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VICKERS AND TARTS?

Pure coincidence, not a theme night, Paul Capon and Chris Southwood both bring along completed 1/35 Vickers Mk1 tanks.

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Hopefully the first newsletter of 2023 was a success. I certainly appreciated the emails saying so. There has been some great models on display at club nights even though my own attendance has been poor. I've been remodelling rather than modelling as my daughter has roped me into fitting her a new bathroom in London. Richard C too has had to endure absence due to another bout of COVID but generally club attendance even in these colder months has been great. 22 members were in attendance when the Group Build (GB) for 2023 was chosen after a number of ideas. 2022 saw a wide range of excellent finished A4 dioramas (and some excellent unfinished efforts if I do say so myself) from that year's GB. This year members are invited to make any Airfix kit that has been reissued under the 'Vintage Classic' label. Deadline September. OOB, improved, converted, fresh scheme or anything else, you decide.

February's first meeting saw the scout hall feeling much bigger as the extension blistered on to the side of the building meant all the tables and chairs no longer occupied the top end: just as well as 22 members partook in the nights discussion. It seems that both our Chris'es not only share names but modelling ideas as both had Panzer III to display, both in German Grey. Chris M's Panzer was part of a large display of Toon tanks while Chris S had a 1/35 example. As well as viewing the completed builds, on going works and various purchases the main event was choosing the Group Build for 2023. Looking forward to seeing the results!

Latest: Club night overview and Show report. Important sales information.

Reviews: Miniarm Turret, Airfix F.8 Meteor and AK Land Rover.

Articles: Colin W's HMS Victorious, Milliput tips.

Weather report: Building the Beaver for GB 23?

Events calendar: Club nights, shows and events.

Your Club: Bi-monthly chance to get to know your fellow member—Paul Capon.

Comms check: SMC Easter Opening times. Wanted list.

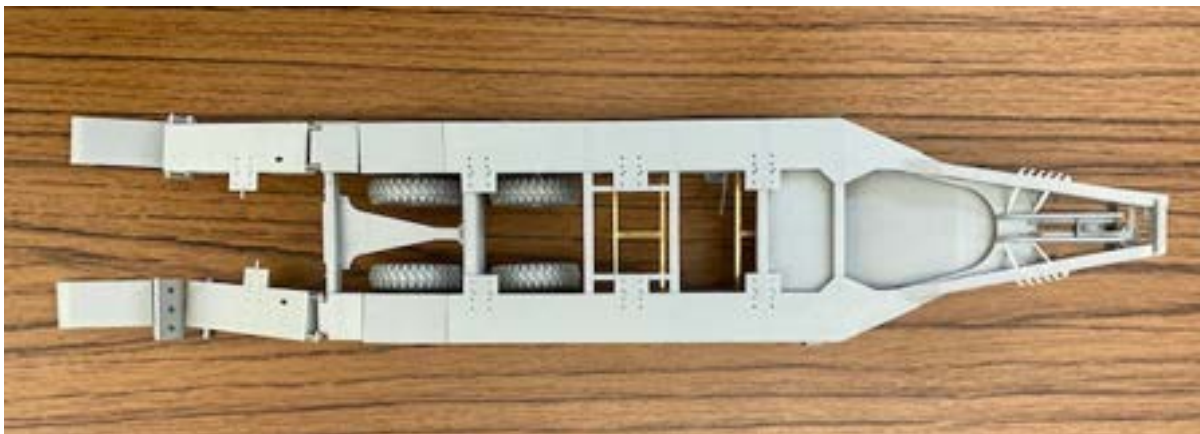


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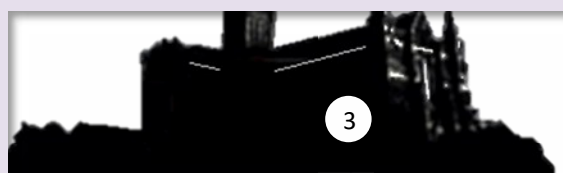
Club night on the 7th of March was packed and disappeared in a flash with the usual exchange of info on completed models, new purchases, started projects and for a nice change of pace we had a slide show presentation from Colin Whitehouse.

