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## Peters Prattling

### Under a Tenner Competition

Next month is the end point for the "Under a Tenner" competition. Cash prizes are on offer so get your skates on!

Entrant	Subject
Barry Breeze	EE Lightning (Hasegawa)
Barry Brown	Gridiron Grabber (AMT)
Brian Thomas	Canadair Sabre (Airfix)
Brian Thomas	Harrier GR3 (Esci)
Colin McAuliffe	Sukhoi Su-27 (Italeri)
Danny Alvisse	Born Losers – Castro
Graham Hill	Mig-21 (KP)
Ian Brown	Walfish (Eduard)
John Huston	Born Losers – Hitler
Mick Pitts	Deuce ½ (Tamiya)
Paul Bennett	Dassault Mirage (Eastern Express)
Peter Bagshaw	F-16B Fighting Fulcrum (Revell)
Ralph Hebron	Fokker D.VII (Roden)
Robin Bellamy	Bristol Fighter (Eduard)
Robin Bellamy	Ki-43 Oscar (Fujimi)
Robin Bellamy	Me-110G (Monogram)
Wally Arrowsmith	DC-4 (Welsh Models)

### Home Front

The great packing up is on! Finally getting on with the modelling room redecoration, it was a sort of sad day when I put all the modelling bits and bobs into packing boxes whilst the modelling room is being redecorated. It almost felt like giving up on the hobby. I'm sure when I get stuff back into the room it will be OK, but there was a tinge of sadness as the last box disappeared into the loft.

### Southern Expo

Some progress on the booking front. We have had a quote back from the sports centre and it's not gone up much from last time so it's looking hopeful for a go in 2012. Dates will be March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 2012.



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## Sweatshirts

The order for the sweatshirts/polo shirts has gone in; watch this space for updates on delivery etc. Below is the sample for the design, it's slightly larger than the one we currently have (approx 7.5cm by 6.5cm)

Orders so far are



Name	Size	Sweatshirt	Polo Shirt
Charles Thompson	M		
Ralph Hebron	XXL	1	1
Brian Breeze	L	1	
Barry Brown	L		1
John Huston	L	1	1
Robin Bellamy	XL	1	1
	L	1	
Peter Bagshaw	L	1	2
John Bennett	L	1	
Ian Brown	XL		1
Steve Crust	L	1	1
Bob Plumridge	L		1
Colin McAuliffe	L		1
Paul Richardson	L		1
Ted Taylor	L	1	

## My Dreams are Answered!

Well almost! Those of you at the last club meeting when I brought along the rather strangely painted Focke Wulf 190 in US Navy tricolour markings may well have thought I was having another "funny half hour". Well it did actually look like that once, it was a subject taken from a book published a few years ago "Captured Butcherbirds - FW-190" by J.Jackiewicz & R.Bock, published by Kegan.







