



MAFVA SOUTH WALES BRANCH MEETING
Monday 9th January 2017

- **Polo shirts**

Jonathan Davies has not been able to contact his friend yet about these. I asked him if he could try again as it would be good if we could sort out some Tee shirts or Polo shirts for the branch. We all agreed that what we wanted on the shirts was the Welsh version of the MAFVA logo and sign, as at the top of this. We all agreed that it would be best if the shirts were either a pale grey or light blue to clearly show the logos.

- **Shows**

Next show for me is the Cardiff (Small) Model Railway Show in Pontcanna, Cardiff. The invite is just for me as the exhibitors are restricted to the regular customers of Lord & Butler. Mike Gill will also be attending as he helped me with my Haverfordwest layout there last year. The show publicity on the RM Web says " Paul will be explaining how he casts his model AFVs and other scenic fittings..... " so I'll need to put on a display of casting techniques.

We have a South Wales MAFVA branch display at the On Track show in Folkestone on Saturday 25th February. Three of us are going up together, me, Paul Hennessy, and Dave Burton. We are going up on the Friday afternoon to set up the stand, stay overnight in the Southcliff Hotel for the one night, and then drive home after the show on Saturday evening. There's room in my car for one more person, but you'll have to book your own hotel accommodation (either the Southcliff or the Carlton a couple of doors away). Mike Gill said that he will be attending, but making his own way there as he is having a weekend away with his wife. Sean Hooper said that he might also attend, but just for the day of the show.

There was talk of The Tank Museum having a one day show in February, to replace the Fleet Air Arm show, but I've heard no more about it. Haydn has shown me a leaflet about a new one day model show at The Tank Museum in October, but there's still the problem of them insisting on public liability insurance.

I shall be attending Scale Model Challenge in Veldhoven, The Netherlands on 21st & 22nd October 2017 with Dave Burton, and Paul and Louise Williams who will be making their own way there. This year we have a stand of our own, that will hopefully be near or next to Cambridge MAFVA. This show will probably clash with the next Cardiff Model Railway Show, so I might do The Netherlands this year and Cardiff in 2018. If anyone else would like to join us on a trip to The Netherlands, which was absolutely brilliant last year, they are most welcome to do so.

The IPMs Shropshire Show will be at its usual venue of RAF Cosford Museum on 2nd April. This year they are introducing "pay per car passes" at £4.00 each, pay in advance. I shall be attending with my car, along with Paul Williams and Des Burgess. It was agreed that the Branch will pay for these car passes. Mike Gill to give Des a cheque for £12.00 as payment for these.

Haydn Nelms told the meeting about two shows to be held by Carmarthen Modellers Club: their Easter Exhibition & Model Sale is on 15th April at Saundersfoot; and their Summer Exhibition & Model Sale is on 29th July in Carmarthen. Haydn will be attending both shows as a trader. Further details can be obtained from him if you want to go to either show.

Haydn has also informed me of two wargames shows, the Penarth wargamers show, Crusade, is on 28th Jan and the Plymouth Wargame show, PAW on Feb 4 & 5th where he will be attending as a trader.

- **Branch e-mail**

We now have our own MAFVA e-mail address southwalesmafva@gmail.com This could be useful in any branch publicity as it removes any personal angle in a branch contact. Mike Gill will see if this could be used with PayPal for people to renew their Dragon subs rather than the money appearing to go to the branch treasurer.

- **Magazines**

The December issue of Military Modelling magazine has a MAFVA column with my article about our Open Afternoon and our stand at the Cardiff Model Railway Exhibition. The article seems to have gone down well with MAFVA nationally.

- **MAFVA Pewter Badges**

I have been asked again to produce 25 of the pewter MAFVA badges, which I have done already. I'm pleased to say that with the change of venue in 2016 to the Burgess Hall in St, Ives, Cambridgeshire the Nationals actually ran at a slight profit. Nevertheless, I think that it would be a nice gesture if South Wales MAFVA could pay the £25 for the cost of the pewter for these as a token contribution to The Nationals. It was agreed by the branch that we pay this sum.

- **Mick Bell's Plans**

I brought along some old copies of 1/76th scale plans from Mick Bell which were given out to a number of members.

Paul Gandy
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