

The Missing Sprue

The quarterly gazette of Coventry and Warwickshire IPMS



Welcome to the Missing Sprue!

This quarterly Gazette is for Coventry and Warwickshire club members to show off recent builds, share techniques, and inform the club of forthcoming shows etc.

I'm sure you are all looking forward to this year's shows as some of these have already been announced, I will try and update the show calendar, in future issues of the gazette.

As we have moved out of this pandemic which has tested everyone over these last two years, I'd like to personally thank everyone, for staying the course and helping the club to stay active during these difficult times.

Looking forward, we have our summer show on the 19th of June, and we have been booked into several shows since the new year. The show list indicates which shows we are attending as a club.

SMW 2022 Table theme

Following the Vote for the SMW table theme started in Feb the winner was announced as
 “Weird and Wonderful Camouflage”



Any Vehicle or aircraft with unusual camouflage, or unusual standard is included as well

There were also some great ideas which will be resubmitted in next year’s vote.

Thanks to all who contributed to the ideas.

Club night Themes

We resumed the club night theme nights, which started on the first meeting in March, for those who may not be aware how this works, we decide a theme in advance and club members bring themed built kits, for that club night.

If you don’t have any models for that theme, it’s not a huge issue, bring along any completed builds.

Themed Club nights	
Date	Theme
March 4th	Dioramas
April 1st	Lets Pretend
May 6th	Weird Camo
June 3rd	70th anniversary
July 1st	All American
August 5th	Space/ Sci-Fi
September 2nd	Classics
October 7th	Deep Blue Sea

Change of Club Management

At our AGM on the 4th of Feb 2022, Paul Redfern was elected to the post of club secretary.

Carl Lewis remains as the club treasurer.

Articles required



If you would like to add/write an article, write a review of a Show, Model shop, modelling techniques, Articles or even submit photos for the next edition of the Missing Sprue, please contact **Paul** via e-mail cwipms2019@gmail.com

Club Memorial Bench

I am pleased to announce that the club memorial bench was delivered on Jan 12th.

Steve Roberts has sourced the brass name plates for our members who passed away.



Plaques for Bench

Steve has been in Communication with a firm who makes plaques here are some of the examples we have ordered these are brass with black inlay.

• COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE IPMS MEMORIAL BENCH 2022 SADLY MISSED . NEVER FORGOTTEN •	• Ivor Noor Mohammed • 14th March 2021 ATC Flt Lt. Aged 80 Years • <i>Per Ardua Ad Astra</i> •
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New Instagram Page



Will Jayne has kindly set up an Instagram Account for the club

The address is [@coventry_scalemodels](https://www.instagram.com/coventry_scalemodels)

Formaplane 1:72 Rota (Cierva C-30A)

