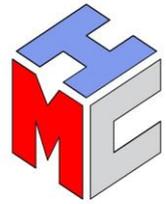




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## Peters Prattling

### Ted Taylor

I spotted this on the Britmodeller forum today from a question someone asked whether they had seen Ted recently. Ted has posted the following:-

**The situation is this I have been rather ill for the last 3 years but only really ill for the last few months.**

**It seems my kidneys have failed and I can't get better but they have given me a couple more months to live and then it's off to the big Model shed in the sky.**

I'm sure that like most members of the club I was really saddened to hear this and wish Ted our best wishes. I have purchased a suitable card which I'll bring along for the June meeting for those who attend to sign and I'll send it on to Ted.



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## Last Months Meeting

My thanks to all those who attended last months meeting, I apologise for the seemingly excessive amount of waffle but I thank you for your patience and also participation, it is much appreciated.

The discussion on airbrushing as opposed to brush painting models seems to be a perceived injustice as those modellers who brush paint models didn't feel particularly "victimised" for not airbrushing and the majority of our members judged models not just according to the method of painting, more to the results.

I also asked about the question raised about the IPMS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display at ScaleModelWorld this year and what the club would like to see. A great idea was put forward to suggest that each club is allocated a 2 – 3 foot space to display models from the club with a history of the club on a sign at the back.

There were quite a few shows I mentioned and those people who indicated they would be interested in attending I have noted on the show listings further down.

Finally thanks to John Bennett & Allen Roffey for the video of Southern Expo and some projection equipment, certainly for Robin and myself this is the only chance we get sometimes to see the competition entries and also many of the club stands in any detail.

## IPMS(UK) AGM 2013

As I reported in the meeting the IPMS(UK) AGM passed off relatively quietly apart from the fire alarm which interrupted the show and meeting at the RAF Museum. The points raised in the AGM agenda booklet were all approved; there was nothing too contentious to vote on.

Before the alarms went off the committee raised the point that there were a few posts either empty or likely to become empty in the next year or so. The ScaleModelWorld Organiser position is unfilled and it is only because the previous incumbent was willing to see through the organisation of the 2013 show that this is going ahead. For 2014 there is no one in post to organise the show or even shadow the current organiser. A couple more of the committee posts are also due to be up for renewal at the next AGM (2014). A discussion about how to attract volunteers to the committee posts ensued and some suggestions about making the role descriptions more visible on the website and also perhaps forming deputy roles to allow someone to come forward and learn the role before potentially taking over might help. Also for some roles the society may have to relax the rules relating to traders being barred from taking on committee roles or reducing the number of years membership of IPMS. No doubt this one will run a while longer.

I was going to ask about the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary display but after the evacuation the meeting was declared over.

## Hendon Show Report

To me it was a good show but as is usual I didn't get to see everything, partly because of the previously mentioned fire alert but also because it's a large area to get around. I was a little disappointed at the amount of models the members brought along; normally we are inundated and have to breakout the extra stands. Perhaps we've been spoilt and shouldn't have put up the perspex stands Robin bought.

## Forthcoming Shows in 2012/2013

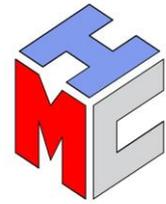
Shows with **highlight** have been booked for us to attend. If you wish to attend any of the shows with the club stand please let me know so I can attempt to book space for the club.

