



Minutes of AGM

March 2026

1. Welcome, Apologies & Confirmation of a 50% Quorum – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey opened the meeting and welcomed all those in attendance. There were no written notices of apologies, and Steve was able to confirm there was a valid quorum of over 50% of the Club member present allowing the AGM to move forwards.

One small item before moving on to the main AGM was Steve congratulating Ed Wood for reaching 25 years as a member of the Club.

2. Approval of Previous AGM Minutes – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey addressed the members regarding the Minutes from the previous AGM, which had been made available for members to view along with the current Club Rules & Regulations. Steve asked if there were any objections to signing off the Minutes of the previous AGM. None were received; therefore, the Minutes were approved.

Steve moved on to ask if there were any items outstanding from the previous Minutes. Again, none were raised.

3. Constitutional Amendments/Special Resolutions – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey informed the members that no proposals for Amendments or Resolutions had been received and went on to ask if there were any that members wished to raise on the night. None were received.



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4. Nominations & Election of Committee – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey asked James Cater if any nominations for Committee positions had been received, of which there were none. Steve moved on to inform the members that Christian Richards had requested to stand down from his position as Liaison Officer, after serving for two years. Steve thanked Christian for all of his help over the last two years, without which many things could not have happened. Steve informed the members that Tony Cater had volunteered to fill the Liaison Officer role and asked for a show of hands in favour of this. A clear majority of members showed hands in favour to mean that an exact count was unnecessary, therefore Tony was approved to fill the position. Steve formally welcomed Tony to the Committee.

Steve continued to list the Committee members standing for re-election:

President – Stephen Bailey

Vice President – Ken O'Brien

General & Membership Secretary – James Cater

Treasurer – Adam Lyle

Competition Secretary – Mark Belamy

Webmaster – Stephen Snares

Technical Advisor – Phil Lloyd-Worth

As no nominations for any of these positions had been received, Steve felt that asking the members to approve each candidate individually was unnecessarily onerous and instead asked for any objections to the current Committee being re-elected. None were received, therefore the Committee was re-elected for another 12 months.



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5. General & Membership Secretary Report – James Cater

James Cater started his address by saying that the members had no doubt noticed that the Club has continued to grow over the past year. Membership peaked at 56 in December 2025, compared to 43 in December 2024, an increase of 30%. We have lost a couple of people with the membership renewals at the start of year, which is to be expected, and Club membership currently stood at 52 members. James expected a couple of those who hadn't yet renewed would still do so, and there are a few new people in their trial period that James expected to sign up. For 2026, James expects the membership to steadily increase meaning the Club will continue to be a healthy and vibrant one.

James finished his report by thanking the members for everything they had done over the past year and for being part of the Club.

6. Treasurers Report – Adam Lyle

Adam Lyle started his report by saying that the Club is in a good financial position, with enough funds within the account to ensure that we can cover our expenses continue to fund the initiatives and benefits of Club membership for the coming year. The Club now has a savings account where money received as payment for trips such as the Spitfire Factory tour can be placed separately from the main Club funds.

The option of paying by standing order has proved popular, with a significant number of members now choosing to pay their monthly subs via this method. To date, subs paid in this way have exceeded £400. We expect the uptake of this option to grow as the Club gains new members. Merchandise is also proving popular with the members, with sales of over £530 in the past year. This has resulted in a profit of £100.



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7. Competition Secretary Report – Mark Bellamy

Mark Bellamy reported that the competition is running smoothly. There are still issues with members not filling out the voting slips correctly, which can result in slips needing to be voided. If any members are unsure about how to fill the slips in, please speak to Mark.

Steve Bailey continued to say that he notes we have received comments and suggestions about the competition, and that we do take these into consideration. One such comment is could the make of the kit be on the entry slips, which we are now looking to implement from the start of the new competition year in June. We have also trialled a new table layout this evening, and Steve hopes that this has allowed members to get a better view of the models on display.

8. Liaison Officers Report – Christian Richards

Christian Richards started his report by saying that last year was a good year for the Club's attendance at shows, and that arranging for us to attend those shows is a big part of the role. The shows for the Club to attend this year have been chosen following the questionnaire completed by the members, which leaves things in a good position for Tony Cater to take over the post. Christian finished by saying that it was a pleasure to hold the role for the last two years and thanked the members for their assistance in that time.

9. Look Forward – Tony Cater

Tony Cater addressed the members regarding the coming year. From the positive reception of the previous Club trips, Tony has arranged a fact-finding visit to Chatham Dockyard with Ken O'Brien and Jim Smith to get some details in place for the previously suggested Club trip there. Tony is also looking at other options for destinations for a Club trip in the future, as well as other activities outside of the normal Club meetings. He welcomes any suggestions the members may have in this regard.



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10. Webmaster's Report – Stephen Snares

Stephen Snares started his report with the news that everything is running well with the Club's website. In the past year we have averaged 300 page views per month, which while not huge numbers, are significant for a Club of our size, and some of those were from overseas. We had almost 1700 site visits last year, 1500 of which were from the UK. One interesting statistic for Stephen is that 80% of the visits are on a mobile phone, whereas the website has been primarily designed for a desktop experience. He will now review the site design based on this data.

