



OUT OF THE BOX

The newsletter of Hailsham & District Scale Model Club

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OUR MODEL SHOWS

In July 2015 we organised our second Model Show which was held in Hailsham parish church, which offered us much more space, better catering and better toilet facilities. The Show was supported by a number of traders and other clubs. Attendance by the public exceeded our expectations and traders gave very positive feedback. We are all set therefore planning our next, even more successful, show.

SHOW SUCCESS!

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PLAN AHEAD!

DON'T FORGET

HAILSHAM MODEL SHOW 2016

July 9

Once again will be at Hailsham Parish Church

NEW VENUE
Hailsham Community Centre

Open 10:am - 4pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hi everyone!

A big Welcome to the first issue of our new newsletter .

It is called **Out of the box** which is where our kit materials, paints, aftermarket parts all originate. We plan to have something of interest to all our members whatever their field of interest.

We have planned "**Out of the box**" to become a quarterly publication issued the first week of every Jan, April, July and October. It is intended to be a record of our club's activities, to include short pieces contributed by members on all aspects of modelling and to inform about future events of relevance to our hobby.

Contributions by our members will be the "food" which will nourish our new "offspring" which, suitably fed, is sure to grow from strength to strength.

We will be having regular features including a *Meetings Round Up*, a *Top Table Gallery* showing examples of models brought to our meetings and from Nick R we will have *Nix Kwik Tipz*, a series of short and to the point tips to aid modellers.

We will also review shows that we attend and include articles of interest written by our members. Do we have any cartoonists among our members? Well it would be good to have some humour in our publication. Above all else we must have constructive feedback to help us improve.

It is hoped that non members that read "Out of the Box" will also be inspired to join us after seeing how sociable model making can be, and what levels of skill can be developed and shared.

Editor

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CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



Welcome to the first of our quarterly club newsletters.

Firstly a big thank you to Richard Bosly for coming up with the idea of producing a club newsletter and for putting in so much hard work to make it a reality.

Well 2015 has been a fantastic year for the club, with another very successful show back in the summer, our first in house club competition in November and an increase in membership numbers, all of which points to very promising possibilities for 2016.

It has been so good to see members working on their current projects at monthly meetings and to have such a warm, friendly and welcoming atmosphere on meeting nights. It has taken some years but I feel that the club

has now become what was envisaged when it was started over 15 years ago, and this is down to all of the members who turn up regularly to the two meetings we have each month.

But what of the future for the club in 2016. Well it is hoped that we will become an IPMS branch as well as our current MAFVA branch status. We are planning to attend three model shows in the first six months of the year as well as organising our own third annual model show in July. I am also hoping that we will be able to expand the club membership even further and in particular the number of junior members that we have.

This is the first of our club newsletters, however for it to continue it requires us the club members to produce the

content. So if you have a review of a recent product (model, decals, tools, books etc.) that you could share, or a build article, tips to share or a piece on the history of a particular subject, model show report or pretty much anything related to the realm of scale model making then I am sure that Richard would be delighted to receive them.

Tony Roberts (Chairman)

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WARWICK International Model Boat Show 2015

By Richard Bosly, Photos by Ray Jackson

At Warwick a great array of model boats and ships was expected and we were NOT disappointed!

Tools and modelling materials seemed to be



An Italiere E-Boat - creatively displayed.

less evident although a couple of 3D Printers caught our eye which were realistically priced between just under £300 and just under £500. Examples of their



Vosper Thornycroft Air Sea Rescue Boat in service in the Maldives

work included some very intricate machine guns in 1/16th scale (the German Spandau Machine gun was very convincing and looked as if it might fire real bullets!) One of these



Drumbeat a popular off shore patrol boat in 1/24th scale



Always a favourite. One of the Thames Sailing Barges exhibited by the Thames Barge Model Association

machines could be a wonderful asset for a club like ours.....sigh!

As usual the Scale Model Warship Group put on a good display of destroyers, Fairmile and other coastal craft.

There were several Italiere Schnellboots on view and it was surprising to see just how big they were at 1/35th scale.

This is a show that has most appeal to the radio control model boat fraternity, although there was a lot to interest all modellers.