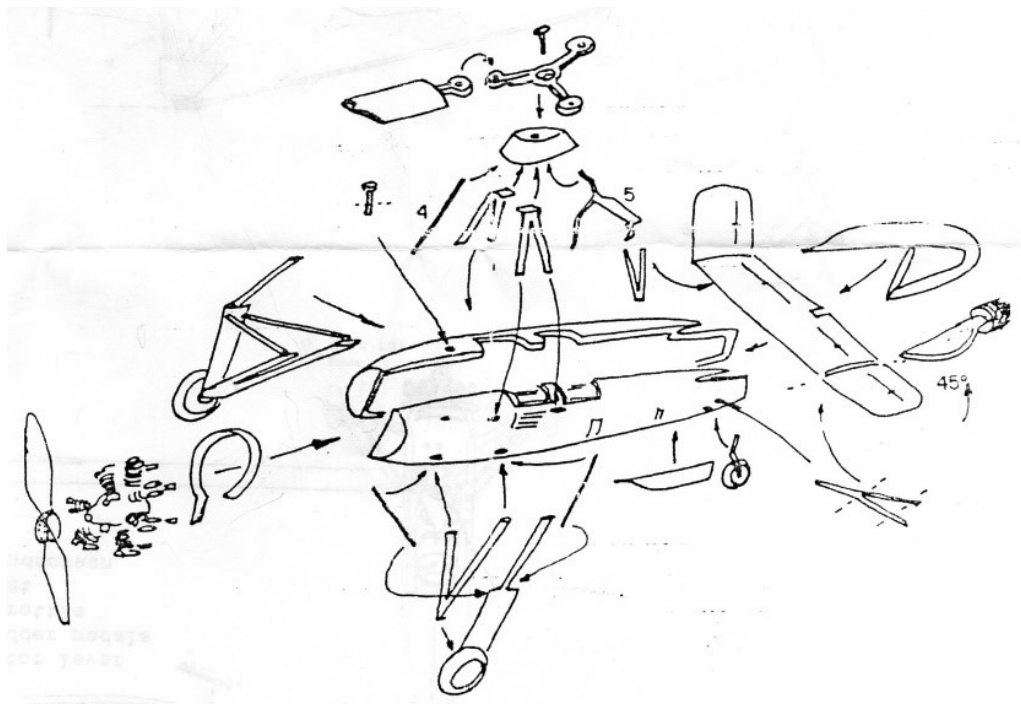
I started my career just after a time of change from hand drawings to CAD and although I had been trained at college to create works of hand art in third angle, at work all my drawings were on CAD. However, off the corner of the Engineering studio there was a room full of plan chests and files loaded with drawings going back to the early days of the business some 70 years before. Most of the drawings were long since forgotten, but occasionally we would have need to search for a drawing of a housing, lens, washer or fixing which was still in production. It was one of these searches which led me to discover what possibly was the worst drawing I had ever come across. Although technically correct, it looked like a spider had crawled across it after swimming through the ink well, and there in the drawing frame was the name of my Technical Director, albeit quarter of a century before!

And so for the last 25 years I have held the belief that this was the worst drawing ever – that was until SMW 2021!

In amongst the trade stands piled high with kits which would look old compared to many of the drawings in the archive room, I came across a small brown box with a printed label showing an Avro Rota (Cierva C-30A). It looked like the sort of quirky subject matter and kit that I would enjoy over a glass of scotch. I checked inside the box and saw there was a small vac formed fuselage, a bag containing a number of white metal cast parts and a printed sheet of instructions. And there lying snugly amongst the instructions was my error of judgement - the assumption that the instructions would be informative, helpful and of the slightest bit of value in building the kit.

I got back home, sneaked my goodies past the Boss and like a child started to look through them with the feeling of discovery akin to opening my stocking on Christmas morning. It was only then that I realised that the instructions for the Avro Rota was somewhat less than I had initially thought and that my Technical Director of years ago had a competitor for status of worst draftsman ever. The instructions consisted of some text giving some interesting background to the aircraft, as well as an exploded view of the construction of the model. However, the exploded view was really the view of the model being blown up by a re-constituted firework. Some of the marks on the sheet are recognisable as key components such as the vac form fuselage and rota blades, but many are yet to be discovered, like an archaeologist or detective sifting through the clues. What is this part? Where does it go? How is it located?

Oh boy, it looks like I'm going to have fun on this one, but you know what? I really think I will. This is just the sort of weird stuff that I enjoy. The results may not be stunning but it's the journey rather than the destination (I keep telling myself). Let's see where this journey takes me. You never know, I may not be cursing the instructions so much by the end of the build.



Daniel Rowntree

Hamex Model Market No 8, 16th January 2022

This market has always passed me by over the years, probably because it being so close after new year. I thought I'd try to attend this year and see what the market was all about.

The show is located at Hanslope Village Hall about 10 miles north of Milton Keynes (MK19 7NZ) a small idyllic village, on the very outskirts of the Buckingham countryside.

About an hour from Coventry (depending what route you take) I set off around 0815hrs in the gloom of the dawn, and mist.

I'd met up with Tom Smalley, and Steve Roberts, in the car park (grass verge) and they let us in early, the church Hall Café was my first port of call for a brew.

The Café is called K-9 after the BBC designer Mat Irvine a model maker from the TV Show "Doctor Who" and "Blake's 7" who lives locally, he also had a second-hand stand with some bargains, and some unusual kits for sale.

There were some of the popular traders on site, including Steve Foster from Klassic Kits, Vince from Models for sale, and Paul from Modelling tools, to name but a few.

