



Minutes of Meeting 16th July 2024

1. Themed Club Nights

Our next themed meeting will be November; with the theme for that meeting being the 1980's (please see post on Facebook for further details). Going forward, we are proposing to hold a themed night where all models entered into the competition should fit the theme of the evening approximately every 6 months, with a smaller "side" event (such as the beer mat challenge) in between these. This should mean we have something going on every 3 months, without dominating everyone's modelling time.

2. Club Business Card

The Club now has business cards to advertise the club and hopefully attract new members. These will be placed at local model stores as well as being on the club table at shows. Members are also encouraged to take some with them to hand out to anyone they think may be interested in joining the club.

3. Club Website

Stephen Snares gave us an update on the status of the website, which should be going live by the end of the month. He also put out a request to the members for any details they can provide on the history of the club to populate that section of the website. Please email any information to Steve via the new Club email address, info@ipmssouthendmodelclub.co.uk

4. Presentations

We had our first Club presentation from Phil Lloyd-Worth and Andy Wright on airbrushing, with more to come. The August meeting will feature a presentation from Ken O'Brien and Gary Daisley on making seascapes. October will see a presentation from Graham Wright and James Cater on airbrushing metallic paints and finishes. If anyone would like to give a presentation to the club or has suggestions for a topic they would like to see covered, please contact Steve Bailey or James Cater.



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5. Shows

We would like to collate a list of the shows that members would like to attend for 2025, with the hopes that we can ensure we are able to secure tables to exhibit at all of these. Please speak to Chris Richards with any details of shows to enable him to compile this. We are booked in to attend the Brampton show in St Ives on the 29th September 2024, and Chris will be enquiring to see if we are booked into the Royal Engineer's show in Medway on the 7th & 8th September 2024.

6. WIP Table

This evening saw the first time we have set aside an area for "Builds in Progress", which we hope will be a regular feature of club meetings from now on. Members are encouraged to bring along their current projects to show us, or to ask questions on techniques they'd like to incorporate into a build etc. Members are also welcome to bring along anything that's been languishing on the shelf of doom that they feel might be in need of a boost to get back onto the bench.

7. WhatsApp Group

Following a suggestion from a few members, we will now be forming a Club WhatsApp group chat, which Jon Laker has kindly offered to run for us. This will be in addition to the Facebook group, as somewhere we can share those photos of our projects that might not be worthy of a full Facebook post, as well as another way for those members not on Facebook to be able to interact with the Club and its members between meetings, and for the Club to pass on updates quickly.



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8. Club Outings

Following on from the discussion last month, Steve Bailey again mentioned the possibility of a group trip to the Normandy battlefields in 2025. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Steve before the next Club meeting.

We are organising a Club trip to Duxford for Monday 16th September, standard adult admission is £29.50, details of prices for concessions can be found on the Duxford website. Anyone interested in attending, please contact Steve Bailey or James Cater.

We have also had a suggestion regarding attending Eduard's E-Day in the Czech Republic in 2025, anyone interested in attending, please contact Steve Bailey or James Cater.

9. Club Merchandise

Gary Daisley provided us with an update on the Club merchandise, with samples available to view for the baseball cap, coffee mug, and travel mug.

In addition to this, Steve Bailey notified the members that there was a questionnaire available to fill in for items the members may be interested in, to enable us to investigate costs only for items of where there appears to be a genuine interest. Members were also invited to make suggestions for any other possible items of Club merchandise they may be interested in that were not on the questionnaire.



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10. Essex Modellers Show

James Cater provided an update on the Essex Modellers Show, of which the Club is one of the organisers, which takes place on Sunday 28th July. The club will have three tables for our display and members are invited to bring models along so that we can have a full display to show off the wealth of talent and variety of build subjects within the Club. We will also be trialling Steve Lester's display units at the show as part of our ongoing attempt to revamp the Club display at shows.

The request was made for volunteers to help staff the kitchen, with several members kindly putting their names forward. Anyone wishing to donate a kit to the raffle, please bring these on the day.

The show is open to the public from 10am to 4pm but is open to Club members from 8am for setup.

11. Club Membership

James Cater gave a brief update on the current club membership. We currently have 36 members who have filled in a membership form, with a couple of less regular members who haven't attended the Club since the new forms were introduced. We also had two new attendees this month, both of whom enjoyed their evening and will be back.

12. Any Other Business

None.

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