The 20 year anniversary of the Gulf War was the theme for club night on the 21st and while numbers were a bit low the turnout of models was impressive, especially from Ray Rodda who had more models from his own collection than the remaining members could muster combined. A real win if desert sand colour is your thing. It is interesting but perhaps not surprising that Coalition forces dominate the modelling choice when it comes to Gulf War subjects. Once again some of the progress for the Group Build was also brought along. Airfix Beavers and Jaguar 420s seem to be the most popular choices but that can not be confirmed until reveal day. April and the first night has a demo/presentation on 'tough stuff' which had everyone scratching their heads until it was revealed that the 'stuff' in question was concrete and historic examples of military use along with modelling options was the flavour of the evening. As well as a power-point show the club had casts from GNR and examples of scratch building to view. A number of projects were under way with Oz bringing in his partly complete Thunder models Swan neck transporter.



WHAT IS THIS ODD THING?

The Hammond Model Y, a low-wing, twin-boom, pusher monoplane. The Stearman-Hammond Aircraft Corporation in 1936 built the Y-1 aircraft as a joint venture for a \$700 proposal. The performance was not impressive. The Dutch airline KLM purchased an Y-1 (*PH-APY*) used for training their pilots in tricycle landings which was then bought by the RAF in 1940 to evaluate. The 1/72 kit by Avis has been made by Dave Berriman.



Annual Model Show Club Sales Procedure

The facility for Salisbury Model Club members to sell unwanted kits, books or modelling related items at the annual model show is exclusively offered in accordance with the following criteria and is subject to the following rules. Any member who submits items for sale at the Salisbury Model Show Club Sales agrees to abide by these rules.

Club Sales will be managed by a club member who is assigned to the task by the Show Organiser and whose decisions with respect to matters arising from the Club Sales facility is final and binding.

Items for sale can only be entered, or extracted by the owner with the prior knowledge of the Club Sales Manager. Failure to do so could result in confusion and potential financial loss.

Only items listed on the Club Sales Proforma will be eligible for sale. Copies of the proforma are available electronically, or in hard copy (last page of newsletter as an example). Each member will have a unique two digit number (taken from the current membership list) (eg 12) which will be entered on each proforma page and on each item offer. Items will be listed on the proforma page against a unique line serial number (eg/43) – this number will follow the membership number as in the example right. Lastly, each item is to have the selling price clearly marked on the label.

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Members will not be permitted to withdraw any sales monies from the Club Sales during the Show as this could potentially lead to confusion and financial loss. No charge will be levied against the seller for use of the Club Sales facility.

The seller retains title to their items until they are sold. Unsold items will be returned to the owner at the end of the show.

Each item will be sold for the marked price. Sellers, or Club Sales staff, will not be permitted to alter, amend or negotiate the price once it has been entered into the Club Sales. Sales are strictly cash only. Items should be sold for whole £s or multiples of 50p.

Club Sales will run for the duration of the Show, or until all items are sold. Kits and other items offered for sale are assumed to be, and are sold as, complete and unstarted. Where this is not so, items are to be clearly marked as such, showing deficiencies where possible.

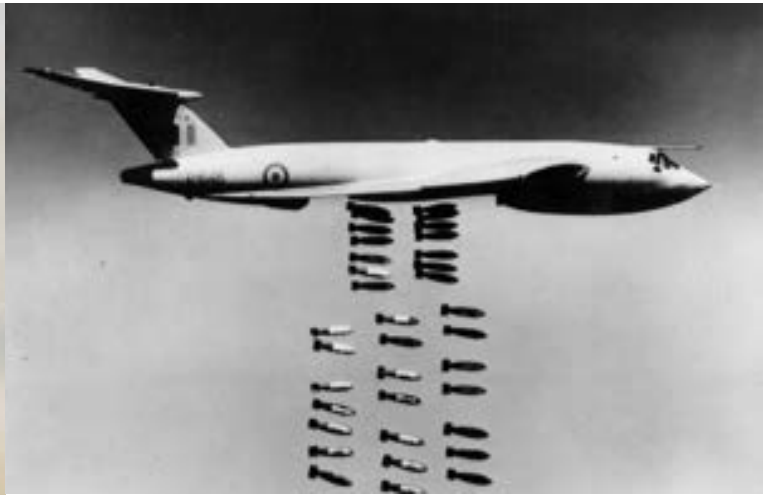
Items not clearly marked with the members number, item number and price will be denied entry into the Club Sales by the Manager. This detail is to correspond with the information contained on the Club Sales proforma.

