

CHAIRMANS REPORT AGM 2016

Hello Fellow Members,

Following our AGM, this year hosted by Northern Home Counties MAFVA, I usually report back to the membership on events in the preceding year. This year, my report is somewhat different, in that our Jubilee year of 2015 was the subject of our Military modelling MAFVA Page in January 2016. This can be found on the MAFVA website mafva.net along with the Minutes of the AGM. Our biggest disappointment, of course, was the loss of Gary Williams, our long-time President. He, with his family devoted a large part of his life to promoting MAFVA. It is highly unlikely that his long service to the Association will be repeated, and we owe him a great debt. He was unable to see out our Jubilee year, but he would have been pleased with our commemorative events. Our thanks go to all the officers, branches, and members who made this possible.

At our AGM, Paul Middleton was appointed as honorary President. He will continue his roles in branch liaison and Nationals Organiser, now at St Ives, Cambridgeshire for 2016. Also, appointed as Secretary was Annabel Eagle mafva.secretary@gmail.com. She will be pleased to receive correspondence from branches and members. Also available to branches from her are specimen MAFVA branch signs designed by member Tim Neate, who produced our Jubilee logo and whose Little Willie design can be found on the cover of Tankette. The other adjustment in Officer's duties was to co-opt Bob Lockie to assist Treasurer Rod Woodhouse as Accounts Manager. Our Constitution will need modification to take account of these changes. Among the many tasks for 2016, as always, is boosting membership. One important need is for a MAFVA Facebook Page, and a volunteer to manage this. We now receive publicity via the regular MM MAFVA and Scale Military Modelling International pages and other events. We hope that all branches can take advantage of the promotion to improve their membership. The Committee is always supportive of our branches, not just in the UK, but elsewhere. We are an international Association of friends, and we can all help to make it a good year.

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