MEETINGS ROUND-UP

09/10/15

10 members were present including three new recruits. Ian F, Cliffe and Matthew P were welcomed to the club, All bring with them their interests in AFVs, and Cliffe also has a yen for ships and the Tudor Navy. No completed models were brought for display today.

Details of our first “Out of the Box” competition were announced and models made without aftermarket enhancements or dioramic effects will be judged at our meeting on the 27th November. The model can be anything produced wholly from a plastic kit, any scale, any subject! The winner would be the model with the majority vote from the judges.

23/10/15

A very well attended meeting this evening. A big welcome to Owain Roberts who becomes our first junior member. Richard Harris brought a selection of his wonderful models of big American Jets and a couple of biplanes including his “Amazing Waldo Pepper” Curtis Jenny.

At the meeting Richard H agreed that he would give a “tutorial” on rigging model biplanes at a future meeting which will be eagerly anticipated by all.

Richard B proposed that the club should have a regular newsletter which contained news about the club and articles of interest contributed by members. Rough layouts were shown and it was agreed that a frequency of every quarter would not be too much of a strain on the flow of editorial contributions. The result is.... This issue!

13/11/15

13 members came along to enjoy another convivial evening. Some lovely

models were brought in by Nick Richardson and Derek Hersey. Nick brought in a superb collection of Star Wars craft which were particularly appropriate with the imminent launch of the latest blockbuster. He also brought in a selection of small military dioramas. Derek brought in a small collection of helicopters one of which was made from an old Frog kit which must have been hanging around Dereks’ for a long time.

Tony brought in some sweat shirts to try for size before ordering the official club clothing. It was decided that blue with yellow writing looked best and it is this colour that will be ordered. Cost was anticipated to be around £13 each.

27/11/15

It’s Judgement Day! At this full house meeting members brought along their “Out of the Box” Models and displayed them at the Top Table. Bearing in mind that none of the models could be “worked upon” and changed by the addition of after market accessories or decals, the standards and variety of models produced was very satisfying for this our first competition. Judging was carried out by Tony, Derek and Richard Harris. Amazingly the winner was yours truly with his 1/72nd Hungarian Air Force MiG 15. Second was a beautifully made Refuelling truck in 1/48th scale by Nick Pope and in third place was a 1/76th scale SdKZ 234-2 armoured car made by Nick Richardson. A selection of the models entered are shown here. Richard Harris brought a couple more of his stunning 1/72nd scale models for display at the Top Table, a Vickers Valiant (late version) and a diorama showing a Romanian Air Force MiG 23 being prepared for a mission (pictured on

SEEN ON THE TOP TABLE

(A selection of models brought to our meetings)



A selection from the prolific Mr D Hersey in 1/72



Starwars enthusiast Nick R brought this in, the small photo hardly does it justice!



More 1/72 scale jet hardware from the R.Harris stable



A small diorama by Nick R. The detail has to be seen to be believed.

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MEETINGS ROUND-UP (continued)

The next competition announced must have come from a wicked mind because it is designed to take people out of their comfort zone. It is called "Secret Santa" and involves everyone drawing a members name from the hat and then purchasing a cheap kit of some kind to wrap up and give to the name drawn at our last meeting before Christmas. The kits will then be made up and finished in time for our meeting on the 12th February.....Good Luck Everyone!

Tony announced that Polo Shirts ordered by members would be available at our meeting on 11th December.

11/12/15

It was very nearly a full house for this our last meeting of 2015. Because we all have to drive in to the hall, it was not possible to have any alcoholic refreshment and we had to rely on Christmas Spirit!

As promised, our Club Polo shirts were available on time and ready for collection at the

slightly lower price of £11 each. Tony explained that now the stitching for the club name had been set up, future purchases would be easier and possibly cheaper.

At the meeting it was proposed that the club should become an IPMS affiliate. There are a number of advantages to this, not least of which was access to expertise, decal swaps and free entry to Scale Model World for individual IPMS members, but the big advantage was that we would be covered by IPMS insurance. At present a large proportion of club funds go towards insurance. As an IPMS club, we would attract members of IPMS living in our area to join our club and would gain from publicising of our annual model show. All in all a win – win situation. The proposal was agreed by those present.

