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### Peters Prattling

#### Southern Expo 2019

Just so you can't say you weren't warned. We've booked Southern Expo 2019 for 16th & 17th March 2019.

#### Southend (IPMS South East Essex) Judging

Thanks to Robin, Ralph & Paul Bennett for attending the end of year competition with me to help the Southend club choose their winners. In some categories it was a hard to choose a winner, for many reasons, and in others it seemed that it may not have mattered as all the entrants in the category were by the same person but choose we did. We split into 2 teams, Robin & Paul took the aircraft categories and Ralph and I all the rest, so military, figures, ships & cars. We then came together to choose the overall winner from the categories. In the end we decided on a large-scale scratch built fantasy armoured vehicle by Andy Bamber.

#### Lancing Show 12th May

My thanks to Robin & Graham for attending the Lancing show with me. It was a really good run down in the morning as the sun was shining but somewhere during the day the rain set in and it was fairly soggy on the way home but we all got home safe non-the less.

The show had its usual vibe, with plenty of people stopping to have a chat about the models on the table and plenty of bacon butties & cake helped to make the time fly by. For me I picked up some bargain books on Israeli Tiran & Sherman tanks plus a book on Saab Griphens with a 1/144<sup>th</sup> scale decal sheet to model the planes featured. I also bought (thanks to Robin) a Tamiya 1/35<sup>th</sup> Tilly for 310 and a Minicraft Boeing 757 (also for £10) with the aim of finally modelling one of the Iron Maiden "Ed Force One" marked planes. I was trying to build a Welsh Model version which was a vacform fuselage but I've been struggling with that so hopefully this will speed the build.

Wally & wife Sue made a brief appearance and also did pretty well on the raffle, winning 2 prizes.







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We also were asked whether we might be interested in attending a show @ the Gatwick Aviation Museum in October. They were looking to have the Shackleton and Lightning engines running on the day and other open cockpits. I said provisionally yes, sounded interesting.

### Medway Model Show - 1st & 2nd September

Do we want to attend this show? It's back at the REME Museum in Chatham and we can attend on one or both days.

# Essex Wildlife Trust (EWT) Military/History Event, Saturday 2nd June 2018

We've had an invitation to attend this event. Are we interested? Graham has said yes but we could do with a few more attendees.

I'm guessing we would have to supply our own tables/gazeebo etc. but we have had an offer to potentially have tables inside the visitor centre.

#### Essex Wildlife Trust

Ingrebourne Valley Visitor Centre At Hornchurch Country Park











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#### **Club Display Table Cloths**

Something that came to us as an idea at the end of this years Southern Expo was a nag by Allen Roffey for some new cloths for the club display as the ones we have are a mismatch of colours and their edges aren't particularly neat anymore after many years of usage. The initial thought was to buy cloths which were relatively thick and fitted the standard 6 foot tables with sewn edges to stop them fraying (something like a fitted sheet). Somehow I had a brain wave and did some Googling and found some companies which produce cloths which not only fit the standard 6 foot tables we tend to use but we can also have our club name & logo printed on them. My thought would be to have 1 cloth with this (or possibly a runner which we throw over instead) and then plain cloths to fit the rest of the tables. Colour, possibly a light grey as that would go with most of our models and also would match in with our club shirts.

I'll try and get some costs together soon and report back in a month or 2s time. Something like one of these:-





#### Forthcoming Shows in 2018

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.

	2018		
May 26 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	IPMS Torbay, Torquay Town Hall, Castle Circus Torquay Devon, TQ1 3DR		
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Saturday)	IPMS Salisbury Model Show, Wyvern College, Laverstock Salisbury, SP1 1RE		
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Sunday)	Northern Model Show, Parks Sports Centre, Howdon Road, North Shields, NE29 6TL		
June 9 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Shepway Military Model Show, Hawkinge Community Centre, Folkstone, Kent CT18 7FP		
June 16 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	East Neuk Model Show, Cupar Old Parish Centre, Short Lane Cupar, Scotland KY15 5EQ		
June 17 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	West Norfolk IPMS Annual Model Show, Downham Market, Norfolk, PE38 9HS		
June 17 (Sunday)	Coventry & Warwickshire Show, Midland Air Museum, Rowley Road, Coventry, CV3 4FR		
June 23 <sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)	Ipswich Model Show, Ipswich and District Indoor Bowling Club, Ipswich, IP4 4JU		
June 24 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	MAFVA Nationals, Burgess Civic Hall, Westwood Road, St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 6WU		
June 30 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	IPMS Plymouth Model Show, Plymouth Guildhall, Guildhall Square, Plymouth, PL1 2BJ		
July 7 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Hailsham District Scale Model Club, Community Civic Hall, Vicarage lane, Hailsham, East		
July 7 (Jaturday)	Sussex, BN27 2AX		
July 8 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	North Somerset Show, The Helicopter Museum, Weston-Super-Mare, BS24 8PP		
July 14th (Saturday)	Romsey Model Show, Ampfield Village Hall, Morleys Lane Romsey, Hants, SO51 9BJ		
July 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)	Essex Modellers Show, Hannakins Farm, Billericay, Essex		
July 28 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	East of Scotland Show, The Boomerang Community Centre, Dundee, DD4 6ET		
August 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	IPMS Avon Show, Thornbury Leisure Centre, Alveston Hill, Thornbury, BS35 3BJ		
August 25 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	Scale Scotland, BT Murrayfield Stadium, Roseburn St, Edinburgh, EH12 5PJ		
September 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Medway Model Club Show 2018, The Royal Engineers Museum, Prince Arthur Road,		
(Saturday & Sunday)	Brompton, Gillingham, Kent, ME4 4UG		







