



Minutes of Meeting October 2025

1. Mick Collis Longstanding Membership Award – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey addressed the members that it was Mick Collis's 79th birthday the Sunday before the meeting, and that in talking to Mick, Steve had discovered that he hadn't received any cards, presents, or visitors. Feeling that this wasn't right, the Club presented Mick with a card and a cake. During the discussion, Mick had mentioned that he joined the Club in his early to mid-20's, meaning he has over 50 years of membership of the Club. As such, the Committee felt it was worth recognising Mick's long service, and he was presented with a certificate of longstanding membership.

2. Brampton Model Show Report – Ken O'Brien

Ken O'Brien addressed the members following our recent attendance at the Brampton show. His first comment was that if anyone hadn't been to the show before, they really should go next year as it's a very good show. Lots of clubs & traders, ample parking, and well organised. The Club had a three-table display that was well filled with models, with plenty of positive attention being received. Steve Bailey added that having seen the photos of our display, it was in his opinion the best display we have fielded this year so far.

3. Telford – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to the members regarding our final show of the year, which is Scale Model World at Telford on the 8th & 9th November. Steve is organising this show for the club. He has the setup team for the Friday arranged. Steve asked any members planning to attend at any point over the weekend to speak to him. Even though we can only have four people in the venue on the Friday, should anyone be staying from Friday night they're more than welcome to join those from the setup team afterwards and go out for a meal in the town. Anyone else planning on attending and bringing models for the table, please contact Steve. Additionally, anyone not attending but willing to loan models for the show, please contact Steve to arrange transportation.



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4. 2026 Show Schedule – Christian Richards

Christian Richards addressed the members regarding the questionnaire for next year's show attendance. Again, we will be asking members to fill in the show questionnaire as per last year, however Christian clarified that we'd only like people to tick the box for a show if they are planning to attend that show as part of the Club and be on the Club stand. If you are only planning to attend as a visitor, please do not tick the box. Questionnaires will be available at this meeting and at the November meeting, please ensure you complete one and hand to Christian by the end of the November meeting. Based on the responses received, the Committee will create a shortlist of the top responses to plan our attendances for 2026.

5. Standing Order Option for Subs – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to members about the new option to pay their monthly subs via standing order. Up to now we have operated mainly on cash payments, but banking regulation changes mean that the Club now must have a business account, which charges £5 per £100 (or part thereof) deposited as cash into the Club account. We have therefore decided that offering the option of paying by standing order is worthwhile as a cost-savings measure. As an incentive, any member signing up to payment via standing order will only have to pay £4 per month subs. This allows for a member to miss two meetings a year and still be better off than if they had paid cash.

Standing order forms are now available with the details for the Club account, and where possible, we would appreciate the standing orders to go through on the 1st of the month. Paying by standing order is of course optional, we will still accept payment of £5 per meeting in cash for anyone still wishing to do so. For anyone wishing to pay their subs by card on the night, this will now unfortunately incur an additional charge of £1 to cover the fees charged by the provider of the card payment facility.



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6. Club Night Photography – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey thanked Gary Daisley for his work taking photos of the models on the table at Club meetings and uploading those to the Club Facebook page over the last 18 months or so. Gary has now decided to step back from this role, and Andy Hillier has offered to take this over.

7. Themed Competition Nights – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey spoke to members about our themed competitions. Steve keeps a list of suggestions received and welcomes suggestions. Please speak to Steve if you have a suggestion to make. He also updated the members that the upcoming themes are:

- December – Red Theme. All models must be at least 50% red to be eligible.
- February – Beer Mat Challenge. As previously, models must fit entirely within the footprint of a “beer mat” (4 inches/100mm square), but can be any theme. As a challenge, this will run alongside the standard competition for the evening.
- April – Sand, Desert, Snow & Ice. All models must be related in some way to sand, deserts, snow, or Ice.

8. Presentations – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey thanked Jim Smith for his excellent presentation this evening, and updated the members on forthcoming presentations:

- November – Rigging warships, Ken O’Brien
- January – Scratch building Spacecraft, Terry Regan (guest speaker from the Chelmsford club)
- February – “On the Busses”, Lloyd Ramsey
- March – Hard Hat Diving, Tony Cater



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9. Club Merchandise – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey thanked the members for their suggestions for the t-shirts, which are available to purchase now, and members have no doubt had a chance to inspect the samples on display at this meeting. All shirts have the club logo on the front, and for the reverse there are 7 slogans to choose from, plus alternative options for a larger version of the Club logo or a blank back. The shirts are available in yellow, blue, or white. Sizes S to 2XL are priced at £10 each, and 3xXL to 5XL at £12 each.

Steve went on to inform the members that with the new supplier, we have managed to achieve lower prices on all merchandise with the exception of the zipped hoodie, which has gone up by 25p.

10. Christmas Social – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey addressed the members regarding a suggestion that had been received for a Club outing Christmas meal. Having reviewed the costs of this, the Committee felt that it was not viable as it would quickly prove to be an expensive evening for the members attending. As an alternative, Steve proposed the option that for our December meeting members would be welcome to bring their partners along. After a vote to see if the members would not object to this, it was agreed that partners would be welcome to attend the December meeting if they wished and would be free to enjoy the buffet.

11. Flyers & Business Cards – Steve Bailey

Steve Bailey informed the members that the Club has purchased a new run of flyers & business cards as we had almost run out. Please take some and hand them out to anyone who would potentially be interested in joining the Club.



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12. Any Other Business

Steve Lester addressed the members, reminding them that following on from his presentation at the previous meeting, he had set the challenge to build a model from recycled junk for display at the November meeting. Steve has acquired a genuine Blue Peter badge to be a prize for the winning entry.

Jim Smith additionally added that should anyone wish to have a copy of his notes from his presentation, please speak to him and he would be happy to provide one.

James Cater

Club Secretary and Membership Secretary

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