



"STICKY FINGERS"

IPMS HORNCHURCH - NEWSLETTER

Hello Fellow Kit Bashers

Happy New Year to you all and I hope you all had a good Christmas and all got the kits you asked for from your families.

The December meeting has been and gone and it seemed that quite a few members could not make it to the club that night, if it was ill health I do hope you have recovered.

This January meeting of 1998 is a quiz evening with all the picture and oral questions set by myself. I plan to have the quiz in two halves with a break for tea etc. in between. The answers will be given out at the end of the evening and pass your paper to your neighbour who will mark it for you. Hence you will have to print your name at the top of the paper which I shall provide.

I have booked the Special Room at the "Red House" Redbridge roundabout for 8:00pm sit down to eat on Saturday 28th February 1998. The price will be £12 menu plus £1 each for gratuities. Which I shall have to have on the February meeting club night. Along with that your choice of menu items please, on a piece of paper, so I can let the management know in advance our choice of items. Drinks etc. that you order will be paid for by yourself at the time you order. I hope to have a stack of the menus at the January meeting for those who requested to go.

International Model Engineering Show 97/98 Olympia.

I should like on behalf of all the club to thank those members who gave up their time to man the 4 tables that we had at Olympia.

When I attended on the New Years Day with Bob Ryan and Ian Brown, the tables layout looked near perfect. Just the right amount and a nice selection of models. We had only been there about 20 minutes when an oriental looking chap wanted to buy the 1:48th scale Ju-87B Stuka. Unfortunately we did not know who it belonged to and even what type of price we should have asked for it (*or even if it was for sale ! - Ed*). This might appear to be a missed opportunity for some club member. This might have to be looked into for the future shows that either we put on or go to. I would like all your views on this as soon as possible.

Back to Olympia - my considered opinion was that it failed to live up to its title of International Model Show. There were far too many stands selling tools and iron wear, and a lot not selling any model related items at all, certainly in our field.

The balcony was not even half filled and what was up there could have been condensed into one side of the hall. The members of the public were very thin on the ground all day, and frankly conned at £8 a person to go in. The only stands that resembled models were our own IPMS stands and the Air Training Corps lads at the end of the block. Perhaps I am biased here.



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On our tables the item that came in for most attention was the snow covered Liberator. The most asked question was, what kit any particular aircraft etc. was made from. Once again this must be looked into for the future. Should models be identified ? (*We could use the Competition Entry forms I put together - Ed*)

In contacting Ian Brown to get his entry tickets to him before Christmas I have learnt that he had moved house since our last check by Ricky Prager. So if anybody has moved recently please check in with Ricky and let him know your new address details please.

Club night reminders

February 1998 Competition

Aircraft	Night Flyers
Miscellaneous	Civil Vehicles

March 1998 Slide Show

Lastly I should like to thank those club members who made the effort to build the kits that they drew out of the sack, back in July and entered them in the competition in December.

Don't forget to keep the last Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday in March 1998 free to help Wally out for Southern Expo. There was a lot of interest at Olympia for this show, so let's make it a good one.

Ken