2013	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> June (Sunday)</b>	IPMS West Norfolk Show, Downham Market, Norfolk
<b>29<sup>th</sup> June (Saturday)</b>	<b>"It's a Small World"</b> , Orchards Shopping Centre, Dartford <b>John Huston and Steve Crust are attending.</b>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July (Saturday)</b>	<b>Sanders Draper School Display.</b> <b>John Huston &amp; Robin Bellamy are attending</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> July (Sunday)</b>	<b>Essex Model Show, Hannakins Farm, Billericay, Essex</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> July (Sunday)</b>	Midland 2013 Model Expo, Cocks Moors Woods Leisure Centre & Golf



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	Course, Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 6ER
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> August (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>Essex MAFVA "Present Arms" Damyns Hall</b> as part of the Military & Flying Machines Show - <a href="http://www.militaryandflyingmachines.org.uk">http://www.militaryandflyingmachines.org.uk</a> . <b>Allen Roffey, John Huston, Ian Brown, Graham Hill are attending</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September (Sunday)</b>	East Riding of Yorkshire Model Show, Driffield Showground, Kellythorpe, Driffield, East Yorkshire, YO25 9DN
<b>8<sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)</b>	Model Spectacular 2013, Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, B73 6AB
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> September (Sunday)</b>	Wings & Things 2013, Spalding High School, Spalding, Lincolnshire, PE11 2PJ
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September (Sunday)</b>	<b>St Ives Model Show</b> , Burgess Civic Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire, PE27 6WU ( <b>aka the Brampton Show</b> )
<b>9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 10<sup>th</sup> November (Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>Scale ModelWorld 2013 - 50th Anniversary Show</b> , Telford International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4JH
<b>2014</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> January (Friday, Saturday &amp; Sunday)</b>	<b>Model Engineering Show</b> , Alexandria Palace.

Peter

## Robins Ruminations

It's a sobering thought when we've just had our first week of nice weather that to think that the Summer Solstice is only a few days away and soon the nights will be drawing in, what a depressing thought. Still fingers crossed we might get at least a few more weeks of sunshine before the clocks go back!

My month has been fairly busy with all but one of my weekend being taken up with either maintaining the gardens or family commitments. So far this past month I've picked the Mother in Law from Heathrow, an experience in itself I can assure you. Adele and I arrived at Heathrow just as several planes full of passengers and their luggage from long haul destinations were emptying out onto the concourse. I never ceased to be surprised by the disparity in the amount of luggage that people seem to walk, stagger or trolley out of the customs hall with. I always feel envious when I see a person walk past me with a tiny suitcase that seems more of a lunchbox than a case to go anywhere with, I mean some of them could only hold a small wash kit, a change of underwear and a clean shirt. Although I'd like to travel that light I'm sure that I would still want a choice or two of changes of clothes. The person walking out next needs a small army of porters to haul their bags, boxes and cases just to make it to the terminal doors.

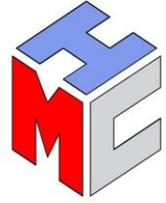
How many of us have criticised our better halves for the amount of unwanted and heavy luggage we've had to lug around to and from airports or pack the car with? I dare say we've all said at some point in time with an edge of sarcasm "haven't you packed the kitchen sink in there somewhere dear?" While waiting in the arrivals hall, the doors popped open and out came a trolley piled high with bags and boxes being pushed by a small, very harassed looking man. On top of all these boxes, you've guessed it, a stainless steel kitchen sink! As this sight went past the waiting people a hush fell in the immediate vicinity and all the men's eyes were fixed on the sink. Many of us also just shook our heads in pity but also felt a touch of relief that it wasn't us pushing that trolley!

With the dry weather, well dry-ish, "encouraged" by my Wife I had to attack the lawn with the strimmer and lawn mower, a few hours of fun in the sun. Then the borders had to be weeded, dug over and mulched ready for the bedding to go in. This is where things got a little fraught. As some of you know Adele and I also keep the Mother in Laws front garden looking nice with flowers as well as our own garden, so the question is, how many should we buy? Off to the local nursery we went, Adele thought about 40 should be enough, I bought about 60 and with the words "that's too many" ringing in my ears we headed home. The next day we got cracking on the Mother in Laws garden, as soon as the heavy jobs were done I was immediately relegated to tea boy, which suited me down to the ground. I now watched as the pretty flowers, (weeds in my book) were laid out, re-arranged and then re-arranged before being planted. Tea break over, cue Robin, aka Gunga Din as my job now changed to watering can filler and carrier, one of the few jobs my Wife will allow me to do around flowers. I now emptied the old tubs and filled them up with new compost ready for planting; I was reassigned to tea boy again at this point thankfully and watched a repeat performance of musical plants, using the tubs this time. After watering the tubs, sweeping up,



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putting the remaining plants on the back seat and chucking the rubbish in the back of the car we set off for home. As we drove home Adele said that we could plant our garden tomorrow, "with what" I asked? You've guessed it; we only had half a dozen plants on the back seat.