Item labels must be white self-adhesive type placed in a prominent position. Post-It notes are not acceptable as these can easily become detached.

Show report: YEOVIL 2nd April 2023

The show was well attended with plenty of footfall. Traders were a little understocked, paint was very thin on site. Mike Hobbs and myself, Bob, had a lot of "how do you do this and that" directed to us regarding the models on show. Overall lots of interest in our display.





Left: Dave Berryman's Airfix Victor, a sizable model in 1/72 and above the real deal, a B.2 Victor in strategic bomber role releasing it's bomb load.

Review: MINIARM 'BEREZHOK' Resin Turret for BMP-2

MINIARM have been in production for a number of years, at least 10 judging by posts on the internet, yet to me a new company. This is probably due to a couple of reasons.

1. No UK importer or distributor
2. They specialize only in 1/35 Russian equipment.

I was looking for the 'Berezhok' turret, an improved turret for Soviet BMP-2 vehicles and was aware Trumpeter were producing the improved BMP-2 as a kit. As yet though it has not been released and at over £53.00 it would be a lot to potentially invest just to get a turret. A search of the web had shown Miniarm made a resin kit but it was nowhere to be found for purchase, even on Ebay.

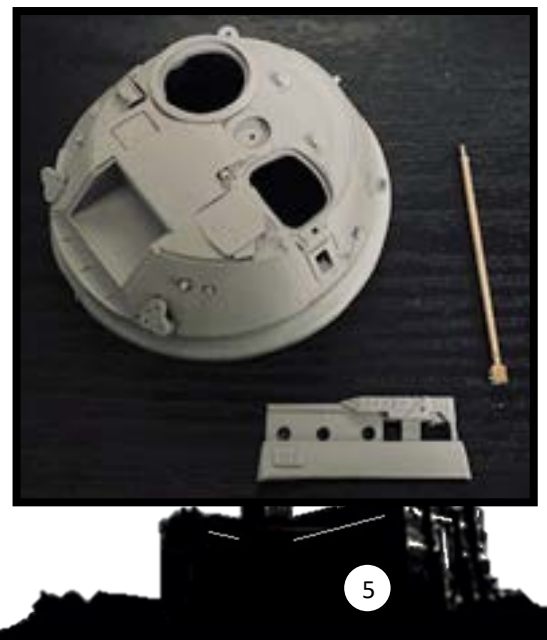


But Ebay is a living beast and despite not expecting anything different in my search I typed the word Berezhok into the site 2 weeks later and lo— It appeared. I pressed 'buy it now' as bidding is fun when you can afford for it to go to some one else, not so for me on this one. At £34.00 it wasn't cheap but less than the Trumpeter kit and resin is always a bit dearer.

On arrival the small white box (with the picture above on the outside) was eagerly opened and inside was some of the finest resin parts I have ever seen.

The turret comes with a lot of detail present but is hollow with a separate base. Both elements have significant cast material to remove but it is scored and not excessively thick. 43 parts are presented and all will need clean up as with any resin kit, but the blocks are neatly done. Also included is a brass gun barrel with separate screw on square muzzle to represent the 2A42 30mm autocannon. The instructions are simple but clear on an A5 piece of paper.

The box says it is a high quality cast product and I have to agree, it really is refined, such a shame that Miniarm are not easily available in the UK but some European shops do list Miniarm as a range, though how that has been effected by the recent aggression against Ukraine would need checking out. I'll refrain from explaining why I wanted this kit or about the real turret as this is just a review, in about 10 years when I actually start building I'll do a fuller article.... You know how it is with us modelers, buying is the easy part. Sibó.



Review: Airfix Gloster Meteor F.8

Released in 2022 was a 'new' Meteor F.8 from Airfix. Is it a new tool Airfix F.8? - Airfix released a Gloster Mk.F.8 some years back in 2009, in 1/72 scale in a standard Airfix box and also as a limited-edition release for the Airfix Club in 2012.

The new release comes in the usual Airfix Box 11ins. X 5 1/4 ins. Box art is very good showing three Meteors from No 74 (F) Squadron RAF Horsham St. Faith Norfolk July 1955 one in tail colours the other two without.