More models were brought in for display at the Top Table, Terry brought in two delightful little Fokkers, an Eindecker and a Fokker D VII. Nick R showed us his award winning models

and a charming vignette showing a Macchi overflying some cheering Italians (which did not win an award) and Matthew brought in a couple of fantasy war game tableaux (who says we don't get variety in our modelling?)

The Secret Santa kits beautifully wrapped were put into a sack so that recipients would not know who they were from, and distributed to members, many of whom will be put right outside their comfort zone.....no doubt they will rise to the challenge. We look forward to the judging of the finished models next February.

The club wished all its members and their families a very happy Christmas and a happy and productive New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS NICK!

At the recent London Plastic Modellers Show at Islington, which was sponsored by Guideline Publications, Nick R scooped not one but THREE Silver awards from a total of five models that he exhibited. His superb dioramas of Parachutists in a dug out and German Army Engineers in the Field, which he showed at one of our earlier meetings and his fantastic Star Wars spacecraft took these honours. We are very proud of his success which should put our club on the map.....Well done Nick! See Top Table Models on pages 7&8

NIX KWIK TIPZ No 1

"Save money and use screen wash as a thinner for Tamiya acrylics. Use the ready to use stuff, not concentrate. It works well and you can buy enough to last for hundreds of models for a quid at your local pound shop. "

EURO MILITAIRE September 19th-20th Folkestone.

By Gerald Bishop

I was asked by Derek if I was interested in going to Euro Militaire with him and Nick - you bet I was! Our journey took just under 2 hours, arriving just before 10.00 am. We had enough time for a bit of fresh air and sunshine before going into the hall. Just as we went in Derek said to me "Your mind is going to be blown away with what you will see".

The main show is on the lowest floor, with trade support on the other floors selling everything for the modeller's needs. It was going to be a busy day, so we went to the exhibits first, and 'oh boy, what a sight, where do you start'. All the display shelves are painted black to show the exhibits off to their full potential. I took many photographs, but not as many as Nick, who was darting off here, there, and everywhere. I was in absolute awe at what I was looking at, the standard was so high. My main interest at the show was the figures, which is a new venture for me. As I sit here writing this I am looking at some of those

photographs, and am still amazed at the quality and standard; they are so lifelike.

There were military dioramas, and also a very large diorama of the Battle of Waterloo, complete with all the regiments and buildings. They were outstanding. Traders on the next floor up consisted of books, tools, modelling

supplies, and, of course, kits. It reminded me of kids in a sweet shop, where to look, what to buy, you certainly need plenty of money. For those who do not know this exhibition, Euro Militaire is an international modelling competition, with exhibitors coming from far and wide, and at the top of their field of interest and expertise.

I hope that next year some of you will be able to visit this show, you be inspired by what you see on display.

The pictures shown here are but a fraction of the variety and quality of the models seen.

Was my mind blown away? Oh-h-h yes!!

Gerald.



Photos © Nick Richardson 2015

MORE MODELS ON THE TOP TABLE



A couple of helicopters made by Derek H from an old Frog and Airfix kits he had secreted away.

The mighty Nimrod displayed by Derek Hersey



Fantasy War Game Tableaux by Matthew (sorry the picture is out of focus Matthew!)



Macchi Folgore with spectators by Nick R

Iconic deltas made by and displayed by Derek Hersey



Derek H's Wildcat tucked up and ready to go below.



Fokker DVII made by Terry, look at that lozenge camouflage!!

MORE MODELS FROM THE TOP TABLE



Nick R's silver awards from the London Plastic Model Show



A prizewinning little vignette from Nick R showing a couple of paratroopers in their foxhole



This nice little diorama of the Western Desert was made by Richard Heymann



Terry knows what this is, he built it.....very nice, and an unusual subject

NOTABLE ANNIVERSARIES IN 2016

Anniversary	Event
10	Start of Iraq War
40	First commercial service of Concorde (LHR-Bahrain, Paris-Rio)
60	Anglo French assault on Suez
70	First Flight of Gloster Meteor
75	The First Jeep
75	Torpedoing of HMS Ark Royal
80	First Flight over Mount Everest
80	First Flight of Spitfire
100	First Battle of the Somme
100	First use of tanks in battle



No aftermarket parts on this Mig15 by Richard B



Not sure who made this Gnat, but it's great!