A couple of small display tables from IPMS Milton Keynes and Chris Simmonds, but as the name implies a model market with traders.

Richard Brooker, and Peter Hislop were also in attendance, and I saw Don Richards as I was leaving,

Lots of bargains, and I believe some rare kits and sought-after kits were purchased.

Link to HAMEX [The Model Market \(hamex.co.uk\)](http://hamex.co.uk)

Overall and a first-time visitor, it was great few hours spend on a Sunday morning, especially as the weather was kind and the drive back was uneventful. A great little event.



Paul Redfern

Shuttleworth Model Exhibition 13th February 2022



I'd never attended this show before but heard great things about the museum. You must book the tickets online and print them off, at £16 pp, it was a little expensive, but this cost was outweighed by the outstanding exhibits. Located at Biggleswade (near Bedworth and Cambridge), I set off from Coventry early Sunday morning in the wind and rain.

The site itself is very well laid out with a Café and giftshop, the model show was in the restoration hanger, which in places was leaking in the bad weather!! There was a Lysander aircraft in the hanger and a good opportunity to have a closer look at this aircraft.

I saw Colin from the AMSig and a few others from "models for heroes"

Around 20+ clubs and sigs, and 8-9 traders on site, no major purchases by myself, but lots of under the table kits on offer.

The senior SMW 2021 winner "warhorse" was on display on the Milton Keynes IPMS, very impressive build and a worthy winner.

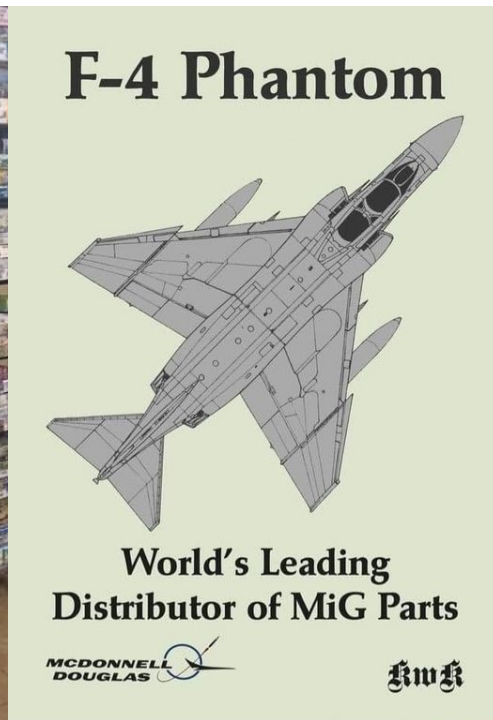
The website has the pictures from my visit.

Well worth a visit.

Paul Redfern



Humour Time



During labor, the pain is so great that a woman can almost imagine what a man feels like when adding photoetched parts to a model



"THIS WEEK I ER
WILL BE MOSTLY
PUTTING ZIMMERIT
ON MY ELEPHANT"

"THIS WEEK I ER
WILL BE MOSTLY
USING A STIPLING
BRUSH ON MY
HUMMEL"

NUTS! THIS WHEEL STRUT
SNAPPED. WHY DO THEY
MAKE 'EM SO DARN SMALL?



I GUESS THAT
WAS AN OPTIONAL
PIECE..



MY WHEEL
WON'T FIT
IN THE
WHEEL WELL.