Opening the 2022 box there are 4 sprues plus a small packet containing the clear parts and a decal sheet. The decals are for the 74 Squadron airframe shown on the box cover and the other is for No.350, Belgian Air Force, Beauvechain, Belgium in the early 1950's. Both have masses of common stencil data decal's that will take forever to place. The instruction booklet has 8 pages with 79 steps shown in 3d pictures. This is much easier to follow than previous instruction sheets. The club version from this tooling is a F.9.

The previous F.8 from 2009 (though in an Airfix box) is the MPM kit and was released as a standard kit as well as the Club model which I have. It comes in a box 12 1/2 ins. X 9 1/2 ins. Box art comprises Club logo and two full box length Meteor profiles, WK799/A No. 92 Squadron RAF sept 1952 and WE863/A No.19 Squadron RAF July 1952.

Inside the box are 2 sprues plus a loose clear sprue. The Decal sheet in the MPM version is much smaller with less common stencil detail. Decals for the two versions on the box art are included. The Instruction booklet comprises of just 4 pages with the old type Airfix line pictures in 21 steps. I'd expect the sheer number of parts and more comprehensive instructions in the new release will make for a better build. I will let you know. Mike Hobbs.



**Tamiya's R/C kit is a SWB in 1/10 but not conventional plastic, and if we want to broaden the definition then Airfix did do a SWB 'esque Landy for Shaun the Sheep. In 1/76 The Bloodhound kit had a SWB Land Rover, better than the LWB Airfix later gained from JB models.*



Inbound: AK INTERACTIVE. SWB Series II Land Rover

Despite being one of the most famous vehicles in history there was a time when in the modelling world the Land Rover was pretty under-represented. Not so now with 1/24 and 1/35 versions of Series III By Revell and Italeri, Tamiya's classic and always wanted Ambulance and Pinky, 1/24 Range Rovers appear with Defenders (Wolf) also out in 1/35 and 1/10. The Defender has been well looked after by Hobbyboss with a range of WIMK and US Ranger types. Conversions abound too. However one noticeable thing about all the 1/35 and 1/24 kits, they are all Long Wheel Base versions (LWB), no plastic kit so far exists in the scale modelers world of the shortened vehicle (SWB).* Until now! **



The Land Rover 88 Series IIA From AK Interactive (Kit No # AK35012 1/35th scale) has been announced and it looks good, tooled after consultation with Land Rover themselves no less. AK35013 and AK35014 will also follow and each version includes Photo-etched parts.

The first release is the short wheel base 88 inch utility without a cover over the drivers cab and with an open back. One of the most popular versions used of this vehicle and seen in many armies across the globe mounting Recoilless Rifles and HMG, but also perfect for farm dioramas. Containing a bit more plastic is the Station Wagon version with completely enclosed cab and back with hard top and glazing. This has a full swing out rear door instead of the drop down tail gate of the previous kit. The third version is more civil in orientation with enclosed cab and crane fitted to it's load bed. All have engine detail and can be made as left or right hand drive vehicles.– Sib0

**** Good news - Salisbury Model Centre will be stocking AK's kits having secured a supply of imports. Do ring Oz and pre-order if you can as supply will be from overseas so re-stock will possibly be delayed after first batch.**



Vintage Classic? 1/600 HMS Victorious 1960 fit

I was looking for something different for my first 2023 build so settled on a long time resident in the stash (>43 years). Probably rare and worth a fortune until Airfix re-released it in 2019, this is the 1973 boxing which I think I bought in 1979 when Airfix first went bust. I had started this just before the theme to build an Airfix Vintage kit was decided on. Naturally this would have qualified but I had started it anyway so will need to build something else.

Here's what was in the box :



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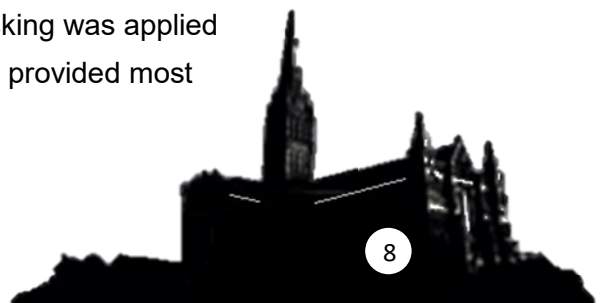
HMS VICTORIOUS (Pennant number R38) had a long and very eventful career, entering service May 41 being decommissioned in March 68. Colin has modelled the ship as it appeared post refit after which the ship sported additional flight deck space by fitting an angled deck, was bigger in the hull due to engine and boiler refit as well as bigger hangers and the first RN ship to have the type 984 3D Radar making her ready for the jet age. This massively expensive rebuild took 8 years but ensured all the latest technology featured in the ship.