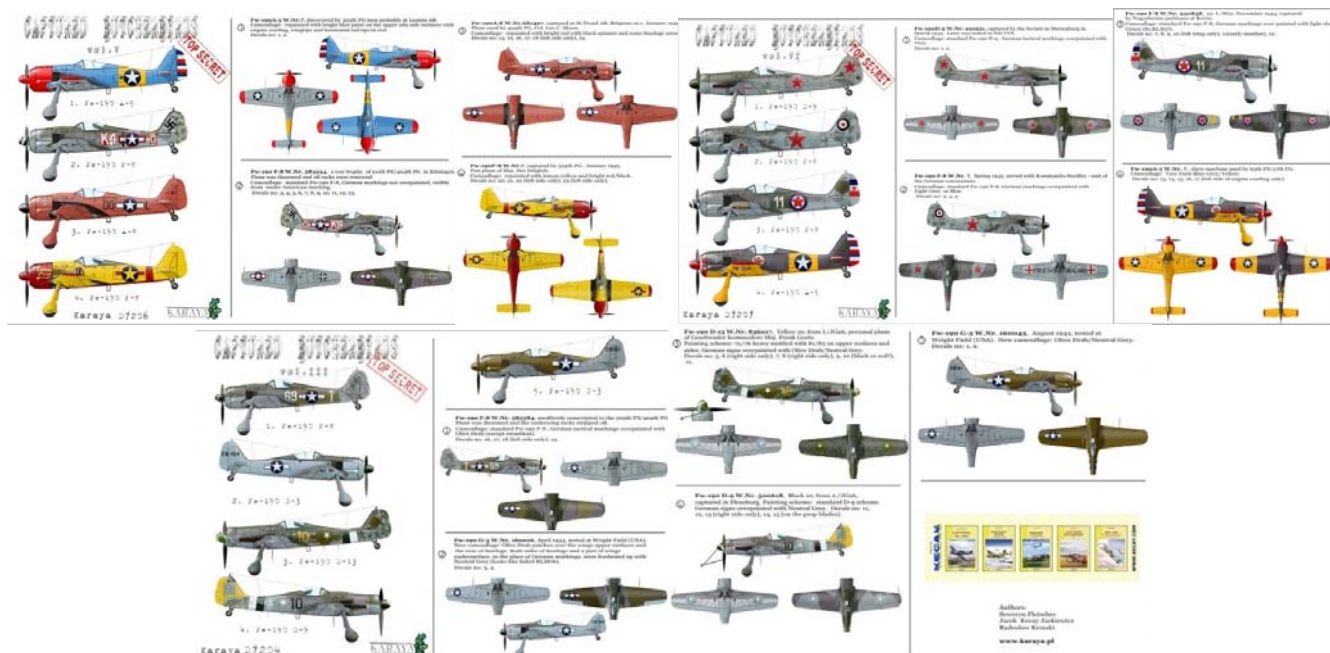
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The subject I chose had the obvious benefit of not needing any special markings just standard US Stars and Bars. Some of the more colourful options would require a decal manufacturer to come to the rescue, well joy of joys they have! Karaya from Poland have released a set of 3 sheets which cover a selection of Focke Wulf 190A and D series. I've ordered 2 of the sets with the more colourful options on it.



Watch out for more weird looking 190s from me in the future.

## P-51 Mustang Down @ Duxford

On Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the Flying Legends Airshow a P-51 Mustang (painted as Big Beautiful Doll) had a collision with the A6 Skyraider whilst performing as part of a 3 ship formation. The pilot of the Mustang bailed out and was uninjured, whilst the Skyraider lost a lot of the outer right wing but was able to land safely.





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## Forthcoming Shows in 2011

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.

2011	
6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> August (Saturday & Sunday)	<b>Military &amp; Flying Machines Show</b> , Damyns Hall Aerodrome, Aveley Road, Upminster
13 <sup>th</sup> August (Saturday)	<b>Essex MAFVA</b> , Mawney School, Mawney Road, Romford. We have got an invite to this one & I've expressed interest in attending.
21 <sup>st</sup> August (Sunday)	<b>IPMS Avon model show</b> , Yate Leisure Centre, Kennedy Way, Yate, South Gloucestershire, BS37 4DQ
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> September (Saturday & Sunday)	<b>Medway Modelling Club Exhibition</b> , REME Museum, Gillingham, Kent. <b>I've requested space for both days</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> September (Saturday)	<b>IPMS Farnborough</b> , Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, Camberley, Surrey GU15 2PQ
25 <sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)	<b>IPMS Brampton</b> , Burgess Hall, St Ives, Cambs, PE27 6WU
1 <sup>st</sup> October (Saturday)	<b>IPMS Abingdon</b> , Larkmead School, <b>Abingdon, Oxfordshire</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> October (Saturday)	<b>Glasgow Modelfest</b> , Kelvin Hall Sports Arena, Argyle Street, Glasgow G3 8AW.
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> November (Saturday & Sunday)	<b>IPMS UK Scale Model World, Telford</b>

Peter

## Robins Ruminations

Well I'm back from my "normal" holiday in East Sussex, well if anything can be called normal in the Bellamy household. I was actually "away" when I attended the last club meeting. This was due to my Mother in Law needing a minor cataract operation early the next day, so Adele and I came back from the farm in order to take her. The plan was pick up Mother in Law, take to hospital, and after the op and when released then take her away with us to the farm to make sure her eye was dressed and keep an eye on her for a few days. However as the old adage goes, no plan ever survives first contact with the enemy.

