



Minutes of Meeting

June 2026

1. Spitfire Factory Tour Report – Tony Cater/Steve Bailey

Tony Cater addressed the members regarding our recent trip to the Spitfire Factory at Biggin Hill. It was an excellent evening, the time on the tour was interesting and informative, and everybody had a great time.

Steve Bailey continued to thank Tony on the work he put in to organise a highly successful social activity for the Club.

2. Chatham Dockyard Visit – Tony Cater

Tony Cater addressed the members regarding the upcoming visit to Chatham Dockyard on Wednesday the 15th July. Unfortunately, there has not been a sufficient uptake to be able to organise a coach for the trip, so those going will have to arrange transport amongst themselves. Those going will need to arrive at the dockyard by 10am where there will be tea & coffee on arrival. There will be a buffet sandwich lunch provided, and we will have the day to explore the dockyard until closing time at 5pm. Tony has arranged for us to have a "behind the scenes" tour of their model stores, which we will be split into two groups. Anyone interested who hasn't yet registered their intent to join us, please speak to Tony to arrange this.

3. Club Curry Night – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey addressed the members that he has not forgotten about the proposed curry night, but due to his current health issues this has understandably been put on the back burner until he has recovered.



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4. Model World Live Show Report – James Cater

James Cater spoke to members about our recent attendance at the Model World Live show at the NEC. He thanked all those who attended the show with him, and those who couldn't attend but were able to provide models for display at the show.

We had a large pitch at the show, which we filled with a top-quality display. This gained us plenty of interest from show attendees and there was a significant crowd around the stand for most of the show. This show is an interesting one to be at as it's not just a scale modelling show, and it was nice to see the stand appreciated by those from the railway and RC modelling worlds, with plenty of questions being asked about how we achieve the results we do. Naturally, we reciprocate when viewing their display, which makes for a friendly and interesting show.

The Club is intending to be displaying at the show again next year, and some of us have already booked our accommodation. James thoroughly recommended attending for those who haven't been before as it is a very interesting show and a bit different to the normal shows we attend.

5. de Havilland Show Report – James Cater

James Cater continued to speak to members about our recent attendance at the de Havilland show. He again thanked all those who attended the show with him, and all those couldn't attend but were again able to provide models that we could display on our stand.

It was slightly disappointing with regards our position as we were tucked into the corner of a back room, and whilst we had three tables, they were not of the size we normally find at shows. However, we still managed to put on a good display, and the stand got a lot of attention throughout the day. The show itself was very enjoyable, with plenty of clubs and traders in attendance.



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6. 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
- IPMS Scale Model World 7/8 November – Steve Bailey
- London Plastic Model Show 6th December – Tony Cater

James Cater updated the members that the Essex Modellers Show organisation is well underway. 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 volunteers to assist the Club on the door, tombola, and in the kitchen. Any member's available to do so, please speak to James.

7. Themed Competition Nights – Steve Bailey

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

- July – TV & Film. All models must be related to TV or film to enter.
- November – In a slight change to the original event schedule, this will now be a themed night with the theme of "Vietnam". Following discussion on the night, this will be Vietnam as a Country and not just related to the war.

8. Presentations – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey updated the members on forthcoming presentations:

- July – Creating Rock Landscapes – Gary Daisley
- September – Airbrushing techniques – Phil Lloyd Worth
- November – Creating realistic civilian vehicles – Stephen Snares.



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9. Amendments to Club Night Competition, Entry & Voting Slips – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to the members about the changes to our Club competitions from this meeting forward. There have been a number of revisions made to the entry slip, adding a space to provide the kit manufacturer, a box to tick should you wish for feedback on the build and the name of the builder moved to the reverse of the slip to anonymise the voting.

Previously the Club has taken the stance that members should not vote for their own model; however we have now withdrawn this rule and leaving it to the individual to decide which model in the class is in their opinion, truly the best build, even if it is their own.

We have also now introduced the “Two Bites of the Cherry” rule. When we initially announced this, we referenced a number of criteria for eligibility. However we have since realised that this unnecessarily complicated the issue. We have therefore decided to relax these requirements. This means that members can now re-enter a model into the competition provided it hasn’t previously won its class or an award at a Final’s Night. However, a model that has previously won a class or award can be re-entered providing that it has undergone **significant material change** (i.e. remodelled or incorporated into a diorama etc.). We will be reviewing this at the end of the year to decide whether or not it has been a successful addition to the Club Competition format.

10. Club Merchandise – Tony Cater

Tony Cater addressed the members that there have been some small price increases in regards some items of merchandise, as our suppliers’ costs have increased. For new members who have not yet purchased any merchandise and wish to, please speak to Tony to order this.



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11. Tablecloth Designs – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey informed the members that the Club is currently looking into some better-quality tablecloths for our attendance at shows. As such, he invited the members to submit designs for these. The Club's logo will be made available to download from the website to assist in this. Stephen Snares added that it doesn't have to be a perfectly finished design; we're more interested in the concept at this stage to give us some ideas to move forwards with.

12. Any Other Business

Steve Bailey asked the members for their assistance in returning the tables and chairs to their normal positions at the end of a Club night. Steve emphasised that it isn't necessary for every member to remain behind to assist, and no member is expected to do this every month. However it would be much appreciated if this task was not left to the same few individuals each and every month and he went on to say that with enough support the job can be completed in a matter of minutes. James Cater added that there is no requirement to start packing up until 10pm, and the Club has full use of the venue until then.

James Cater

Club Secretary and Membership Secretary

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