand and more wanders around, all too soon the announcement was made that the show would be closing in 15 minutes, still 9 hours had appeared to disappear in the blink of an eye. I had so far escaped with two cheap models, my small Hannants order and a selection of sanding sticks, a cheap show so far, my wallet was very happy.

Peter, Ian, John and I went out for dinner together and had a great time, discussing the day at the show and what was going on in our home lives, sorry ladies, what happens in Telford, stays in Telford. Peter and I got back to the room and after a fondle of our plastic purchases, we put the lights out. The next second, or so it seemed, an alarm was blaring out and I must admit to thinking that it was the fire alarm. However, it was 07:00 and the "fire alarm" was Peter's mobile phone alarm going off, I must have dropped off the previous night and woke up eight hours later without even moving a muscle all night. That was a relief, it would have been rather chilly standing outside of the hotel in Telford on a rather inclement November morning. After breakfast it was back to the show and this is where things got expensive, as Peter and I wandered into the show one of the first stands we passed was Wingnuts Wings. Now this is where I blame Peter, he brought my attention to the staff of the stand bringing up boxes of kits from underneath the stand, the one that caught my eye was an Albatros DVa. In a very attractive set of liveries, namely aircraft from Bavarian units and all for the princely price of only £60. I had only been in the hall for only about one minute and I was £60 lighter. I blame Peter for leading me astray, that's my story and I'm sticking to it.

A bit later on I found a book on Stuka units in the Battle of Britain and purchased it. The Peter got up to his old tricks and told John and myself about a stand selling unboxed Special Hobby kits for cheap prices. John bought a kit and I picked up a Seafire Mk.III, however on my way back to the stand I spotted a model of a Fairly Flycatcher, I do have an attraction for Silver Wings era aircraft, another £42 was turned into unbuilt plastic. I blame Peter for taking me past the stand, however I got my revenge by picking up a Yak 1 for Peter that he said he was looking for, for only £10 and a very good kit it is, wonderful crisp panel lines and a nice set of decals. All too soon the show wound up and we took the club stuff back to our room along with our purchases, which we enjoyed looking at with a cup of coffee. After another meal out we got an early night as we had another full day awaiting us. After breakfast we headed off to the Cosford museum and a very interesting visit to the restoration hanger and had a good look at the remains of the Do.17Z, which is in a very poor state of repair, but if I had been lying on the seabed for almost 70 years I guess I'd be in a sad state. Most of the metalwork is no thicker than a foil tray, at this point in time the biggest problem that the museum has is what to do with the aircraft parts, how to move the parts let alone how to display it without damaging the aircraft anymore?

We then had a chat with the person that was working on the Me.410, after a general chat regarding its condition we were both surprised to learn that other than a few minor touch ups the aircraft is in totally original condition, including the paintwork. It was very interesting looking at the colours and the method of paint application, so many models of late war German aircraft always have a soft edge as dividing lines between the colours, this aircraft showed that the colours were masked off using masking tape or some sort of straight edged mask or mat. You learn something every day. We looked around the museum for another hour and a half and then after a coffee and bit of cake we headed home, making it back just before it got dark. All in all, a really good weekend away.

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

As it looks unlikely that Peter will not be at tonight's meeting due to family commitments, you'll just have to put up with me as a stand in Peter.

**Robin**