The pickup went fine and we had the Mother in Law to the hospital in plenty of time, no problem and then the wheels fell off. When the Mother in Law went down for the surgery she felt dizzy, so back she comes to the ward, try again a little later, same result. So the operation is cancelled and rescheduled for another date and Adele and I now had a dilemma, do we still take the Mother in Law away with us still or not? No brainer really and so we all went down to the farm straight from the hospital for the rest of the week. The weather wasn't much but we got out and about and had a few meals out and all in all a fairly enjoyable time was had by all.

At the weekend we brought our Mother in Law home and after settling her in with a cup of tea all around, we set off for home and to do some shopping. However our arrival back from the farm came as a bit of a surprise to some and not exactly welcome. We had told our Son that we would have his Nan with us for at least a week to allow for dressing and medicating her eye. Of course as the Mother in Law never had the operation we brought her home a couple of days "early", although I had warned my Son of this it must have slipped his mind. The phone call to his mobile was quite amusing and went something like this. (Edited for certain expletives).

Hi Son we're back.

*Back? Back were?*

Home of course; we've just dropped your Nan off.

*WHAT! You said you weren't coming back home for a week!*



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Yes Son but as your Nan didn't have the op we brought back a couple of days earlier than we had first planned. I did tell you before we left on Tuesday or had you forgotten?

*Bugger it! Where are you? No, wait just don't go home. How far away are you?*

Well Son, we've just dropped your Nan off and will be heading home to drop off some stuff, check the fridge and then go shopping for your Nan and re-provision the house for you for our second week away.

*WHAT??!! Oh bugger, just do the shopping first and for Gods sake don't go home first. I'll leave work now and should have everything tidy by the time you get back from Tesco's. Just keep Mum with you and don't let her go home, just do the shopping first.*

Too late Son, I've just dropped your Mother off at home and I'll come to pick you up now. Is it mildly untidy at home or should I stop to pick up a blindfold and packet of cigarettes?

*I'm dead!*

That bad?

*I'm dead! A week of washing up on the side and my bedroom looks like a tip.*

You're dead.

*Cheers Dad, you're all heart.*

Oh well, too late to worry about it now Son. The only thing I want you to do is go in the front door first, that way if your Mother throws the dirty frying pan at you I won't get hit by it.

*Thanks for that Dad.*

Anytime Son.

After picking up my Son it was a quite ride home and when he went through the front door he was like a rabbit in the headlights, looking for an escape route but knowing that whichever way he goes he's going to get splattered! From our front door you can see the sink and there was my Wife up to her elbows in soap suds. At this point my Wife really put the fear of God into him by smiling sweetly at Peter and saying "Hi Son, how have you been?" Now after expecting a fair bit of verbal abuse and his Mother and Father to throw their Teddy's out of the pram that really threw him a curve ball. After giving the house a quick make over we did the shopping, dropped off supplies to both houses and went back to the farm for the remainder of our holiday. Before leaving though, I did give my Son a gentle reminder to make sure that the house was spotless by time we got home, or else.

Our week alone went all too quickly, as they always seem to, still the weather was better and we got out and about a bit more. This was brought to a bit of a halt when Adele suffered a migraine attack, something that she is unfortunately prone to. While my Wife was attempting to sleep off the effects, I was not idle, but started working in earnest on next years planned decal sheet. I must admit that it was really nice sitting in the shade of an apple tree with a cup of tea and with all my books spread out on the table, very civilised. Not only that but without the normal distractions of home, phone and family I got a surprising amount done. However this was at the cost of not doing anything to my Bristol Fighter which I had taken with me, but such is life. While on the subject of decal sheets, Peter has sent the artwork for a 32nd scale sheet off to Microscale in America, this is of parts of the original Battle of Britain sheet and should be ready for public release at the Nationals at Telford, all things being equal. While on the farm I slipped over to Uckfield and visited the model shop there, I didn't pick up anything this time but it was certainly good nosing around an old fashioned model shop.