Maybe these will inspire some models to display at our Hailsham Model Show 2016?

Building an Oldie.

The Gloster Whittle
By Derek Hersey

Having a special interest toward British Research and Development aircraft I decided I needed a Gloster Whittle jet, but apart from a new 1/48th issue nothing existed in 1/72nd except for the old



Frog, later Novo kit.

As luck would have it I had tucked away in the stash an original Frog Trail Blazers Whittle, in glorious yellow plastic.

Some kit collectors might be cringing now and for what was to follow, but I buy kits to be assembled. A bit of history on scale of the kit, unfortunately the fuselage was to a scale nearer 1/67th and the wings to 1/72nd, so it looked completely out of proportion. Major surgery was indicated.

First thing to do find a suitable set of 1/72nd scale plans, easily done from a book I have. Next compare what needs doing, and this is where the fun starts.



The fuselage needed cutting both horizontally

and vertically and to remove sections to get near scale size.

Once this was to the required size the fuselage was rejoined and checked against a scale plan, result was a



much nearer scale representation of the aircraft.

Next was to reshape the tailfin and rudder as they

are much too broad resulting in a squashed appearance.



The original model has only a basic representation of a seat, so a cockpit interior had to be scratchbuilt,

Once that was done the tail planes were attached. At this point a new exhaust nozzle was made from tubular plastruct and lengthened, as the moulded one on fuselage was too short and not in keeping with the correct dimensions.



Next it was necessary to box in the wheel wells

Aircraft was now fully assembled apart from undercarriage.

Camera pods were added in two places as per scale plan.

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The model was spray painted Trainer Yellow undersides with Dark Earth and Dark Green uppersurface.



Et Voila! The finished Gloster Whittle

SCALE MODEL WORLD - TELFORD

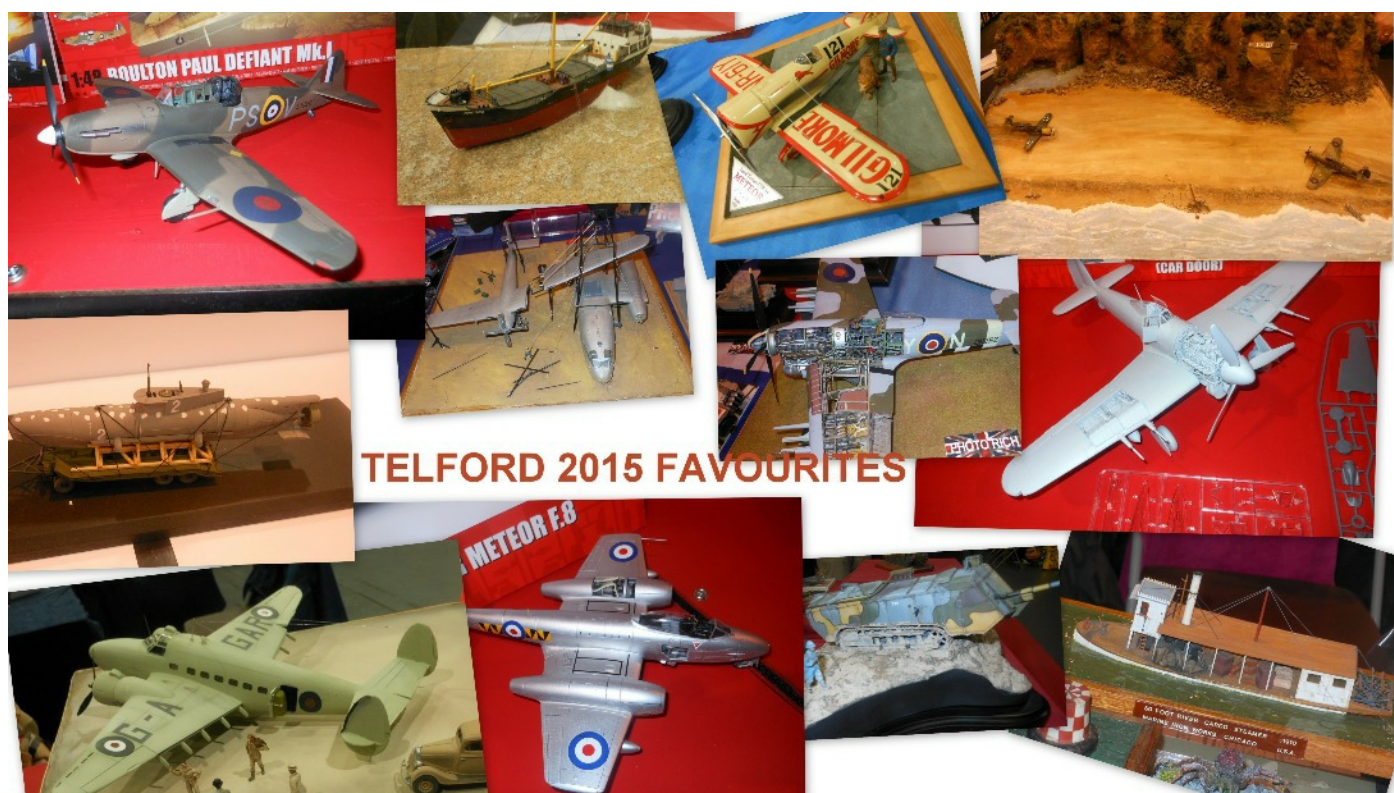
By Richard Bosly, pictures by Ray Jackson

