

22nd February 2012

Shropshire Model Show Set To Attract Thousands

1st April 2012

10.00am – 4.00pm

FREE entry

The popular Shropshire Model Show is returning to the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on Sunday 1st April 2012. Open to the public from 10am, the show is expected to attract thousands of visitors from across the country. The event will bring together members of Shropshire Scale Modellers and its associated body, the Telford branch of the International Plastic Modellers Society, whose members provide many of the exhibits on display.

More than 80 clubs will be exhibiting intricately detailed models including aircraft, cars, bikes, trucks, Dr Who and Star Wars figures and many other science fiction related items. In addition to this the show will boast over 40 traders, in all of the Museum's hangars, selling a range of materials and kits associated with the world of modelling including plastic kits in various sizes along with glues, paints and detail sets. There will also be a stall for the ladies, selling hand made cards, handbags and jewellery.

A tombola will run all day offering a range of excellent prizes. The show will also be hosting an open competition where modellers of all ages and abilities can enter their creations to win a much coveted award.

Organiser Gary Stevens of Ellesmere says:

"I am very excited and honoured this year as we have a trader coming all the way from Belgium, making this an international show now. One of our many attractions to attend this year is called project Iraq 2003 depicting a typical scene Somewhere near Basra shortly after battle. The model is 1/35 scale with working train, and the whole scene measures 3m wide and 1m deep. The popularity of this show increases every year and there is something for all the family no matter what age."

This show provides dedicated model enthusiasts the opportunity to display and show off the skills involved in making elaborate models, ranging from aircraft to boats and trains. Following the popularity and success of the Museum's recent Model Making Half Term event, organisers are confident a new generation of modellers will attend.

Visitors will also be able to view the Museum's three hangars and the National Cold War Exhibition during their visit. There is ample car parking available along with free park and ride, a restaurant, café and souvenir shop on site.

The Museum is open from 10am – 6pm (last admission 5pm). For further information, please call the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford on 01902 376200 or visit the Museum website at www.rafmuseum.org.

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Notes to Editors:

- Photo shoot in the week running up to the show is possible if scheduled in advance. Please contact organiser Gary Stevens on 07864 961751.
- Photos available on request
- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
- FREE admission
- For further information and all media enquiries please contact Michelle Worthington on 01902 376212 or michelle.worthington@rafmuseum.org
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