



MAFVA SOUTH WALES BRANCH MEETING  
Monday 5th September 2016

- I started the meeting by welcoming Sean Hooper to our branch. Sean is from Chepstow and belongs to Avon IPMS, with an interest in 1/76th scale WWII Bedford trucks. He saw our stand at the Avon IPMS show in Thornbury and has decided to join us.
- I forwarded the last set of minutes to Paul Middleton as President and Branch Co-ordinator of our Association, who liked the idea. Everyone agreed that we shall forward these to Paul after each meeting, and also to Tom Cromwell for inclusion in the S Wales MAFVA page on the MAFVA website.
- Avon IPMS, Thornbury show went well. Eight of us attended, with three tables rather than the expected two, but they were all very full. At the end of our aisle was Great Escape Games trade stand who have shops in Trade Street in Cardiff with mainly wargames stuff and also one inside the Tesco store in Newport Retail Park on the Southern Distributor Road. They have a range "4ground" of quite reasonable trees and who also do laser cut MDF buildings. Mark Stephens, who is a wargamer, told us that the Trade Street premises, that are just down the road from the back of Cardiff railway station, are a large warehouse, with a large stock.
- Yeovilton Fleet Air Arm Museum - I sent them an e-mail saying we cannot attend owing to a clash of shows, but I've heard nothing back from them. At Thornbury, Mendip Modellers told me that Yeovilton now only give out two free passes per 6ft table and you have to pay for any more. There is a new organiser for this show who seems to be more concerned about making a bigger profit than running a good show. Jonathan Davies said that he would be there in October with the St. Athan model club, and that he had heard that a number of the larger traders, such as Mr. Models, will not be attending.
- Our own show, South Wales MAFVA Open Afternoon is on Sunday 9th October. The following people said that they will be attending, with tables allocated as follows (two sizes available, 5ft long and 4ft long)

David Burton	-	5ft
Jonathan Davies (maybe with St.Athan)	-	2 x 4ft
Peter Denyer	-	5ft
Me	-	5ft
Mike Gill	-	4ft
Paul Hennessy	-	5ft
Mike Johns	-	4ft
Dennis Lunn	-	5ft
Haydn Nelms	-	2 x 4ft
Tom Watkins (not at the meeting, so ?)	-	
Paul Williams	-	2 x 4ft
Sean Hooper	-	4ft

West Glamorgan IPMS will also be attending as in previous years, and as previously, I shall set up the branch display with our sign, Tankettes and Dragons by the entrance.

- Cardiff Model Railway Show is on 15th & 16th October at the former Glan Taff Comp (now a Welsh medium school) in Llandaff North, next to the river Taff. This will be attended by me, Mike Johns hopefully with a new diorama of a German armoured train, Mike Gill with his railway dioramas, Paul Hennessy (on the Saturday), Peter Denyer with his massive 1/76th scale German rail gun and 1/35th scale German armoured train, and David Burton.

We will be on the stage above the main hall. I have been asked to display my Haverfordwest N gauge layout which will be along the side of the stage, and next to me will be the branch display that will be 'L' shaped with 5 x four foot tables, with chairs behind them. I shall be setting up my Haverfordwest layout on the Friday evening (open from 5pm for exhibitors), but it would be okay to set up on the Saturday morning before the show opens at 10am. Parking is available at the rear of the school, coming off a mini-roundabout.

- After that is the Bristol BMSS Bugle Call show on 27th November.
- Mike Gill as Branch Treasurer gave a brief report on our end of year accounts for 31st August 2016. The year ended with a small surplus for the year of £30, after two previous years at break-even. This is on top of what is a very healthy balance from previous years.
- As I write this, the September issue of The Dragon has just been completed and will be given to our printers next week. We should get it in plenty of time before our Open Afternoon
- I mentioned that I had recently visited Antics in Cardiff and found that they stock the Plastruct range of plastic rod and strip that now covers a far wider range of sizes, more like the Evergreen range that I can no longer find. Des Burgess pointed out that he still gets his Evergreen strip on-line from Eileen's Emporium in Gloucester <https://eileensemporium.com>
- After some discussion we agreed that the December meeting will start as a normal monthly meeting, but with some nibbles in the second half of the meeting, as we did last year, rather than going out for a meal as in previous years
- Polo shirts - Jonathan Davies knows someone in Penarth who may be able to do them for us with our South Wales MAFVA name and logo. He will get a costing for us and liaise with Paul Hennessy who is also looking in to this.
- Another suggestion from Jonathan, from the same people in Penarth, was to have a 'drop cloth' with our name and logo on it, to go over the side of the display table at shows. St. Athan Model club have one of these that they find very effective.
- And finally, Peter Denyer told us of another relatively local military museum, the Jet Age Museum in Gloucester with examples of aircraft from the Gloster aircraft company. It is open Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from 10am to 4pm. Their website is [www.jetagemuseum.btck.co.uk/](http://www.jetagemuseum.btck.co.uk/) Another one for a branch visit?

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