



Newsletter #1

The 9 mill 50th weekend,

Labour weekend, 25th to 28th October 2020.

Duh, what? Yes, the weekend has been moved to avoid conflict with another well-known modelling event.

Greetings folks and welcome to our first newsletter.

This weekend is an opportunity for those of us interested in 9 Mill modelling to get together to share our interests and to enjoy each other's company.

We have a number of events planned to help enthuse us and to make our gathering enjoyable.

This weekend will be held at St Andrew's Hall, Market Street Hastings, just five minutes' walk from the Hastings CBD. The hall has catering facilities and a couple of side rooms, handy for us to hold clinics and stuff. We are hoping to have an operating layout on display...early days yet but we will keep you up to date on this.

Clinics:

Don't worry, you are not going to be bombarded with continuous activities, we want this to be a relaxed social event but there will be a few topical clinics, particularly focussed on new developments in our hobby and how these developments are affecting 9 mm modelling.

Displays and dioramas:

The hall is big! We need to fill it with displays of your modelling.

Dioramas would also be good. This is an area of model-making that is growing in popularity.

Catering:

Lunches will be provided as part of your registration package. Dinners are up to you but we will have one formal dinner organised...details later.

Manufacturers:

We are hoping that anybody who is making stuff for 9mm will make up a display of their products. There are a lot of products and services available and the hardest thing is to get them in front of the buyers.

Bring and buy:

There will be a bring and buy table. Dispose of those unwanted 9 mm scale items you bought on impulse or that don't suit your modelling period.

The contest:

Well you have to have a contest! This one is a cracker.

1, Make a base 40cm x 40 cm. That is 160 sq. cm. The shape can be anything you like so obviously 80cm x 20 cm is a starter but any shape is good.

2, The subject must be 9 mil scale.

That's it, those are the only rules, let your imagination run wild, to infinity and beyond!

Judging will be by all registered participants, a judging slip will be part of the registration package.

Hall security:

The best form of security is to have one or two people sleeping at the venue. If you would like free accommodation then please let us know.

And that's it folks. If you haven't responded yet please do so as we need to get a fairly good idea of the numbers attending and if you have anything to offer please don't hold back, let us know how we can make this a really ripper event.

Heading Photo. B303 trundles across the bridge on Trevor Cheer's layout.

Photo: John Whyte

Cheers,

Tony and Paul
