



Minutes of Meeting July 2026

1. Chatham Dockyard Visit Report – Tony Cater

Tony Cater addressed the members regarding our recent visit to Chatham Dockyard on Wednesday the 15th July. This was a well-attended visit, and the dockyard staff made us feel very welcome. The behind-the-scenes tour of model stores was very interesting with some truly superb models to view. The stores hold 4,000 individual models and, while some other collections are larger in number of models, those are all collections at a much smaller scale. Many of the models we saw are 1/48 scale and up to 15ft in length.

The dockyard itself was very quiet on the day, which gave us great access to everything we wanted to see. We were able to see some rope being made, something that is very impressive to witness. Those of us mobile enough were able to access the submarine HMS Ocelot, a very cramped space that made us sympathise with those who served on her for weeks at a time. We were also able to look over the WW2 destroyer HMS Cavalier and the Victorian sloop HMS Gannett. The weather was very nice, and the traffic was reasonable (until we reached Southend).

Steve Bailey continued to thank Jim Smith, Ken O'Brien and Tony Cater for conducting the initial visit to the dockyard to see what they could offer us as a tour, and to Tony for organising the trip itself.

2. Club Curry Night – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey addressed the members that he is proposing to book the curry night for October. This will be at the Hasina restaurant on the Rayleigh Road for a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. The full menu will be available for us to order from, and Steve intends to have the chosen date for the Club by the August meeting.



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3. 2026 Show Schedule – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey reminded the members that the Club has submitted requests to attend the following shows in 2026 (with the name of the member organising the attendance):

- Essex Modellers Show 26th July – James Cater
- Medway Model Show 12/13 September – Tony Cater
- St Ives Model Show Brampton 27th September – Tony Cater
- Herts Model Kit Show, Bushey 11th October – Tony Cater
- IPMS Scale Model World 7/8 November – Steve Bailey
- London Plastic Model Show 6th December – Tony Cater

James Cater updated the members regarding the Essex Modellers, which is the coming Sunday. For those who haven't been before, this is at the Hannakins Farm Community Centre in Billericay. Setup starts at 8am Sunday morning and we'd like to have everything setup by 9:30 as doors open to the public at 10am. As a host club we have three tables and we'd like to have as many of our members in attendance as possible, preferably with models for the table to show the wide range of subjects we build. As always, we are looking for members to assist the Club on the door, tombola, and in the kitchen. Anyone available to do so, please speak to James.

Tony Cater update the members regarding the Medway and Brampton shows, our attendance at both has been confirmed and we have been allocated 3 tables for both shows as well.

James Cater updated the members regarding the Herts show. This is being run by Colin Levy, the organiser of the de Havilland show. This is a new show that he is organising, intending to serve as a backup should the well-known issues with the de Havilland show prevent that show from happening next year. We have been offered three tables at the show.

Steve Bailey updated the members regarding Scale Model World at Telford. Steve has the set-up team in place for this as we are limited to four members during the setup period. Any members wishing to attend the show or make models available for display on the Club stand please speak to Steve.



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4. Club Activities – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to members about our upcoming activities:

- August – Work in Progress. An opportunity to bring down your current projects and show us what you're building.
- October – Swap & Shop. Following the success of this activity last year, we have decided to run another one this year. As before, bring down whatever models you'd like to sell or swap with your name and a desired price marked on them and see what bargains you can find.
- December – Christmas social. The Club will provide a buffet for members, and as with last year, members are welcome to bring their partner with them should they wish.

5. Themed Competition Nights – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to members about our upcoming themed competitions. The upcoming themes are:

- September – TV & Film. All models must be related to TV or film to enter. This has been rescheduled from July due to the current heatwave affecting builds.
- November – In a slight change to the previous plan, this will now be a themed night with the theme of "Vietnam". This will be Vietnam as a Country and not just related to the Vietnam War.

6. Presentations – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey thanked Gary Daisley for his interesting and informative presentation on creating rock landscapes this evening, and updated the members on forthcoming presentations:

- September – Airbrushing techniques – Phil Lloyd Worth
- November – Creating realistic civilian vehicles – Stephen Snares.



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7. Feedback on Competition Entries – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey apologised to those members who had requested feedback at the last meeting and not received this. We will ensure that any entries marked with a request for feedback going forwards receive it.

8. Club Documentation – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey addressed the members that it had been brought to his attention that some of the Club's legal paperwork (i.e. rules, insurance certificates etc.) should be available for members to view. As a result these will be added to the Club website so that members can access them. These have now been added under the "Rules and Regulations" menu.

As mentioned at the last meeting, a download for the Club logo is also available on there for anyone wishing to submit an idea for the design of the proposed new Club tablecloths. Steve thanked those members who have already submitted design ideas.

9. Club Merchandise – Tony Cater

Tony Cater addressed the members that there are samples of the Club t-shirts on display this evening, as is a folder with photos of the other available items. Any members wishing to purchase any merchandise, please speak to Tony to order this.

10. Any Other Business

James Cater thanked Steve and Barry for paying us a visit as welcome guests from the Chelmsford club this evening and noted that it was nice to see some new faces at the meeting as well. The Club hopes you have all enjoyed your evening with us.

James Cater

Club Secretary and Membership Secretary

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