



# Minutes of Meeting November 2024

## 1. Telford

Steve Bailey extended his thanks to all of the club members who attended the Telford show. He went on to update the membership that the show itself was very, very good, with an extremely high standard of models on display at all of the various club and SIG stands. There were also plenty of bargains to be had with the shopping side of things.

He also updated the membership on some of the points mentioned during the club leaders meeting on the Saturday:

- IPMS membership now stands at 5,300.
- Telford is now the largest scale model show in the world.
- The IPMS were disappointed in the number of volunteers who offered to assist during the show.
- There are now too many IPMS branches and SIGs to be able to accommodate everyone at Telford.
- The IPMS require accurate returns from all clubs/SIGs to ensure they qualify for continued affiliation and note that some clubs are clearly making it up. Some clubs and SIGs are too small to be recognised as such by the IPMS, a minimum of 5 IPMS members are required for any club or SIG to be recognised.
- Club returns are required by March. Any club not completing their return now risks losing their status as an IPMS affiliated club.
- The setup team for all clubs/SIGs for Telford must all be IPMS members due to insurance requirements.

## 2. Themed Competition Nights

Steve Bailey thanked all members for the turnout of models fitting the evening's theme of the 1980's, and the high standard of builds on display.

The February 2025 meeting will feature the second instalment of the "Beer Mat Challenge". As per 2024, this will be held as an additional element to the regular competition. The rules remain the same with a maximum base size of 4 inches x 4 inches, or 10 x 10cm, and no element of the model allowed to overhang the base. Maximum height is 16 inches/40cm.



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The March meeting will be a fully themed night, with the theme being “Nose Art”. This naturally applies to aircraft, but also extends to any military/non-military vehicle or vessel sporting equivalent personalisation artwork by the crew.

In June we will be having a theme of the Napoleonic War to commemorate the 210<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle of Waterloo.

### 3. Club Presentations

Steve Bailey updated the members on the schedule for Club Presentations. He thanked Phil Lloyd-Worth for stepping in at short notice to cover the presentation for the evening as the 3D printing presentation had to be postponed due to illness. Upcoming presentations are as follows:

- January 2025 – “3D Printing”, delivered by Stephen Snares and James Cater
- February 2025 – reviews of products and Kits purchased at Telford
- March 2025 – “Soldering Techniques” – Phil Lloyd-Worth & Airfix 1/24 Hellcat kit and Build review – Steve Bailey

There will not be a presentation for the December meeting as this evening is reserved for our Christmas Social. The Club will be providing some buffet food for this meeting.

### 4. Show Attendance

Steve Bailey thanked the members for their responses to the show questionnaire that was available at the previous meeting. The Committee has selected 8 shows to support and attend in 2025 from this list:

- Model World Live (NEC) - 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> April (2 day show)
- de Havilland Museum Scale Model Show - 18<sup>th</sup> May
- Mildenhall Model Fair - 7<sup>th</sup> June
- West Anglia Scale Model Show - 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- The Essex Modellers Show – 27<sup>th</sup> July
- Medway Model Show – 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> September
- St Ives Model Show, Brampton – 28<sup>th</sup> September
- IPMS Scale Model World, Telford – 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> November



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The club has made contact with all show organisers, requesting a minimum of 3 tables and we have now received confirmation of having places reserved at all shows.

## **5. Awards for the Finals Night**

Steve Bailey updated the members following the discussion at the previous meeting about having some sort of trophy for each class at the finals night. The club has now purchased a set of 12 wooden shields with metal plaques on them to be engraved with the name of the winner for each year. There are sufficient spaces for over a decade of winner's names. The club managed to get a good deal as these are technically seconds, having originally had some (barely visible) holes drilled in incorrect places. However, we have the skills within the club to rectify this.

The Committee will be reviewing the existing club trophies for special awards and determine whether they are still relevant to the club going forward.

## **6. Bank Charges**

Steve Bailey updated the members that we have been informed by Lloyds Bank that they are withdrawing the "Treasurers Account" that we currently have, and we will be moving us to a "Business Account". This unfortunately comes with an unavoidable monthly usage fee as well as fees for making deposits etc. Steve has challenged this with the bank, but has reluctantly had to accept this change as all of the banks are doing the same. Adam Lyle commented that this is due to a change in legislation regarding money laundering.

## **7. Club Trips**

Steve Bailey updated the members that the next Club trip is currently scheduled to be to HMS Victory in 2025, exact date TBC.

However, whilst at Telford Steve met with a representative of "Airfix" to explore the possibility of a Club "behind the scenes" trip. They seemed enthusiastic about this and offered to put on some presentations and allow us to see CAD drawings etc from some of their recent releases. Steve is awaiting further communication from Airfix (Dale Luckhurst). If this is not forthcoming Steve will chase him up before the next meeting.



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## 8. Club Merchandise

Steve Bailey thanked Andy Hillier for taking photographs during the evening for use in the proposed 2025 Club Calendar and thanked the members for bringing their models along to be photographed. The club is hoping to have 50 Calendar's available for purchase at the December meeting.

Merchandise sales continue to do well and Gary Daisley reminded members that we now have a much expanded range of merchandise available; any members wishing to purchase any items should speak to Gary.

## 9. Any Other Business

Steve Bailey updated the members that the club now has our first "international member", Philip Segal. Philip came by the stand at Telford and chatted to the members on the stand at that time. He was born in Rochford and moved to California as a teenager, going on to work as a producer in the TV and film industry. Philip makes regular trips back to the UK and hopes to be able to attend club meetings when he is over here. He has his own YouTube channel under the name of "sprueverse", should any members wish to view the type of models he builds.

**James Cater**

**Club Secretary and Membership Secretary**

**IPMS Southend Model Club**