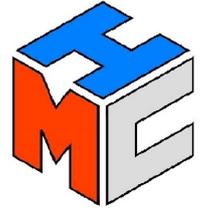




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John Bennett 1934 – 2022

Having known John for over 30 years it was very sad to hear of his recent passing. I first met John at my children's junior school of which he was the headmaster. I well remember that day, as we went into his study and there on the wall was that year's current Mildenhall aviation calendar. After discussing my son's achievements, we got to talking aviation and then onto model making. This then led onto the imminent Southern Expo and the Hornchurch Model Club. After a little persuading (including from Sue, my wife) John agreed to join us at both the show and then became a regular member of the club.

John's modelling skills were extensive and while he would mainly stick to making kits of older civil airliners, he would also make the occasional military aircraft models. Many of them tended to be older kits which needed a lot of work to bring up to standard which he managed to do with regularity

As time went on, we also discovered another of John's hidden talents... he was a very good amateur filmmaker and with a little more persuading he became the official filmmaker for the club and more so, the Southern Expo shows.

His annual productions of the video of the Southern Expo as well as various air shows he had attended throughout the year never failed to amuse and delight all the club members; we even created a dedicated movie night for the club to watch some of his films.

Finally, I would like to add that those that knew John would know what a quiet, unassuming likeable person, a real gentleman, who will be so sorely missed and fondly remembered.

Wally

A view from the Hill...

Another month another column.

I have to begin with some sad news. As you may be aware we lost one of our long standing and much valued members this month. John Bennett passed away and he will be missed by us all. One of my memories of John is his always excellent film coverage of Southern Expo. It was always a treat to see the show and ourselves in glorious living colour. There is, of course a tribute to John in this newsletter.

Well, its beginning to feel like life is getting back to normal, whatever that is. On a personal note I am now officially retired, so loads more time for modelling. Had a good day out at Milton Keynes on Sunday 8th May with John, Robin, Peter and Wally and it was my first show this year. Not Robin and Wally as they had a day out on the south coast on Saturday 7th. I could not go as it was my Daughters birthday Bar-b-que, missing that would have meant you lot looking for a new Chairman. (What do you mean...Great!).

I highly recommend getting out to shows, its great to see and meet other modellers and add to our ever growing stashes. I am always on the lookout for those elusive kits to complete my collection of that particular airforce. These are the two of kits I am on the hunt for.

If any of you see either of these, please let me know.



Of course I do collect other aircraft that for whatever reason tickle my fancy. So these three are now in that long list of kits waiting to be built. I have a soft spot for the Hawker Hunter and when I found out that the Finnish Airforce test flew one, I thought now theres a great "What if"





As for this little beauty, how could I resist a bus with wings?



And last but not least another oddity. If I get round to building this you can imagine people looking at it and being rather confused.

Our next show is on the Sunday 29th May at the De Havilland Museum.

Keep safe and Happy Modelling

Graham

Johns Jottings...

The sad news this week that we lost John Bennet will have come as a shock to us all. Those club members from before lockdown will of course know him best as the man with the camera documenting all the Southern Expo shows. John was always happy to discuss his modelling with anyone however his gentle nature meant you would have to go to him first. I was fortunate enough to receive a DVD copy of the Expo Show where he recorded my daughter Rebecca winning her class along with **Best in Show** junior and the Tena McDonald award... it is a great memory captured and preserved by John... He will be missed.

Last month saw the long-awaited return of the club competitions with round 1 passing off relatively smoothly... Peter was on hand to keep me on my toes and the oops! moments to a minimum... On the whole we had some cracking models on display... I even managed to enter a couple... and in best of traditions you may wait ages for a ship model to be entered then 3 come along at once. Don't blink because round two is next month and we need more entries for the Billericay show 70's theme build... please keep them coming... the models so far proposed are...