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September 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)	East Riding Yorkshire Show, The Rix Pavilion, Driffield Showground, Yorkshire YO25 9DN		
September 8 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday)	South West Cornwall Show, Cornwall College, Redruth, Cornwall TR15 3RD		
September 9 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	Chiltern Show, Weatherly Centre, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade, SG18 8JH		
September 15 <sup>th</sup>	IPMS Farnborough Modelfest, Kings International College, Watchetts Drive, Camberley, GU15 2PQ		
(Saturday)	Battle of Britain Day @ the 1838 ATC Headquarters, Wood Lane, Elm Park, Essex, RM12 5JB, organised by the Hornchurch Aerodrome Historical Society		
	Aberdeen Modellers Show, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Aberdeen Treetops, AB15 7AQ		
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wings & Things 2018, University Academy Holbeach, Park Road, Holbeach, PE12 7PU		
(Sunday)	IPMS Keighley, University Academy Keighley, Keighley, West Yorks, BD20 6EB		
September 30 <sup>th</sup> (Sunday)	IPMS Brampton, Burgess Civic Hall, Burgess Civic Hall, St Ives, Cambridgeshire PE27 6WU		
October 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday & Sunday)	South West Model Show, Tank Museum, Bovington, Wool, Dorset, BH20 6JG		
October 14th (Sunday)	Lincoln & Newark Show, Southwell Racecourse, Rolleston, Newark, NG25 0TS		
October 20th (Saturday)	Glasgow Modelfest, Bellahoustoun Leisure Centre, Bellahouston Drive, Glasgow, G52 1HH		
November 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Saturday)	Letchworth Model Showcase, The Icknield Centre, Icknield Way, Letchworth, SG6 1EF		
November 10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> (Saturday & Sunday)	Scale Modelworld 2018, Telford International Centre Telford, Shropshire TF3 4JH		
December 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)	<b>London Plastic Model Show</b> , Haverstock School, Haverstock Road, Camden, London NW3 2BQ		

Peter

### **Robins Ruminations**

#### **Lancing Show Report**

The Lancing show is always one I look forward to, it just seems almost like a club meeting with added members of the public thrown in for good measure. Peter had offered to drive and with the unusual occurrence of an additional club member in the car, Graham, we were set for a good day out. However the day had an inauspicious start with Peter & Graham running slightly early and me running slightly late, which caused me to open the door to them dressed in only a towel around my waist. So Peter and a shocked Graham loaded the car while I dried off and dressed quickly to get away on time, it could have been worse, I might have had the towel around my head!

The drive down was a pleasant, and chatty one, but as ever it seems when Peter and I have gone to Lancing, as we crossed into Kent the clouds built up obscuring what had been a bright and sunny morning. Still it didn't rain at all on way to Lancing so it wasn't too bad, but when we got out of the car it was quite breezy and decidedly on the cool side. However we unpacked and set up the club stand and went for a wander around looking for anything of "interest" under the tables. I immediately snaffled the Airframe Album of the He. 219 for £8, about half price and as I'm building the 144<sup>t,h</sup> four + model, just what I needed. I also picked-up an Airfix Me 109 E1/4 for a £10 note. Now I know the Airfix 48<sup>th</sup> 109 isn't the most refined kit of the aircraft but it certainly isn't the worst either by a long chalk and coupled with the fact that it comes complete with all the parts to make an E1 through to the E7, it also comes with 250 and 500Kg bombs, a bomb dispenser rack with 4 50Kg bombs, three types of spinner, a tropical filter and of course let's not forget a drop tank.

It was time for a break and so I snaffled a couple of bacon rolls and trust me, they were spot on. Suitably refreshed and with the table fully set-up the three of us took it in turns to man the stand or wander around and admire the other clubs handiwork and have a few chats, very civilised. Wally and Sue put in their regular appearance for an hour or so before going on to their destination along the coast, leaving their raffle tickets with us. I was going to walk down the town but only got as far as the foyer because the weather had turned very cold and had started raining. I retreated back into the hall for a coffee. After lunch I forced a large piece of homemade chocolate cake down with my coffee, only to help out with the shows finances of course, naturally no pleasure on my part in any part.