Her service in WWII configured as built saw convoy escorting, Op Pedestal, Op Torch, hunting Tirpitz all before becoming part of the British Pacific Fleet conducting operations against Japan.

Its all still there but at some point I've added some Gannets, Wessex and Spitfires which I assume came from the Ark Royal kit I built 20 years ago. This kit comes with Scimitars and Sea Vixens as well as Skyraiders but not the AEW type so clearly Airfix were no more accurate in the 'Good Old Days'. The Gannets lying in the bottom of the box looked a bit too small so I left them.

Construction started with the kit galleries fitted and internal decks made for where the galleries are not provided. I didn't think it worth adding bulkheads but I'll avoid the 'see through' effect later when I've cut the hull. The hull halves were joined and reinforced at the base to allow for the hull removal later. I spray painted the hull Mr Colour 332 light Aircraft grey and the decks Mr Colour 23 Green. I managed to get all the gun barrels fitted by drilling holes in the turrets to give them something to fit into.

The flight deck was painted white, masked then yellow 104 applied and masked (including the yellow V), green 23 applied and masked and finally Dark sea grey 331. Masking was applied based on pictures on the net, actually stills from You tube videos provided most of the pictures.





The flight deck was unmasked and details painted including the life rafts ready to connect to the lower hull. Interestingly the Airfix paint chart shows the grey hull meeting the red antifouling lower hull. The box top picture shows the correct black band between them.

Remember when we didn't have the internet and such issues were playground discussions?

I'm not sure of the best sequence for building a ship like this. I added most of the detail on the lower deck galleries before attaching the flight deck. This put a few items at risk of being knocked off but I only lost a couple of gun barrels. Fitting the turrets would have been very difficult with the flight deck fitted. Maybe the best approach would have been to fit the turrets but not the guns until much later?

It was my intention to build this as a water line model at sea so once the flight deck was added and able to provide some strength, I sawed it in half along the water line. I also finally started to clean up and paint the air wing. The Skyraiders each received a blob of Milliput for their AEW radars. I spent some time with the roundels but they are too small to print on my printer and seem to be unobtainable from commercial sources. There is a tough decision when to stop with a kit like this. The air wing looks odd with the roundels missing but once that was resolved the missing white letters on the Skyraiders wings would be very prominent, as would be the black lettering under the Sea Vixens. The whole air wing will then look odd with no drop tanks etc. Where to stop? All my tests with the roundels led me to conclude this was as good a point as any.

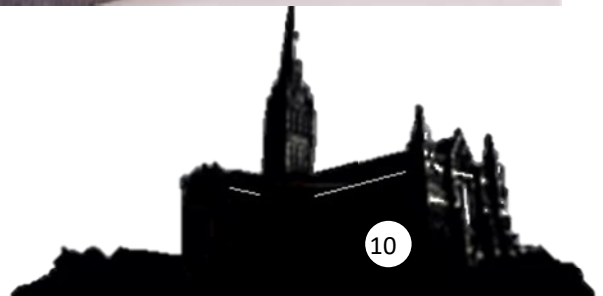


Moving on I tried a new technique for the sea. It's lightly scrunched baking foil painted with Halfords grey primer and then gouache water colours. I used blue and green over the grey then a white dry brush with an overcoat of Future varnish. The future picked up some of the blue green so I had to do another dry brush after which actually looked better.

I added some blanking plates to the galleries to stop the see through effect. The whole ship was given a wash of umber oils. The mast assembled and sprayed MrC125. The deck was weathered with random and defined patches of Tyre black 137 for the landing area and smoke for the superstructure and various patterns on the deck. Some final details were added and the planes to the flight deck.



Colin Whitehouse.



Simple Fix : Last hope Milliput

Milliput is a brilliant product. This two part epoxy can be used as a filler, securing weights in fuselages, blending in conversion parts as well as full fabrication, self supporting or if a large part, over an armature.