So off we went to the nursery the next day and returned with another boot full, still with the Adele muttering about too many plants again. So four hours later all the plants were planted and watered-in, guess what? One border was still flower-less! At this point I put my foot down and said there was no way that I was going back to the nursery again and Adele would have to get her own plants this time. My Wife returned four and a half hours later with another dozen plants and a slice of lemon drizzle cake, the plants I understood but the cake bit I just didn't understand. Apparently Adele had picked up her Mother and gone to the nursery and on the way back had spotted a sign for a church flower festival. Never one to pass up a look at a flower festival Adele stopped to look at the churches display of flower arranging and guess what? It just so happened that the ladies of the W.I. were doing lunches, teas and cakes. So just to help the rural economy they had lunch and bought me a piece of cake to have with the cup of tea I had to make all of us. Typical, the one time I don't go to the nursery there was a lunch at the end of it. Lord I hate gardening!

Even worse than gardening, Adele has not been watching much golf recently resulting in a drastic reduction in my modelling time. I do hope that Adele isn't going off golf because that would be a disaster!

## Hendon Model Show Report

Peter picked Adele and me up and after a fast run around the M25 we were quickly arrived at the museum. This time things were a bit more organised on the door and we were at the stand within minutes and started to set up the club stand. When we had our models on the table we went for a wander around the traders, I picked up a few accessories for models I have in my stash. I got some canopy masks for £1 apiece, resin exhausts and the top cowling for a Spitfire for £4 and a set of resin seats for an F-15 for the same price. Phil, Brian, Rob and Ian also attended the show and so the club stand had plenty of support.

For some reason however I just wasn't in the mood for the show, something unusual for me, for no reason I couldn't seem to settle down and enjoy it. However it was a good show and we had some really nice chats with members of the public and members of other clubs. Peter felt he had to attend the IPMS AGM, I never would have believed Peter was into self-flagellation but off he went to the meeting all the same! The fire alarm in the bomber hall kept on going off until eventually it remained on and the museum had to be evacuated. I bumped into Peter in the car park while we waited for the all clear to be announced and asked him if it was him that pulled the alarm handle. He denied it of course but was thankful to escape the AGM all the same! We used the enforced break to wander up to Hannants to pick up our pre-orders and have a chat with Carmell.

By the time we got back to the museum the alarm was over and we resumed our seats on the stand. After another wander around the trade and model stands the show began to wind after and down and it was soon time to pack up and head home. Peter ran us home and after a short chat he went home and I put all show stuff back in the loft. I just have to put my lack of enjoyment down to being "a bit off" on the weekend; I'll try better next year!

## My official hat is now on.

Unfortunately, I'm sure that by now you would have realised that I am not able to be at the club tonight. This is due to a prior family commitment. Simple choice, come to the club tonight or upset the Wife, no brainer really. So please accept my apologies and I'll see you all at next month's meeting.

I'm sure Peter will take good care of you regarding booking in the models for tonight's competition, but please be gentle with him! Good luck to all those members taking part in tonight's competition and may the best model win and I'll look forward to seeing the photos and results in the near future.