HERE, LET
ME TRY.
SOMETIMES
YOU JUST
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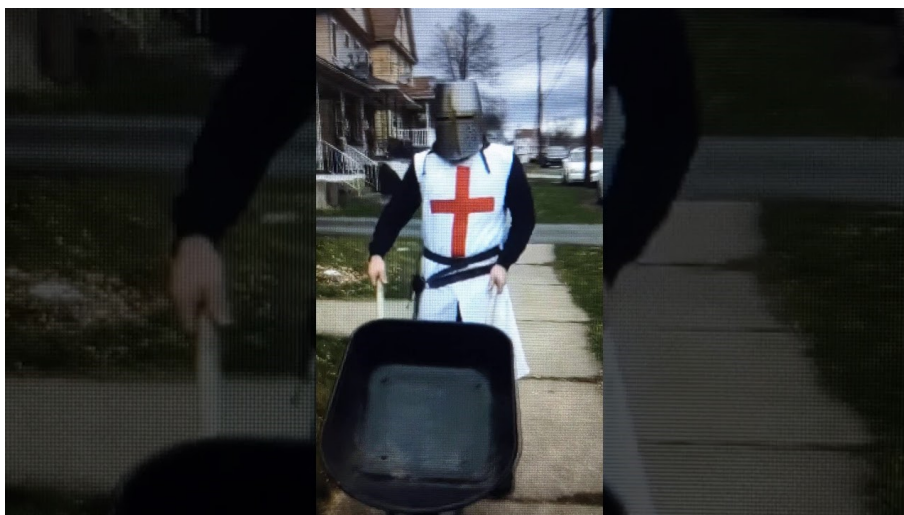
SNAP

DARN
IT!



THIS PLANE
IS IN FOR
SOME ROUGH
LANDINGS.

Sprue Collection



A few years ago, at one of our AGM's, it was suggested that we, as a club, recycle our unused and unwanted Sprue's, At that time, Matt from 'The Paint Rack 'at the "Fargo" in Far Gosford St had a way of recycling the waste plastic, so..., we went for it, We had a collection box at every club meeting and when we had a fair amount one of us would run it around to Matt, even when Matt lost his first contact he quickly found another ,no problem , until lock down when everything changed

We are still collecting at our meetings but despite our best efforts we have not found a recycling plant that meet our needs if anyone has any ideas or contacts in this area, please let me know, in the meantime keep bringing your waste sprues to our club nights and look out for the collection box.



Denis Jones

Visit to Swindon Steam Museum

Had it with aeroplanes? Turned off by tanks? Why not try something in the railway line? Swindon's Great Western Railway Museum.

Unlike York Railway Museum, Steam at Swindon is focussed on one railway company: The GWR sometimes called "God's Wonderful Railway" When I visited Swindon in 1960's it was a vast complex where they were building and maintaining locomotives; today only the museum survives, the rest being turned into offices and a retail park.

The museum takes you step by step through the many varied functions of "The works" from making parts for rolling stock to the company's own health scheme which was used as a model for the NHS.

4073 Caerphilly Castle



And 3717 the City of Truro – the first loco to top 100 mph. This is available in a Dapol kit but unfortunately the rest of the locos are only available as expensive metal kits. As well as big express locos like **6000 King George V**



There are the unsung heroes of smaller tank and freight locos.

There are two working displays, you can try your hand at driving a steam loco and as a signaller clearing the signal and points to allow the Royal Train to pass:



The Museum failed miserably on the Cake Test as the cafe was closed but nearby were several food outlets where you could eat next to a “manor” class loco in black BR livery.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/154243277932214/>

Great War SIG <https://sites.google.com/site/greatwarsig/>

“What if” SIG <http://www.whatifmodellers.com/index.php>

Modern British Armour SIG <https://www.facebook.com/groups/modernbritisharmoursig/>

Russian/Soviet Military Modelling <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1476745009291224/>

IDF SIG <https://www.facebook.com/groups/472664806256973/>

Bomb Disposal Model interest group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/293347344594784/>

Sutton Spartans <https://www.facebook.com/groups/103320443753676/>

Russian Wheels and tracks <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1539132379672734/>

MODEL KIT INSTRUCTION SHEETS LIBRARY

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1214026292028249/>

The Bundeswehr Sig <https://www.facebook.com/groups/337998709864855/>

2022 Show flyers



The flyer is for the 'Model Kraft' event, described as 'THE WORLD'S LARGEST ONE DAY MODEL SHOW'. It features a large, stylized 'X' shape in the center, which is a collage of various model images including a Superman figure, a biplane, a military tank, a car, and a large ship. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo with the text 'Milton Keynes' and 'MILTON KEYNES' around it. The event details are listed in the bottom right corner, including the date '10AM - 4PM SUNDAY 8TH MAY', the location 'MARSHALL ARENA, MILTON KEYNES, STADIUM WAY, MK1 1ST', and the ticket information 'UNDER 16s GO FREE', 'ADULTS TBC', and 'SENIORS TBC'. The flyer also mentions 'FEATURING ALL TYPES OF SCALE MODELS' and 'ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO OUR NOMINATED CHARITIES'. At the bottom left, there are logos for 'Milton Keynes Council' and 'Milton Keynes Partnership'.