Milliput does however have a shelf life even if un-opened (approx. 2 years), so worth buying from a trusted source that knows how old their stock is. Once the cellophane wrappers are opened, even though un-mixed, the sticks of part A and part B will slowly degrade. The good news is this is over a period of months rather than the quick hardening of unused one part filler. Wrapping each stick tightly in its cellophane after use is key in slowing down the act of going off



But what can you do if during a happy modelling session you reach for the trusted white and red box only to find the grey stick has taken on a brown hue and the green stick is hard in feel? Well if you are not able to pop into Salisbury to grab a fresh pack from OZ at the Model Centre (open even on Sunday so normally available in your hour of need) you have one shot left. Unless really old you will normally find the very central core is still 'live' so shaving of the outer skin should reveal a useable centre. This could buy you the time to complete your modelling session and allow you to plan your next purchase.

What about if you've made up your Milliput and it just doesn't want to set? Occasionally despite believing we have been careful in measuring, the correct 50/50 ration of parts A to B has not been mixed, more critical when mixing up small amounts. Also ensuring uniformity of mixing doesn't always happen, not every work bench session has the luxury of lots of free time so if rushing A and B might not be fully blended. In general it will eventually set just at a much slower rate. To allow you to move on a helpful fix is to paint over the Milliput with super glue. This will set as a hard shell over the putty which might be useful as long as your basic Milliput is to the shape you want, more suited to figure modellers than a smooth wing profile. Applying heat will also speed up the setting of Milliput though full curing time will remain the same. My wife's hairdryer on hottest setting isn't hot enough to damage the plastic but does speed setting. Play the air over the parts more to protect the plastic kit than due to any problem with the putty.

Another tip- If you have just made up a useable lump of putty and are interrupted by the phone or cat, you can put Milliput into the freezer until you can get back to modelling. This will keep the putty at approximately the same state of setting at which it was frozen for up to 36 hours. So if stored immediately after mixing it retains its sticky nature, or is frozen after 20 mins it will be less pliable, ideal for sculpting. Remove the frozen product

from the freezer when ready and warm in your hand, it is ready to use as soon as it is pliable. Don't hang around as the 'setting time clock' will have restarted as soon as the freeze finishes.



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Weather report

A little fun with real world inspiration, tips and useful product information.



As the group build for 2023 has kicked off in earnest and it would seem the Airfix Beaver has become the kit of choice by a lot of members, it seems bang on to feature the AAC museum gate guardian in the 'Weather report'. The airframe has really faded with the green almost pastel in shade. Note too how the rivets are unaffected by rusting but the larger fixings have rusted to be much more obvious. The spats for the wheel struts were removable not just to allow fitting of skis and floats.

'The Ghost of Kiev' Mig 29 in 1/72 by Tony L, his first aircraft and a fitting example for the Eastern Europe theme night at the end of February. The real aircraft was a clever piece of fiction that boosted the moral of the Ukraine people in the immediate days after the Russian invasion where numerous sorties by various Ukrainian pilots were attributed to one lone brave heroic pilot:- 'The Ghost'.



EVENTS CALENDAR

<u>Month</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
February	7th	Agree subject for Group build for Sept completion
	11th/12th	Tank Museum Model Show Club attending
	21st	Theme Night – Eastern European, Czech repression & Ukraine Invasion
March	7th	TBC
	21st	
April	2nd	Yeovil Model Show Club attending
	4th	Demo Night Subject Sibb 'Tough stuff'
	15th	Poole Vikings Show Club attending
	18th	Theme Night – Space & Sci-fi
May	2nd	Miniature Figure Modelling Night
	14th	DeHavilland museum model show
	16th	Annual Memorial Shield Competition & Model Show briefing In house model kit sales
	21st	IPMS Gloucestershire Show Club attending
June	3rd	Our Annual Model Show
	6th	Model Show de-brief
	20th	Theme Night – Civilian Schemes – Any model not in a military Scheme
July	4th	Demo Night subject TBD
	16th	Romsey Model Show Club attendance TBC
	18th	Theme Night – 70th Anniversary end of Korean War
August	1st	Club Summer BBQ
	15h	Theme Night – VJ Day – Anything Pacific War related
September	5th	Quiz Night
	19th	Completion of “Group Build”
October	3rd	Slide Show – Subject TBD
	17th	Theme Night – Yom Kipur & Middle East
November	7th	AGM & Telford Preparation
	11th/12th	Scale Model World – Telford
	21st	Telford de-brief & goodies purchased
December	6th	Individual Table Model Show Display
	20th	Mince Pie Night

Detail correct as 06 April 23

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Your Club - Paul Capon

Hello Paul,

Well known as you are in the club, thanks for re-introducing your self to the members and answering the questions below.