Well we came back off of holiday and guess what, everything was neat and tidy, even the bird feeder was full of seed. You can say a lot about my Son, but he knows what side of his bread is buttered.



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Since returning from holiday things have been fairly busy but unfortunately the golf on television has been either sparse or weather affected. So my modelling/research time has been a little limited, last weeks golf in Scotland was off TV more than on with the extreme weather even causing land slips on the course. However at the moment the Open is on at Sandwich in Kent and the BBC is showing 11 hours continuous coverage, on the up side things are very quite from the Wife, the down side of things is that some of my "spare time" is being spent making dinner. No such thing as a free lunch I guess.

The only other thing in the Bellamy household that stands out this month was our wedding anniversary, the big 25th. I did remind the Wife that not even the Great Train robbers did 25 years, I also made sure that I was at more than arms length when I said it though! Our Son kindly booked us a day out in London including the Tower of London and a champagne "flight" on the London Eye. The weather was fine and the day most enjoyable although we were almost on our knees by the time we got home fairly late that evening, we were certainly feeling the extra 25 years I can tell you!

Next little snippet of info is that Harrow Lodge has finally got around to contacting Peter, I guess four months is bad judging from past years. However don't get too excited it is only a preliminary costing, we now have to wait for an invoice before we can actually go ahead and book the centre, don't hold your breath.

## **My "Official" hat is now on.**

Last months competition was pretty good with lees entries than normal but the entries we had were as ever of a very high standard. Congratulations to John Bennett, Steve Crust, Ian Brown and Graham Hill (twice) for winning their respective classes. Let's not forget a big thank you to all those others that entered their models for our examination and judging.

Tonight Peter and I can have a look at John's DVD of this years Southern Expo and at last have a good look at what the rest of you saw at Expo! Next month is the under a tenner night, who knows I might have one model finished!

**Robin**





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## Wrighty's References

### Sticky Fingers History



Around the 1999/2000 period I must have been very busy researching and producing articles, as when I look back through the dossiers of reference these dates appear with some regularity and at the time I wanted to bring forgotten or hitherto unknown at that time conflicts of the RAF, Luftwaffe or USAAF.

As I researched these for my own satisfaction some were presented as a "Bonus Special" within Sticky Fingers, one such being the Brewster Buffalo in RAF service in the Far East 1942. This was a 9 page history with maps, plans of the aircraft and 3 view drawings of all the Japanese opponents (after all "Sally" meant little to members at the time), so it was a very complete documentary.

Another Bonus issue was the RAF code letters (not everybody's cup of tea) but to most a very useful document, it nearly always comes up somewhere and it's always fascinated me. This was actually a list prepared by magazine doyen Ian Huntley in Scale Aircraft Modelling of all the pre-war codes as issued from 1938 to the outbreak of war in September 1939. Of course on the outbreak of war these all had to be changed for obvious reasons. Now I was able to fill in a large number of these from the Fighter and Bomber Squadrons of the RAF books like "Codes of the RAF" articles and various sources and a very complete list was achieved, from No.1 to No.650 Squadron, covering 5 foolscap sheets that looking through it today could give any internet offering of today a run for its money?

It was well received at the time by the members and even led to a call for the USAAF in England codes to be listed in a similar fashion, but checking back on it I think how this was achieved is another story that deserves its own pages so look out for it soon.

On the German side although great interest was shown good well organised references were very limited, I had already collated the "Fighters of the Luftwaffe" book by units, i.e. Geschwader, Gruppen and Staffeln for easier reference. However very little existed on the Ground Attack Units (Schlachtgeschwader) in German texts. However under the title "Schlachtgeschwader of the Luftwaffe" was a massive leap forward on anything previously done, comprising of 78 foolscap pages, with 77 photographs, captioned to follow the text which traced the lineage of fighter bombers, dive bombers, ground attack units, fast bomber groups and heavy day fighters.

It was serialised in 5 parts (some over 20 pages long) which helped build up the size of Sticky Fingers during this period of its existence, actually between October 1999 to February 2000. Looking back to find 77 photographs was little short of a miracle and then each one had to be Photostatted on a newsagent shop copier and passed to Peter to desktop publish them into the text, a big breakthrough. But there was still bigger and more innovative things to come, especially on the Luftwaffe, these will be dealt with at a future date.