**Robin**



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## Roffey's Revelations

### The London Plastic Modelling Show

As I walked into the show I thought WOW there aren't anywhere near as many stands or people here as I thought there might be, but then I've been to the 'Aggi' before, assuming it was in the main hall, which it wasn't. As I moved around the show I became more impressed, and looking at the 32 stands there were the usual mix you'd hope to see at this type of show, with I felt too few club stands. Bob was there and we had a mooch around. I ended up buying flyingzonedirects new 'The Mosquito Explored' DVD and another Blxxy Tamiya Spitfire (It was only £12.00 yer honour, it winked at me and I couldn't walk past it)

It's the first show there and with more booked for December 2013 and March 2014, I think it will grow and we should take part.

It's easy to get there, a five min walk from Angel tube station, with lots of places to eat and drink, avoiding the in house café (£2.40 for a coffee I think not)



In this shot we'll play 'Spot the Bob' (it's a bit like Where's Wally)

## Wrighty's References

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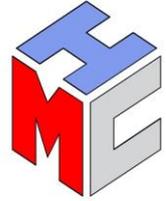
Helicopter warning: this story was of a private helicopter that crashed in Vauxhall (London) whilst attempting to land at Battersea. The story prompted WrySpy to issue a warning that if this had been a big airliner the devastation would have been mayhem! How soon it nearly came to fruition, how you may ask?

In mid-May the early morning rush hour, was horrified by a medium sized twin jet passenger airliner flying across London (the M4 at Brentford to be precise) trailing black smoke from its starboard engine, looking like an He-111



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from the Battle of Britain film. It had overshot Heathrow now 4 miles behind it, however by good luck the pilots managed to turn it and put it down in an emergency landing at Heathrow where the fire was extinguished and that's the end of that, no further news, nothing in the newspapers in the following days. One brief report on Newsnight saying that the casing doors on the engines had come open because somebody didn't secure the door turnbuckles after maintenance, thus the open doors caused the engine to flame out. How so like the slack maintenance procedure in a hypothetical case in the February Sticky Fingers and this only 2 months after the warning. **Wake up England** before predictions become a reality! Forget extra runways look after what you've got, the clock is ticking!

## Luftwaffe Now Has 100 Eurofighter Typhoons



The 100<sup>th</sup> Typhoon was delivered to the Luftwaffe Military Air Systems Centre at Manching airfield in Bavaria on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013. That afternoon the aircraft took off for Nörvenich for its delivery to Fighter Bomber Geschwader No.31. Special markings were applied to the overall medium sea grey finish, 31 + 00 code with "red 100" on the fin. Its 10 years since the 1<sup>st</sup> Typhoon was delivered in 2003.

## RAF Typhoons on Red Flag Exercise

Exercise Red Flag 13/3 was held at Nellis AFB in Nevada from 25/2/13 to 15/3/13, the exercise is about maintaining frontline "cutting edge" capability. Typhoons from XI Squadron based at Coningsby took over the leadership of the RAF's role. The Typhoons spent time in early February 2013 at Nellis AFB prior to the Red Flag, working with the USAF F-22 Raptors of the 27<sup>th</sup> FS in an exercise called "Western Zephyr" in a very challenging environment, which was well received by both parties. Some comments taken from the exercise, "against F-15 or F-16 we in the Typhoon have an advantage because its performance is so good". In other combat scenarios "F-5 Aggressor operated against us, also F-16s. Again we came off well with superior target and weapons capability." The RAF deployed 9 Block 5 Typhoons upgraded with helmet weaponry on this mission. Interoperability was the main aim of the Typhoons and this was achieved working with the US types in various combat situations. Most of the remainder of the reports on Red Flag were technical on performance, weapons and technology too detailed or secret to mention here, let's just say the lads "done well", OK.

## 17 Squadron to Evaluate F-35 Lightning II

The RAF announced in April 2013 the No. 17 Test & Evaluation Squadron is to become the RAF's first for the F-35.II. The new unit will now transfer to Edwards AFB now known as 17 TES, tasked with evaluating the US fighter and testing equipment including helmet mounted systems, which also will involve the Typhoon and Tornado. A specially marked Typhoon (ZJ947) was painted, mainly on the fin to mark the occasion for the new unit.



Alan