



# The MAFVA column

News and views from the Miniature Armoured Fighting Vehicle Association



**John Ham** provides a preview of this year's MAFVA Nationals at Duxford.

One of the premier military modelling shows held each year is the MAFVA Nationals. Traditionally held on Father's Day at IWM Duxford, the event this year will be held on Sunday 21st June. It promises to be a very full day with the traditional MAFVA Marquee full of traders (see below), club stands and of course the MAFVA

National Modelling Competition. This year we have a variety of traders all specialising in different aspects of the hobby. It is a great opportunity to buy that hard to find kit and many of the traders offer discount to MAFVA members. The Bring and Buy stall will undoubtedly be busy and as usual will be run by Simon and Fiona from the Cambridge



*A collection of some of the models that were entered in the MAFVA Nationals in 2014.*



Branch. This stand seems to get bigger every year with a vast variety of kits and military books changing hands at very reasonable prices.

Outside the MAFVA Marquee we will have Rita and Steve and the ladies of the Nottingham Branch running the MAFVA tea stall to provide tea and light refreshments for the traders and MAFVA organising team, as well as helping out with the Tombola at the front of the marquee. The event is self-funding and the money made on the tea stall, tombola and Bring and Buy all goes to bolster the money collected from the traders.

Moving away from the MAFVA marquee the Military Vehicle Wing of the Duxford Aviation Society will be putting on a display of the museum's vehicles and they will be running vehicles in the arena behind the Land Warfare Hall. Also outside we will have a first for the MAFVA Nationals in the shape of the UK Tank Club and their impressive collection of large size (mainly 1:6 scale) remote controlled tanks ([www.uktank.org/default.htm](http://www.uktank.org/default.htm)).

Back to the MAFVA Marquee, we are expecting the usual high standard entries for the MAFVA Nationals competition. This has a variety of classes in all scales and, although most classes are only open to MAFVA members, there are some open classes that mean anyone can enter. We are always encouraging younger model makers so the Junior Classes offer the



opportunity for the next generation to show what they can do. All winners in the Junior classes will receive a prize courtesy of Armourfast.

If you have never been to the show it is highly recommended as one of the best military model shows in the world. Details of how to get to IWM Duxford and prices to get into the museum are at [www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford](http://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford)

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### Traders attending the MAFVA Nationals 2015:

- Accurate Armour**
- Armourfast**
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- Black Lion**
- Bull Models**
- Dan Taylor Modelworks**
- Friendship Models**
- Geisbers Models**
- Gramodels**
- Matador Models**
- Milicast Model Company**
- MMS Models**
- Parabellum**
- Pinnacle Modelling Supplies**
- Pol Models**
- Resicast**
- Sgts Mess**
- Sovereign 2000**
- Starmer's Armour**
- Tank Trap**
- The Real Model Shop**
- Yanks**