### Aircraft Latest Updates (Decoded As Our Spies Send Them In)

#### Busy Time for Sergei

The Sukhoi Su-35S made its maiden flight on May 3<sup>rd</sup> with Sergei Bogdam at the controls, the Russian test pilot carried out a 90 minute sortie in the first production aircraft of the new generation "Flanker" of which 48 are on order for the Russian Airforce. This version has the NPO Saturn 1175 engine, full fly by wire control system and increased titanium structure to increase airframe service life. Oh, why busy for Sergei? You will recall he also flew the first 2 prototypes of the Sukhoi T.50 multirole 5<sup>th</sup> generation latest stealth jets featured in Sticky Fingers No. 75 September 2010 & No. 83 May 2011. Earning the "roubles" at this rate he will soon have more cash than Roman Abramovich (Yes Chelsea's owner).  
Agent Kominsky





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## Indian Continent Update

Our agent in India "Peshawan" has sent further clarification on the Indian Multi Role Combat Requirement aircraft (see May 2011 Sticky Fingers – Carrier Based Typhoons). The (MMRCA) Requirement was for the supply of 126 aircraft, in April the competition was reduced to 2 contenders, the Eurofighter Typhoon (confirmed by Eurofighter in April) when they were asked to confirm their bid and the French carrier based version of the Rafale.

Some losers trotting out their excuses were Saab of Sweden (the Grippen), Boeing USA (Super Hornet), Russia (Mig 35) and USA (F-16N), the selection was made after evaluation of results of trials held in India in 2010. The final answer may now come down to price.

## Australia Take The Plunge

As reported in Sticky Fingers No.82 April 2011, the Australians have acted to offset the Lockheeds expected late delivery of the JSF F-35 (2020 instead of 2016). As stated the stopgap was to be F-18 Super Hornets, 24 of which had been ordered, will now probably become 42 aircraft when another 18 are ordered at a cost of 1.5 billion \$. That will leave our "Irish" friend crying in his Magners cider for the next few years.

## More Tornado Squadrons Blown Away

An RAF announcement in March 2011 stated that the two Tornado GR4 units (No.13 "The Stabbed Cats" & No.14 "The Crusaders") are the units to be disbanded under the Defence Review, leaving just 5 frontline squadrons. The units to be stood down by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Following the demise of the Tornado F.3 force (see Sticky Fingers No.83 May 2011), for the axe to fall yet again, well beggars belief, especially when decoding a message from a field agent:-

On May 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 No.13 Squadron GR.4 unit at Marham Norfolk was wound up with a flypast. It was a "Dagger" shape with 6 of the units aircraft. In attendance was Government Minister Dr Liam Fox, who announced that 13 Squadron would take over duties with the unmanned "Reaper" drone aircraft, claiming "it will offer valuable support in Afghanistan". Now comes the roar of the Tornado flypast; Oh we didn't hear Dr Foxes final words. They were "but not until year 2012, when we will double the Reaper capacity to 10". Yes ten! (5 new to add to the 5 already there) Yes one zero aircraft, big deal! Maybe the recently mentioned peace talks with the Taliban can come quick enough to alleviate this farce.



As for 14 Squadron we have drawn a blank so far. No coded messages on email or maybe the Post Office has got it wrong again? Anyway we'll keep you posted, as and when it arrives.

Note 14 Squadron definitely disbanded – no other details yet 5/7/11 (Air Force World)

## F-35B Problems for the Marines

The final F-35B 05 carried out its maiden flight at Fort Worth Texas on 28/1/2011 and will be delivered to NAS Patuxent River, Maryland to join the rest of the F-35Bs for fighter testing (see table in Sticky Fingers No.82 April 2011). However the B version of the F-35 has been put on probation by the US Defence Secretary repeated technical issues have put pressure on the B program and calls are mounting for it to be cancelled, the program has not made effective progress (USMC statement).

