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Peters Prattling

Treasurer Role

Obviously with the sad loss of Bob we are now short of a club treasurer. Between myself and Robin we could continue performing Bob's duties for a while but I think we need to elect a new incumbent to the role before the next AGM. I propose that we have a vote at the September meeting to fill the post.

Fairly obviously the basic duties are:-

1. Collect the meeting subscriptions from attending members
2. Pay subscriptions into club bank account
3. Maintain monthly/yearly balance sheet
4. Pay out any additional expenses for items such as refreshments, guest speakers and trophies

The monthly hall hire is on a direct debit from the club bank account so not a lot to do for that one thankfully.

Club Apparel

As resurrected at the last meeting, if I get enough people interested in club clothing I can put together an order. The more that the order contains the more likely the cost per item will come down. So far I have the following requests. Please check and let me know if there's anything wrong or missing before I place the order.

Club Member	Type	Size
Allen Roffey	Sweatshirt	XXL
	Polo shirt	XXL
John Huston	Polo shirt	L
	Fleece	M
Bob Smith	Polo shirt	XXL
Kevin Curley	Polo shirt	M
Ralph Hebron	Polo shirt	XXL
	Sweatshirt	XXL

Forthcoming Shows in 2016

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.

2016	
September 17th & 18th (Saturday & Sunday)	Maquette Club Opale , Complexe Sportif, Rue de la Mairie, Frethun (near Calais)
September 18th (Sunday)	Wings & Things 2016 , Fenland & Spalding, Spalding High School, Spalding, Lincs.
September 25th (Sunday)	St Ives (Brampton) show , Burgess Civil Hall, St Ives, Cambs.
October 29th (Saturday)	Gravesham Open Day , Medway Park Leisure Centre, Gillingham, Kent, ME7 1HF
November 12th & 13th (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale ModelWorld 2016 , Telford International Centre, Telford, Shropshire, TF3 4JH
December 4th (Sunday)	London Model Show , The Business Design Centre, 52 Upper Street, Islington, N1 0QH
2017	
March 18th & 19th (Saturday & Sunday)	Southern Expo
April 27th (Saturday)	IPMS Torquay & South Devon , Torquay Town Hall,
May 13th (Saturday)	Lancing , Parish Hall, South Street, Lancing, West Sussex BN15 8AJ

Peter



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Robins Ruminations

My Son has recently returned from his girlfriends in Germany, while out there they decided to go "walkabout", visiting Dresden, Bavarian Lakes and ending up in Prague. How the other half live. Peter called me from Prague and asked me if I wanted anything from the MPM shop as he was going to visit it on the Saturday afternoon. I duly emailed him a short list of bits that I would be interested in and he promised me he'd do his best. Peter phoned me on Saturday evening with an apologetic voice and admitted that he hadn't checked the shops opening times and turned-up at the shop only to find that it shuts half day on Saturday afternoon. What could I say? "Stupid boy Pike!"

My view of the Essex show was in most part very limited, being only that through the serving hatch while standing in front of the rather warm stove. However the few wanders around the hall I did get was that the show was very busy and good natured. Despite some very tempting goodies under the tables and some of the traders offering me with their wares, I resisted manfully and never bought one kit nor even a model accessory or tool! My wallet had escaped the show intact; I hadn't even seen anybody wandering around selling raffle tickets to relieve me of a few pounds.

However this blissful state of affairs was to end abruptly when I mentioned to Adele that the Craftlight Company were just around the corner and perhaps they had a light that she could use for her knitting, reading and cross stitching. (Adele had only recently remarked that she needed a better light, preferably with a magnifying glass to do the fine stitch work in the now darkening evenings. At that point alarm bells started ringing in the back of my head that the only magnifying lens with a daylight bulb fitted in the house resides on my modelling desk!) After a very nice chat with the lady on the stand and Adele examining pieces of cross stitch work under the light / magnifying lens, Adele choose one that suited all her needs, being both mains or battery powered, the lamp / magnifying lens is on a long flexible arm and having another bendy arm that can hold her work or the design sheet. The lamp can stand on the floor and adjust its height, turn into a desk lamp and even clip on the edge of a desk. About the only thing it can't seem to do is thread the needles all by itself! So much for a cheap day out. However on a brighter note the raffle ticket that Adele bought won a kit, so it wasn't a total loss model wise.

Meanwhile in the rather warm kitchen Sue, Rebecca, Adele and myself assumed our normal positions and opened for business at about nine o'clock. For some reason we were very busy on the bacon roll front with my two large frying pans running at capacity for the first hour and a half. With me frying, Rebecca making and plating the rolls and Sue and Adele working the front counter with teas and coffees and taking the pennies we had a well-oiled machine going. Things stayed pretty constantly busy all morning, so busy in fact that I had to make a couple of resupply runs to the local Co-op. With the lunchtime food rush over it was a slice of cake and a cup of tea that were the order of the day, the cakes being kindly supplied by Sue and Rebecca, all of which seemed to meet with the approval of those indulging, myself included. So let me take this opportunity to thank Sue, Rebecca and my Wife for generously donating their time and cakes enabling the show to have refreshments served during its duration. I'd also like to thank all the club members that used the canteen and forced themselves to sample its fare, not for any pleasure of course, only to show support for its staff.

In answer to the inevitable question, "how well did you do?" the answer is very well thank you. The canteen made a profit of £338.86, which has, as usual, been passed onto St. Francis Hospice. I should have the receipt from St. Francis with me on the club evening.

My "official hat" is now on.....

Thank you to John Bennett for filming, editing and making the Southern Expo DVD for the clubs enjoyment at the last evening, I managed at last to see the models that went with the names of the competition winners I read out in March. The Flying Legends DVD was also very good and very well produced as my few attempts at filming were very wobbly and either burnt out or what seemed like night flying sequences! Well done and thank you John.

Thanks must also go to Alan Roffey for the massive ongoing job of cleaning and converting Bob's large collection of slides into a digital format and for then putting them on the internet for everybody's perusal and enjoyment.

I'll sign off now before this turns into some sort of Oscar's award speech with me thanking everybody including the next door's neighbour's dog! So have a good modelling evening gentlemen and enjoy yourself.

Robin



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Roffey's "Ravings"

Damyns Hall 2016

Damyns hall was yet again a great weekend, with Kevin, Ian and myself on Saturday, Ian and me on the Sunday. The crowds were, it appeared down on both days, but it didn't seem to dampen the event. Saturday we had the two tables and the three of us put on a good mixed display, Sunday was a bit different in that Kevin couldn't make it and we knew the folk next to us weren't coming. The organisers gave us an extra table. Now I'm not a boy scout but I had a spare cover in the car together with a few more kits in the car we spread out.

You may recall I posted that I'd seen that flying was cancelled. It appears the regulations only apply to aerobatics and that fly ins and flypasts are ok. This was borne out by the BBMF's Spitfire appearing. All the usual suspects were there and yes despite all my usual "Hit me if I buy another kit" I did a second Henschel HS-129. By the way a Pint and a Pasty at 09.00 on a sunny Sunday morning is one of life's REAL pleasures!

And thanks to Ian for the Photos as my @>"£ing phone battery died again!



The Winning contestants in the 'Spot the Twerp' competition



The Sunday Display (must get another White cloth)



Just the thing for popping down the shops!

Allen