Name	Kit Subject	Manufacturer	Scale	Released
John Huston	Beach Buggy	Airfix	1/32	1973
John Huston	Fouga Magister	Airfix	1/72	1975
Kevin Curly	Sherman Firefly	Matchbox	1/76	1974
Graham Hill	De Havilland DHC-2 Beaver	Airfix	1/72	1972
Peter Bagshaw	SAAB Tunnan 'Barrel'	Matchbox	1/72	1975
Adam Potoczek	Bentley 4.5L Blower	Heller	1/24	1978

John

Model Shows News

With the return of the model show season we kicked off with a double whammy of shows. On Saturday 7th May the club was represented by Robin Bellamy, Wally Arrowsmith and Kevin Mears. While on the Sunday the 8th May we attended what is billed as the UK's largest one day model show – ModelKraft 2022 in Milton Keynes. I took Graham and Wally while Peter and Robin made their way, we even had Bob Smith in attendance as a visitor. This was the return of our club attending the MK show as we had chosen not to attend in recent years, but this new venue was worth checking out...

(OMG I have just now realised the MK = Model Kraft and Milton Keynes)

Upon arrival we were pleasantly surprised to be told they had moved us to the main hall down from the 1st floor balcony slot originally allocated... We had only booked two single depth (free) tables which was filled to capacity. Another bonus on the day was that although each club was to be given 3 free wristbands and extra members would need to pay the £5 show admission fee... but all five of us were given wristbands... result.

The venue was massive in size but with a lot of internal space between us and the clubs behind us (see photo). This year we were informed that there was not to be a dedicated competition area but instead all models on display would be judged from the tables, there was a 'visitors' table for modellers who didn't come with a club or SIG to enter their models.... And to say I was flabbergasted (but not quite speechless) to receive a class win for my lockdown-built RAF Rescue Launch is an understatement.... I personally think the show had a lot to offer and it may be prudent to next year go the whole hog and book the two extra tables.

I didn't have any kits I was specifically after but almost bought the 1/48th Eduard limited edition boxing of the Spitfire Vb 'The Sweeps' with two models inside and markings for 10 pilots including a certain Irish pilot but even the very tempting price of £46 I resisted, and it was gone before lunchtime. So instead, I just stocked up on some tools and paints.



The Wally Aerosmith and Hornchurch Trophy – Round 1 - Results



Category 1A

Aircraft - Greater than 1/72nd Scale

- 1st Steve Smith Boulton Paul Defiant mk.1
- 2nd Steve Crust British Aerospace Harrier II GR.9
- 3rd Steve Crust Panavia Tornado GR.4 Late



Category 1B

Aircraft - 1/72nd scale or less

- 1st Paul Bennet Seversky P-35
- 2nd Paul Bennet Republic F-84 Thunderjet
- 3rd Peter Bagshaw Messerschmitt Me 262 A-1a



Category 2A

Miscellaneous - Armoured Vehicles

- 1st Adam Potoczek Merkava Mk.4M with Trophy APS
- 2nd Bob Smith AVGP 'Grizzly'
- 3rd Bob Smith Churchill Tank Mk.VII



Category 2B

Miscellaneous – Non-Armoured

- 1st Adam Potoczek HMS King George V
- 2nd John Huston RAF Rescue Launch
- 3rd John Huston LCVP 'Higgins' Landing craft



Wally Arrowsmith Trophy	
Overall Standings	
Paul Bennett	48
Steve Smith	44
Steve Crust	44
Peter Bagshaw	40
Brian Thomas	36
Callum Smith	17

Hornchurch Club Trophy	
Overall Standings	
Adam Potoczek	50
Bob Smith	44
John Huston	44
Peter Bagshaw	16
Kevin Curly	17
Callum Smith	17

Club Meeting Schedule 2022/2023	
March 21st	Photo Etch Demonstration by Robin Bellamy
April 25th	Club Competition Night Round 1
May 16th	Weathering Demonstration
June 20th	Club Competition Night Round 2
July 18th	Club Theme Build Display – Dry Run
August 15th	Modelling night – bring your WIP
September 19th	Club Competition Night Round 3
October 17th	Modelling night – bring your WIP
November 21st	Club Competition Night Round 4
December 12th	Quiz Night and Nibbles
January 16th	Model of the Year Southend Club guest judge Visit
February 20th	Annual General Meeting AGM

Sample Base for 1/72nd Aircraft