The Marine Commandant knows the F-35B is in trouble and may not be viable much longer, indeed it was under question before the UK dumped its plans for the STVOL version and shifted its requirements to the carrier based F-35C. Italy seems likely to follow suit, cancelling their offer for 40 aircraft making a total sales loss of 190 aircraft. On the home front the US will get 50 F-35B for the Marines, that's 60 less than originally planned. Talk it up as he might the Marine Commandant seems to be on a loser here. The Defence Secretary is likely to be the B versions executioner. (Agent Rob Dorr)

Alan

# Competition Results for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round 2011

## Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)

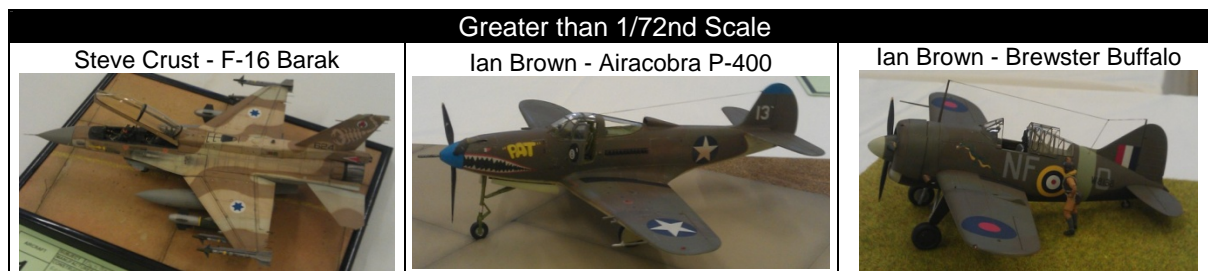
1/72<sup>nd</sup> scale or less

Position	Entrant	Model	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	John Bennett	Fokker F27	55
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Paul Bennett	Dassault Etendard	47
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Bagshaw	Grumman F9F-8 Cougar	43
4 <sup>th</sup>	John Bennett	Dragon Rapide	36
5 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Bagshaw	Focke Wulf 190 G2	24
	Charles Thompson	Mitsubishi A5M2a Claude	17



Greater than 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale

Position	Entrant	Model	Points
1 <sup>st</sup> =	Steve Crust	F-16 Barak	61
	Ian Brown	Airacobra P-400	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Brown	Brewster Buffalo	55



## Positions After 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

Modeller	Points
John Bennett	80
Peter Bagshaw	73
Ian Brown	70
Steve Crust	50
Paul Bennett	44
Brian Thomas	33
Ted Taylor	23
Mick Pitts	21
Robin Bellamy	19
John Huston	15
Charles Thompson	10
Alan Wright	5
Barry Brown	5
Colin McAuliffe	5

# IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)

## Military Vehicles

Position	Entrant	Model	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Graham Hill	1st Airborne Jeep and Howitzer	41
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mick Pitts	25lb and Limber	39
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kevin Curley	Renault FT-17	37
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mick Pitts	BS-3 100mm Anti tank	32
5 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Bagshaw	M2 Bradley	31
	Peter Bagshaw	M1113	14

Military Vehicles			
<p>Graham Hill - 1st Airborne Jeep and Howitzer</p> 	<p>Mick Pitts - 25lb and Limber</p> 	<p>Kevin Curley - Renault FT-17</p> 	
<p>Mick Pitts - BS-3 100mm Anti tank</p> 	<p>Peter Bagshaw - M2 Bradley</p> 	<p>Peter Bagshaw - M1113</p> 	

## Miscellaneous

Position	Entrant	Model	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Graham Hill	44th Foot Drummer & Fifers	64
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Danny Alvisse	Nissan 350Z	58

## Positions After 2<sup>nd</sup> Round

Entrant	Points
Mick Pitts	88
Graham Hill	50
Ian Brown	48
Kevin Curley	44
Peter Bagshaw	39
Danny Alvisse	23
Alan Wright	21
Ralph Hebron	19

Miscellaneous	
<p>Graham Hill - 44th Foot Drummer &amp; Fifers</p> 	<p>Danny Alvisse - Nissan 350Z</p> 