Milton Keynes

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MODEL KRAFT

2022

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STADIUM WAY, MK1 1ST

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ALL PROCEEDS DONATED TO OUR NOMINATED CHARITIES

UNDER 16s GO FREE ADULTS TBC
[WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY A ADULT] SENIORS TBC

Milton Keynes Council Milton Keynes Partnership

Show List 2022 April-November

Date	Show Name	Size of Show	Show Organiser	Status at time of publishing	Required/Recommended/Optional	Web link/contact e-mail
10 th April	Yeovil Model Show 2022	Medium	Not Known	Confirmed	Optional	Yeovil Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
23 rd April	Poole Vikings Model Show 2022	Medium	Not Known	Confirmed	Optional	Poole Vikings Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
1 st May	Aero jumble and Military Collectors 2022	Medium	Portcullis RAFA Club	Confirmed	Optional	Aerajumble & Military Collectors Fair – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
8 th May	Model kraft	Large	Milton Keynes IPMS	Confirmed	Recommended	ModelKraft – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
14 th May	Scottish Nationals Scale Model Show 2022	Large	IPMS UK	Confirmed	Optional	Scottish National Scale Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
5 th June	Northern Model show 2022	Medium	Not Known	Work in Progress	Optional	Northern Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
18 th June	Ipswich IPMS Model Day 2022	Medium	IPMS Ipswich	Confirmed	Optional	Ipswich IPMS Model Day – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
25 th June	Plymouth Scale Model Show 2022	Medium	Not Known	Confirmed	Optional	Plymouth Scale Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
26 th June	West Anglia Scale Model Show 2022	Medium	IPMS West Norfolk	Confirmed	Optional	West Anglia Scale Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
19 th June	Coventry and Warwickshire club show	Medium	IPMS Coventry and Warwickshire	Date to be confirmed	Recommended	
2 nd July	Scale Model Show 2022	Medium	MAFVA East Sussex Branch	Confirmed	Optional	Scale Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
30 th July	IPMS Dundee Show 2022	Medium	IPMS Dundee	Confirmed	Optional	IPMS Dundee Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
7 th August	IPMS Avon Annual show 2022	Medium/Large	IPMS Avon	Application sent	Recommended	IPMS Avon Annual Show 2022 Facebook
7 th August	Scale Model Show at Tangmere Military Aviation Museum	Medium	Tangmere sector Modellers	Confirmed	Optional	Scale Model Show at Tangmere Military Aviation Museum – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
28 th August	Stoke on Trent Model Show	Large	IPMS Stoke on Trent	Application sent	Recommended	Updated once issued to IPMS website

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4 th September	East Riding of Yorkshire Model Show 2022	Medium/Large	East Riding Model Club	TBC-waiting for club numbers to attend	TBC	East Riding of Yorkshire Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
18 th September	Wings and Things 2022	Medium	Models for sale	Confirmed	Optional	Wings & Things – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
1 st October	Abingdon IPMS Model Show 2022	Medium	IPMS Abingdon	Confirmed	Optional	Abingdon IPMS Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
15 th October	REME Model Show 2022	Medium	REME Museum	Confirmed	Optional	REME Model Show – 2022 (and a BIG THANK YOU FOR 2021!) – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
22 nd October	Showcase 2022	Medium/Large	Letchworth Scale model club	Confirmed	Optional	Showcase – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
12 th and 13 th November 2022	Scale model world 2022	Very Large	IPMS UK	Confirmed	Required	Scale ModelWorld 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
4 th December	London Plastic Modelling Show 2022	Medium	Guideline publications	Confirmed	Optional	London Plastic Modelling Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)

Please Note:

Definitions

Required- Club Show members required

Recommended- regular shows attended by the club, with a table(s)

Optional- shows not attended by club, but optional to club members