After a rather busy journey to Telford, we found our lodgings (thank you Garmin!) After a hearty breakfast the next morning we were well prepared for the big show at Telford. The vast array of models shown by traders and IPMS groups was awe inspiring. The Airfix stand was one of the biggest and a magnet to visitors, it was a great stand. There were some stunning new releases including the earlier "car door" Hawker Typhoon in 1/24th scale

credit or cash cards which must have lost them a lot of business.

A very juicy number was shown on the Pocketbond stand which was a 1/200th scale HMS Hood, not yet released. It is huge and its price will be around £300, but the wonderful mouldings will result in a museum quality model for a competent modeller.

We spoke to Toms Model Dockyard of USA who were making their first visit to Telford. They have taken over White Ensign and are now selling their full range. There



TELFORD 2015 FAVOURITES

and a Gloster Meteor in 1/48th scale with superb engine detail. There were examples of the Whitley and Beau-fighter in 1/72nd including a late version Beau with its longer nose. The HP Victor is also to be released as the later version and comes with even more detail including a blue steel missile. Other aircraft include a 1/48th scale Kittyhawk, a new moulding of a 1/72 Jet provost. There were also examples of the Shackleton shown fully finished and in cut away to show the highly detailed interior.

What was striking was the comparatively high cost of some of the kits and aftermarket accessories emanating from Poland and the Czech Republic which were of superb quality but you need to be obsessive about your subject to be prepared to pay the prices. It was also frustrating that many exhibitors from Eastern Europe did not accept

were simply masses of models and dioramas to please military modellers too.

It would take a couple of days to do Telford justice and at least one of those days would be well spent in concentrating on paints, decals and weathering materials. The lesson learned for us was "Take more money!"

We need far more space to describe everything seen than our Newsletter can provide, and it is highly recommended that you try to get to **Telford** next year, it is a show not to be missed.



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08/1/16
22/1/16
12/2/16
26/2/16
11/3/16
25/3/16

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

15 th January	Model Engineer Exhibition	Alexandra Palace
19 -21 February	Brighton Modelworld	Brighton Centre
27 February	On Tracks	Leas Cliffe Hall Folkestone
5 March	Aldingbourne Model Expo	Aldingbourne Community Sports Centre
2 April	Welling 2016	Falconwood Community Centre
21-24 April	Intermodellbau	Westfallenhallen Dortmund
23 April	BMSS Annual Show	St Saviors Hall SW1V 1JU
14 May	Lancing Model Show	Parish Hall South Street, Lancing BN15 8AJ
9 July	3 rd Hailsham Model Show	New Venue (see page1)

IF YOU ARE NOT ALREADY A MEMBER, WHY NOT COME AND JOIN US?

If you already make models or would like to start an absorbing and satisfying hobby then wait no longer. Just turn up at one of our regular meetings (second and fourth Friday every month) which are from 7:30pm to 10:30pm . Your first Meeting is free! Just try it! We are all very friendly!

