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August 2026

1. Club Membership Announcement – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey was pleased to announce that the Club continues to grow, with the current membership now standing at 65. This means that the Club is edging closer to the ambitious target of 70 that Steve made reference to during the March AGM.

2. Club Night Subs– Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey announced that the use of the Standing Order facility, by which members can pay their monthly subs (should they so wish), continues to increase with over a 1/3rd of the membership now choosing this in preference to paying cash on the night. Steve took the opportunity to outline the benefits to the individual and the Club in using this facility and also to inform new members of its existence. Steve emphasised that whilst the choice on how to pay monthly subs remained the individuals he encouraged member's to consider switching to this method.

3. Competition Table– Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey informed the membership that useful data is now being collated in relation to monthly Competition Entries. This data will assist the Committee to review Classes and Entries plus provide information that will be used to consider the introduction of one (or more) new awards next year. Steve asked all members to ensure that their "Entry Slips" are either left on the competition table or returned to the Competition Secretary Mark Bellamy for collection at the end of the night.

4. Communication– Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey raised the issue of communication throughout the club and the current methods used to disseminate information to the membership i.e. Website, Facebook and the Group WhatsApp. However with regards the "Group WhatsApp" which is by far the most frequently used, of the 63 adult members within the Club only 41 follow the group (which for reasons highlighted on the night continues to decrease). This means that 1/3rd of the membership are (on occasions) failing to receive important information and announcements unless the committee communicate with them directly which is both inconvenient and time



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consuming for all concerned. As a result Steve announced that our Webmaster Stephen Snares is looking into options we could be introduce to ensure all members still receive important or relevant information without the need to engage in general/social correspondence should they not wish to.

5. Club Outings 2026 – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey stated that throughout the year he receives numerous suggestions for Club visits and initiatives and emphasised that whilst he welcomes all and any suggestions from the membership, assessing the genuine level of commitment from members towards such proposals is often extremely difficult. Steve went on to say that whilst he doesn't mind giving some members a friendly nudge or reminder to make a decision one way or the other, he has no desire to make a nuisance of himself by chasing individuals for their response and that he also understood that some members prefer not to engage in an activity or simply do not have the funds (as some activities can be expensive).

Steve asked that when potential activities are announced, members understand that to arrange a complex visit or activity necessitated a significant amount of work by either himself (or more often) our Liaison Officer Tony Cater, therefore before any work is undertaken it is important that the level of support and commitment from the membership to participate in the activity is known well in advance.

Steve proceeded to discuss a number of complex activities listed below that are either in planning or have been proposed and therefore a response from members as to their desire to attend or not is requested. This will allow Steve and Tony to gauge the level of interest and feasibility before progressing any further with the idea.

- **Social Evening Curry Night 5th October 19.30 Hasina Restaurant**

With 21 confirmed attendees to date this event is a GO so Steve asked members not to sit on the fence but instead take the plunge and join the rest of us for a sociable evening together whilst enjoying a meal with a few drinks.



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- **RIAT** (Royal International Air Tattoo) 16th – 18th July 2027. Coach trip, early departure, late return (Tickets approx. £80 plus Coach)
- **Scottish National Scale Model Show** 17th/18th April 2027 Perth Scotland. Flying from Southend Airport to Edinburgh then train to Perth with at least two overnight stays.
- **Scale Scotland** Saturday 4th September 2027 Edinburgh. Flying from Southend Airport with at least one overnight stay.
- **Euro Scale Modelling** Netherlands 28th Nov 2026. Flying Southend Airport to Amsterdam then 40min mini bus drive to venue with at least two overnight stays. (Budget £1,000)
- **Euro Model Expo** Germany 20/21st March 2027. Flying from Stansted Airport to Münster Osnabrück then 1 hour drive to venue with at least two overnight stays. (Budget £1,500)
- **Mosonshow** Hungary 24/25th April 2027. Flying from Stansted Airport to Vienna then 50 min drive or Southend Airport to Budapest then 2 hour drive with at least two overnight stays. (Budget £1,500)
- **The Tank Museum** Bovington Dorset. Date to be agreed. This would be a Joint visit with Medway Model Club Via Coach early departure, late return from Club Venue and Benfleet

6. 2026 Show Schedule – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey reminded the members that the Club will be attending the following shows in 2026 (with the name of the member organising the attendance):

- 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

Steve Bailey updated the members regarding the Brampton show, our attendance has been confirmed and we have been allocated 3 tables.

Steve Bailey confirmed our attendance to 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



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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 planning to attend the show please notify Steve if your available to assist on our stand either Saturday/Sunday or both. In addition quality models are required for our display on the Club stand so please speak to Steve.

Although our attendance is confirmed, arrangements for the London Plastic Model Show 6th December are still to be finalised

With reference to the Essex Modellers Show, Steve Bailey read out the following Show report on behalf of James Cater.

First off, a big thank you to everyone who attended or helped out at the Essex Modellers Show, Hannakins Farm, be it with the setup, packing down, assisting in the kitchen, providing models for display, covering the door or buying tickets for the tombola etc. It was all very much appreciated, and the show could not have happened without the support and assistance of these members.

This year's show saw a full venue, with numerous clubs and traders and more people through the door.

There were a couple of issues during the set up in regards the location of certain clubs which was not helped by a few turning up without prior notification of their attendance. However this was sorted out on the day.

The tombola proved extremely popular, with several people buying a significant number of tickets in the hope of winning a particular prize.

This all contributed to an overall and healthy profit of £1,342.40, which divided between the 4 host Clubs means each Club receives £335.60. This is approximately a 50% increase on last year and is a welcome reward for the time and effort put in to organise the Show.

After reading James report, Steve Bailey said that as per last year the Club would be making a charitable donation in support of "Models for Heroes". He concluded by



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placing on record his gratitude to James for his hard work and effort in organising the show.

7. Club Night Look Forward 2026 – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to members about our upcoming activities:

- Sept: - Presentation “Airbrush Tech n Tips” – Phil Lloyd-Worth.
- October: - Swap ‘n’ Shop. Following the success of this activity last year, we have decided to run another one this year. As before, bring along 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.
- November: - Presentation “Creating Realistic Civilian Vehicles” – Stephen Snares.
- 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.

8. 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 recent 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.

9. New Club Tablecloth Design Update – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey was pleased to report that at least 6 designs have been received for the proposed new tablecloths. Stephen Snares will now consider the various aspects of each design and produce a finished article.



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10. Club Merchandise (Club Pens and Calendar) – Tony Cater

Tony Cater gave a brief report on Merchandise sales to date which showed a steady and continuous demand for these items confirming their popularity amongst the majority of the membership. He was pleased to report that a recent order for IPMS SMC Club Pens was well received by members with the initial batch of 50 selling out via pre orders before Club Night even commenced. Tony said that subject to sufficient interest being expressed he is happy to place a further order for pens in due course.

Steve Bailey informed the membership that the time was fast approaching for work on the 2027 Club Calendar to begin. However in view of the significant work involved in designing and producing the Calendar, before asking Stephen Snares to go ahead he wanted to ensure that there was a clear level of support amongst the membership in favour of the initiative as he had no desire to spend the first 3 months of new year twisting members arms to make a purchase once they are produced. Steve asked for a show of hands from which it was clearly evident that the majority were in favour of proceeding. As a result Steve said that work on the 2027 Calendar will now commence.

Laura Flack asked if the activity dates printed on the 2027 Calendar could be more prominent and thus easier to read. This request was noted.

11. Any Other Business

There was no other Business

Steve Bailey

Club President

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