1. How did you start off model making and what keeps you at it now?

My father has always been a model railroader, and whilst I've never 'crossed the line', he did instil in me a sense of being creative. I think that what drives me is that sense of achievement on creating something to the best of your ability.

2. Do you have a particular modelling interest?

Historically (and some will be aware) I spent many years creating pieces in the world of fantasy and science-fiction. Now though, a great deal of focus is on WWII soviet armour and vehicles. That said, I'm currently expanding into German topics, as well as a small focus on the M109 family of SPHs.

3. What has been one of your favourite builds and why?

After making models for nearly 50 years, I really couldn't pick one piece out. However, I do enjoy making older kits as they truly do challenge your model making skills to get the best from them, and they're not so heavy on the wallet! The Italeri 1/35 M109 SPH is a classic example. The kit was first released in 1983, and has just been re-released with just a few minor mould clean ups and upgrades from Tamiya. It's a forty year old kit, but it still looks like an M109 – I'm now on my seventh...

4. What is your day job and does modelling help switch off from work?

I lead a combined military & civilian team that undertakes testing and evaluation of modern helicopter weapon systems. Model making really does puts my mind in neutral and pushes the challenges and pressures of the day job to the back.

5. How long have you been a club member?

I believe about nine years.

6. What are you currently working on?

As I suspect most of us are, a number of projects. The big ones are a 1/35 JT-34 and ZIS-5 Semi-armoured Truck – both are pretty hefty conversions that incorporate plastic, resin, white metal, photoetch and scratch-building. I'm also working on a few contributions to this years Club Build (Airfix 2023 Vintage Classics Collection).



Thanks Paul, Ed.

WANTED:

Airfix 1/600 Canberra Ship, will pay£40.00. Part started OK, but must be complete/decent– POC Sib0.

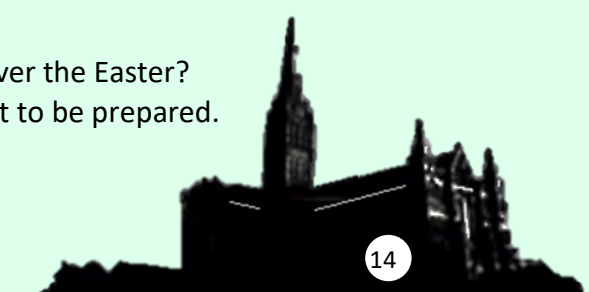
EASTER WEEKEND @ SALISBURY MODEL CENTRE

Two Bank holidays and a weekend, surely you'll do some modelling over the Easter? Ensure you have your supplies to hand and co-ordinate your shop visit to be prepared.
Open 10-5pm Bank Holiday Friday
Open 9-3pm Saturday
Closed Easter Sunday and Easter Monday
Open 10am Tuesday as normal.

Comms Check

The club is a source that you should be using. We all have kits we don't want anymore or have kits we desperately are looking for. An article in a magazine or some left over decals. Even a place to ask a random question. All can be done through the newsletter and will be bounced back and forth here. Send Requests, Answers, Offers and Rants to :

newsletter@ipmssalisbury.co.uk





Top: Paul Capon's distinctive style is evident in this 1/35 Stug IV by Airfix based on Academy mould parts.



Above: The M109 family of vehicles kitted by Italeri that Paul is finding very rewarding despite the moulds hailing from 1983. Left: Like the Ork on the previous page here is more of his award winning Golden Demon 28mm work.





Nick Williamson revealed the finished 1/48 Royal Navy Phantom that has been keeping him occupied for a number of months. Beautiful now complete, he remarks that the aftermarket decal sheet nearly broke him as it had 100's of stencil marks. Worth it though!

Articles and news are always welcome for inclusion in the club newsletter. Views and information thus expressed are solely those of the author and will only be printed if a name is attached.

Articles and observations do not necessarily represent the views of the editor or the club as a whole but as long as not offensive will be published though the editor has final discretion.

Email: newsletter@impssalisbury.co.uk with any questions, concerns or content. Thank you, the Editor.

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IPMS SALISBURY CLUB SALES

ALL PRICES TO BE IN WHOLE £s or MULTIPLES OF 50p

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