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## Model show returns for fifteenth year

**Date:** 3 April 2016

Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm

Cost: FREE entry

For the fifteenth successful year, the popular Shropshire Scale Model Show is returning to the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford next month. It's one of the biggest modelling events in the country and shows no signs of slowing down, as a record 150 exhibitors and traders will be heading to Cosford for the one day event taking place on Sunday 3 April.

This annual event attracts around 4,000 visitors each year and takes place nestled amongst the world-class collection of aircraft and military vehicles on display at the museum. Thousands of intricately detailed models of aircraft, cars, bikes, trucks and science fiction items will be spread across the whole site, filling the museum hangars with a world of model making. With over 100 modelling clubs signed up to exhibit their creations, many of which have taken years to perfect, this year's event is set to be bigger than ever.

Everything any dedicated modeller could ever want or need, will be on sale during the one day show. Up to 50 traders will be selling a range of modelling materials and kits to suit modellers of all abilities, from young children who are just discovering their passion for modelling, right through to the avid modellers who have been building kits for many years. There will be everything from kits in various sizes along with glues, paints and other detailed sets available to purchase on the day.

NEW to the show this year will be a pirate's display from the North Somerset Modelling Society. Their pirate ship themed stand will showcase a mixed collection of modelling memorabilia together with witty pirate puns. Attending the show for the first time this year will be French trader MACH 2 who's 1:72 scale Argosy is sure to grab people's attention as it's displayed alongside the real aircraft on show at the Museum.

## Event organiser, Gary Stevens Secretary of the Shropshire Scale Modellers and The Telford Branch of The International Plastic Modellers Society says:

"I am amazed how popular the show has become over the years; I still remember the first show back in 1998 when we hired 80 tables for a few clubs and traders. This year we are hiring almost 500 tables to accommodate the 106 exhibitor displays and almost 50 traders. The international element of the show is growing stronger as we welcome French trader/manufacturer MACH2 whose 1:72 Scale Argosy will be on sale next to the real thing. Every year I try to have a special feature in the show and this year is no exception as The North Somerset Modelling Society will be bringing their award winning, humorous, pirate display, which has to be seen to be believed!"

To make reaching the Museum even easier, organisers have introduced a free park and ride for the day to cope with the additional visitors, running from Cosford train station. The show will be open to the public from 10am until 4pm and entry to the event is FREE of charge. For further information, please call the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on 01902 376200 or visit the museum website at <a href="https://www.rafmuseum.org">www.rafmuseum.org</a>.

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