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The afternoon passed in what seemed like a flash, as most model shows seem to, but it didn't stop me purchasing an Eduard Me 109 F-4 and a Mig 17, both 48<sup>th</sup> of course. I also picked-up a couple of decal sheets for North Vietnamese Mig 17's, Mig 19's and various versions of the Mig 21. That only left the raffle to be drawn and guess what? We didn't win anything, however Wally did, twice, and so I will have the prizes in my bag on club night. The show wrapped up and we headed home in cold, blustery rain, which turned very heavy at points, accompanied with the occasional gentle snores from Graham. However just to prove the sun does shine on the righteous, the rain stopped as we dropped off of the M25 at Brentwood and then unloaded the club odds and ends and my models at my home in the dry, a very satisfying day. My thanks to Peter for the safe and comfortable drive there and back and the good company of Peter and Graham for making the day so pleasant.

#### A jaunt to the seaside

Last Wednesday, Paul Bennett, Ralph, Peter and myself converged on the meeting room of IPMS South East Essex to act as judges for their end of year judging and prize giving. After a soft drink and a few munchies we split into pairs and headed in different directions around the tables. There were around a hundred and twenty models for our examination, a fairly respectable number on the night.

The judging took its normal format, for me anyway, simple criteria, seams filled, wheels straight and tyres all touching if multiple axles. Flying surfaces aligned, a reasonable paint job and overall finish, after these criteria are met, it's just down to the nit picking to decide the winner from the models still left standing as it were. Some of the classes were really easy to decide the winner, however some were more difficult, one we decided simply by the amount and method of exhaust staining! Once we had judged all the normal classes, we all joined together and judged award classes, best in show, best rigged etc. Once we had done this we left Peter to give out the awards to the happy and in some cases, surprised club members. Just to not return empty handed I won a prize in the raffle, I did actually win a second time but I declined the second prize as when asked to pick another ticket, I picked my own ticket out of the cup. So the evening drew to a close and we all spilt up and made our various ways home. A pleasant evening and very interesting one to see how another club runs its competition.

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

Last month was the first of our competition evenings of this year's season. It was well represented by the twenty two models on the judging tables, which were all of a most acceptable quality and presentation, well done to all those that entered, you did yourself great credit. Or was it perhaps you didn't want to be in the running for the Bob Plumridge trophy I wonder?

It only leaves me to congratulate Ian Brown in the miscellaneous section for winning with his Ferguson TE20 tractor and Kevin Curly for winning the AFV class with his Light Dragon and gun.

In the aircraft classes Steve Crust won the larger scale with his Israeli Ayit, or A-4 Skyhawk to most people. Paul Bennett won the smaller scale aircraft section with his impressive B-58 Hustler.

#### Robin

# Competition Results for 1st Round 2018

## **Wally Arrowsmith Trophy (Aircraft)**

1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale or Less

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Bennett	B-58 Hustler	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ian Brown	Douglas DC-3 Dakota	39
3 <sup>rd</sup>	John Bennett	Avro Shackleton MR2	32
4 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Bennett	Supermarine Spitfire IX	27
5 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Thomas	Short Stirling	19
	Peter Bagshaw	Focke Wulf 190 A-4	17
	Brian Thomas	Gloster Javelin	13
	Graham Hill	Polikarpov I-153	12
	Peter Bagshaw	Hawker Hurricane Mk.1	9
	David Morse	Avro Vulcan	2
	David Morse	Handley Page Victor	0

#### 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Scale or less

Paul Bennett General Dynamics B-58 Hustler



Ian Brown Douglas DC-3 Dakota



John Bennett Avro Shackleton MR.2

Paul Bennett Supermarine Spitfire IX



**Brian Thomas** 



Peter Bagshaw



**Brian Thomas** 



Graham Hill Polikarpov I-153



Peter Bagshaw



David Morse





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

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1st	Steve Crust	A-4 Skyhawk	60
2nd	Brian Thomas	Cessna O-2 Skymaster	58





### Positions after 1st Round

Position	Entrant	Points
1st	Paul Bennett	44
2nd	Steve Crust	25
3rd	Bob Lawrence Ian Brown	23
4th	Brian Thomas	22
5th	John Bennett	21
	David Morse Peter Bagshaw	10
	Graham Hill	5

### **IPMS Hornchurch Trophy (Miscellaneous)**

Military Vehicles

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1 <sup>st</sup>	Kevin Curley	Light Dragon & Antitank gun	44
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bob Smith	M3 Grant	31
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mick Pitts	BergPanther 3.7mm flak	30
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Mears	M1902 Field gun	26
5 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Hill	Stug III	23
	Bob Smith	M4A1 Sherman	21
	Peter Bagshaw	Valentine III	13

### Miscellaneous - Armour

Kevin Curley Light Dragon



Bob Smith M3 Grant



Mick Pitts BergPanther & 3.7mm Flak



Kevin Mears M1902 Field Gun



Graham Hill Stug III



Bob Smith M4A1 Sherman



Peter Bagshaw Valentine III



### Miscellaneous

Position	Entrant	Model	Votes
1st	Ian Brown	Ferguson TE20 Tractor	60



### Positions after 1st Round

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Position	Entrant	Points
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Smith	28
2 <sup>nd</sup>	lan Brown Kevin Curley	25
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mick Pitts	21
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Mears	19
5 <sup>th</sup>	Graham Hill	17
	Peter Bagshaw	5