For comparison, the previous year had only 950 site visits, giving us a 70% increase in traffic to the website. At the start of this year Stephen added all of the dates of shows we are attending to the website, sometimes well before the promoters of those shows getting that information onto other platforms. This has driven a fair bit of traffic to the Club website that then leads to further engagement.

We have also had a fair number of messages from potential new members via the contact form on the website, which has led to a number of those people now being paid-up members of the Club. We rank highly in the results when people search for "model club near me" in a search engine, as Stephen hoped.

Stephen is open to comments and suggestions regarding the website and its content, should the members have any.



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11. Technical Advisors Report – Phil Lloyd-Worth

Phil Lloyd-Worth started his report by discussing the proposed feedback option on the competition forms and asked for a show of hands for how many members would be interested in this. This had a positive reception. He went on to say that this would be for constructive criticism rather than putting models down.

Phil continued to say that he is looking at arranging an airbrushing starter session (potentially at his home), with suggestions welcomed on what members would be hoping to learn from a session such as this.

Steve Bailey added in that he originally asked Phil to be our Technical Advisor as he is a very experienced and knowledgeable model maker, but that Phil doesn't want to "poke his nose" into what people are doing with their builds unless it is wanted. As such, please don't be afraid to approach Phil for help, or to make suggestions on what you think his role should encompass and/or ways it could be expanded.

Phil will also be giving further modelling-related presentations at future Club meetings.



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12. President's Report – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey started by saying that he has thoroughly enjoyed his second year as Club President. He puts his heart & soul into the Club, and he hopes that comes through. He continued to say that he couldn't do what he does for the Club without the support of the Committee and, most importantly, the members. Steve welcomes feedback from the members, good or bad, as he wants the Club to be a positive place for everyone, and for it to be the best club that it can be.

He would like the membership to continue to grow, and for the Club to have more funds coming in to be used for the benefit of the Club and its members. All of the money that comes in goes towards bettering the Club, be that subsidising the cost of outings, better prizes on themed nights, better trophies, etc. Steve is happy to work over the coming year to continue to improve the Club for the benefit of all and to continue to grow the membership numbers.

Steve is aware that he can be ambitious and feisty and hopes that the members are all aware that he never intends to offend anyone, but that he just talks as straight as he needs to in a given situation.

Looking forward, Steve would like the Club to reach 70 members by the end of 2026, and as long as the members are happy for Steve to fulfil the role of Club President, then he is happy to perform that role. Steve finished by thanking the members for their support and for putting their trust in him for another year.

This concludes the AGM portion of the meeting.



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13.Finals Night and Airfix – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey informed the members that he has approached Airfix with the hopes of them being able to send a representative to our final's night in May to present the awards. Airfix have kindly accepted the invitation and have also now sponsored our final's night. We now have a new trophy (the Airfix Trophy) to be presented on final's night for the best Airfix model on the table that night. Any model built from an Airfix kit that has made it to the final's night is eligible, can all members with Airfix models in the final's please let Mark Bellamy know which they are to aide in the judging of this award. Hopefully this clears up the recent confusion on the Club Facebook page.

In addition, a complete list of the models in the finals will be available on the Club website.

14.East Midlands Model Show – James Cater

James Cater spoke to the members about the upcoming East Midlands show at the Hinckley Leisure Centre on the 12th April. So far those attending are James, Ken O'Brien, Laura Flack, and Peter Wootton (with the proviso that his back has improved by then). If anyone else would like to attend, please speak to James. The Club has four tables to fill (the same size as at Telford), so if anyone not able to attend is willing to provide models for the show, please also speak to James.

15.Key Model World Show – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to the members about the upcoming Key Model World show at the NEC on the 25th & 26th April. Steve is coordinating the attendance at the show, but is now unable to attend. Ken O'Brien has stepped in for Steve, with James Cater, Mark Bellamy, Callum Andrews, and Lloyd & Steve Ramsey also attending. If anyone else would like to attend, please speak to James. As with the East Midlands show, if anyone who is not able to attend is willing to provide models for the show, please also speak to James.



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16.Future Planning – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey addressed the members that they may have seen a change in the way the Club is now approaching promulgating the information for future events. We are aiming to have the key dates and information available up to 12 months ahead, rather than information coming in dribs & drabs. Gary Daisley has kindly returned to the role of Publicity Officer to coordinate the look forwards, in order to keep everyone informed and for the members to be able to easily look up key dates.

We have also found that with a presentation each meeting, as well as the Club business and potentially an activity as well that this was eating up the majority of the meetings social time. As such, we will now be limiting the presentations to every other month to help increase the amount of time available for socialising.

17.Proposed Club Curry Night – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey proposed the idea of a social curry night to the members. Steve has spoken to the Hassina restaurant on the Rayleigh Road towards Eastwood about the possibility of them hosting us. They can accommodate us with a single long table in the middle of the restaurant, and, if we have sufficient numbers, will set the whole restaurant aside just for us. They will also allow us free choice of their a la carte menu rather than a set menu. Steve asked for a show of hands for interest, which showed sufficient interest in pursuing this further. Steve will discuss this further with the restaurant and report back to the Club with potential dates.

18.Any Other Business

None.

James Cater

Club Secretary and Membership Secretary

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