July 2022





## 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.

Looking forward, to the shows we will attend as a club in the next couple of months please see the show diary in this edition.

## Summer show 2022

A massive thank you to all club members who helped to make this show a success, I have received a lot of positive feedback from clubs and traders, and everyone had a very good day.

We raised £279 from the tombola and Raffle.

The Tombola was cleaned out in 90mins! - (that could be a club record?), and the donations from the traders weren't too shabby either!

The president of the IPMS (Paul Regan) also wish to share his thanks to the entire club for putting on our show.

Dave Carter won best club model well done!

well, done to everyone!!



All photos are on the website at link:

Club Summer Show 2022 - Coventry & Warwickshire IPMS Model Club (weebly.com)

**Paul Redfern** 

#### SMW 2022 Table theme

"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	Werid Camo					
June 3rd	70th annivesary					
July 1st	All American					
August 5th	Space/ Sci-Fi					
September 2nd	Classics					
October 7th	Deep Blue Sea					

# **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 <u>cwipms2019@gmail.com</u>

## New Instagram Page



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

The address is @coventry\_scalemodels

## Our trip to the Imperial War Museum at Duxford

A trip to Duxford has been on the books for my dad and I since the appearance of a certain Coronavirus put our previous attempt on hold. Suffice it to say, when we nailed down the date for the 7<sup>th of</sup> April the day after my birthday, I was very much looking forward to it as was he.

We knew from the start which of the hangars we wanted to see the most since we knew that the sheer volume of the stuff on display would prevent us from being able to see everything on display. So, we decided on three of them that would make a beeline for. We started with the Air Space hangar as that was the closest to entrance. We started on the ground floor, walking amongst the assorted aircraft on display (including walking inside the Avro York and the Concorde) before we made our way to the upper level to get a better view of all these fantastic aircraft below (as well as those that were suspended from the ceiling). As the two of us are keen photographers, we got a fair number of great photos from both levels. Highlights from this hangar include a Lancaster, Vulcan, Mosquito, the iconic Concorde, Harrier and Lightning.

Following that, we made our way to/got blown in the general direction of the Air and Sea Hangar which, while smaller in size than the first, was still a worthwhile viewing. We got to see a Sea Vixen, Gannet, Blackburn Buccaneer as well as Reconnaissance glider used by German U-Boats during WW2. Not as flashy as the other bigger hangars but I'm glad we decided to have a look around this smaller yet still rather interesting hangar.

Last on our list was the American Air Museum at the far end of the site. On our way there, we passed by some old passenger liners like the VC10, Trident, Britannia and Viscount all done up in their original livery. The weather was quite pleasant, and the light was optimal so the two of us took the opportunity to take a few photos of these old people carriers which turned out quite well..at least for me.

Whilst the other two hangars were quite fascinating views, I was especially looking forward to this one due to some of the stuff I knew was there. It certainly didn't disappoint and, whilst I was prepared for the stuff in there to be quite big (they did come from America, after all), I was genuinely taken aback by just how large the aircraft in there were. The B-52 especially practically dominated everything else there. The aircraft that I was most eager to see, the SR-71 Blackbird, didn't take that long to find and it was worth the wait. The two of us made sure to get plenty of photos of this remarkable plane and easily made the trip worthwhile. We made a couple of passes around the floor to properly take in all the planes there such as the F-111, P-51, B-29 and B-17 and somehow managed to miss the U2 hanging from the ceiling, only noticing it on our second pass. All in all, this hangar was by far my favourite from the trip and will want to go back around when we do eventually return.

By the time we were finished there, we only had an hour before the museum closed but we managed to get a quick look around the conservation hangar where they were in the process on renovating a Victor B1A and Shackleton. It was slightly odd to see the aircraft in pieces, having gotten used to the other pristine exhibits but it gave me more of an appreciation of the mountain of tasks involved in keeping these old exhibits in good condition. Another reason for the two of us to return once the job is done to see these aircraft in all their glory.

I'm sure most of you reading this may have heard of or have been there before but I thought I'd give my two cents about my experience there.



**Findlay Cruden** 

## **Royal Engineer Museum Visit Falklands 40th**

I don't know how to start writing this one ..... REABD - RE Museum - Falklands 40<sup>th</sup> display and to talk to the great British public

Two days of loitering about with these dribbling idiots



Two days of banter and blagging .... laughing and crying .... remembering Two nights of getting thrown out of the same pubs I was thrown out of 40 years ago

Just another stuffy old museum? ..... no mate .... this is my stuffy old museum





**Denis Jones** 













# 300 years of Sapper

# Model Kraft -Milton Keynes Show 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022



I have personally not been to this show venue before, and I believe the first show was in 2019. I was a little intrigued on visiting.

Denis and I stepped off from Coventry early and trouped down the A5 and stopping at the "Super Sausage" Motorbike Café in Towcester for a pit-stop.



Putting modelling aside for a moment we had two huge breakfast batches and brews, and I didn't need anything for the rest of the day, well worth a visit! Especially if you like motorbikes.

Arriving at the Marshall Arena, (next door to the MK Dons football ground)



There was designated parking for exhibitors and traders, which we managed to snag a parking spot.

Apart from the miscommunication with the chair's situation, all went well throughout the day, apart from the rush at the end as the footy traffic wardens were lurking around.

The club table was very well supported with our usual high standard of models on display, and there were a fair few clubs and Sigs, but not a huge number of traders.

The main hall had the lions share clubs and traders, and the remainder of the clubs were dispersed throughout the remainder the three levels.

There was an open table competition, unfortunately the club did not win any awards.

Overall, a very enjoyable show and a good day out.

After note: weeks after this show it was announced that they will not return to this venue, due to unrealistic costs for 2023 (the cost tripled to 19K) a real shame to this great club. I have been working with one of the Milton Keynes club members to offer advice for a new venue,

#### **Paul Redfern**



# IPMS Gloucester 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

As a club we decided that we would not attend this show, but I fancied a day out, and I decided to attend as a punter.

The venue was located at the Church down Community Centre, a small marquee was also set up at the rear of the centre, to accommodate some more clubs.

A few of the club members were also there, to include Pete Hyslop, Richard Brooker and Marcus White, the parking was a bit challenging, but I managed to find a spot.

There was a "butty Van" onsite for teas/coffees etc, a tad pricey, but we were a captive audience.

A fair number of Club/Sigs and Traders for a relatively small venue, and some great models from clubs you only see at the nationals.

I spent a good 3 hours wandering around, made some small purchases and took a fair few photographs these are on the website at: <u>IPMS Gloucester Model Show 22nd May 2022 - Coventry & Warwickshire IPMS Model</u> <u>Club (weebly.com)</u>

I also decided to visit the Jet age Museum located nearby on my way back

#### **Paul Redfern**



## Jet Age Museum Visit

On my way back to the midlands, I'd planned to pop into this museum, a nice little museum with some great examples of early jets such as the Meteor and the Whittle as well as some prop driven aircraft.

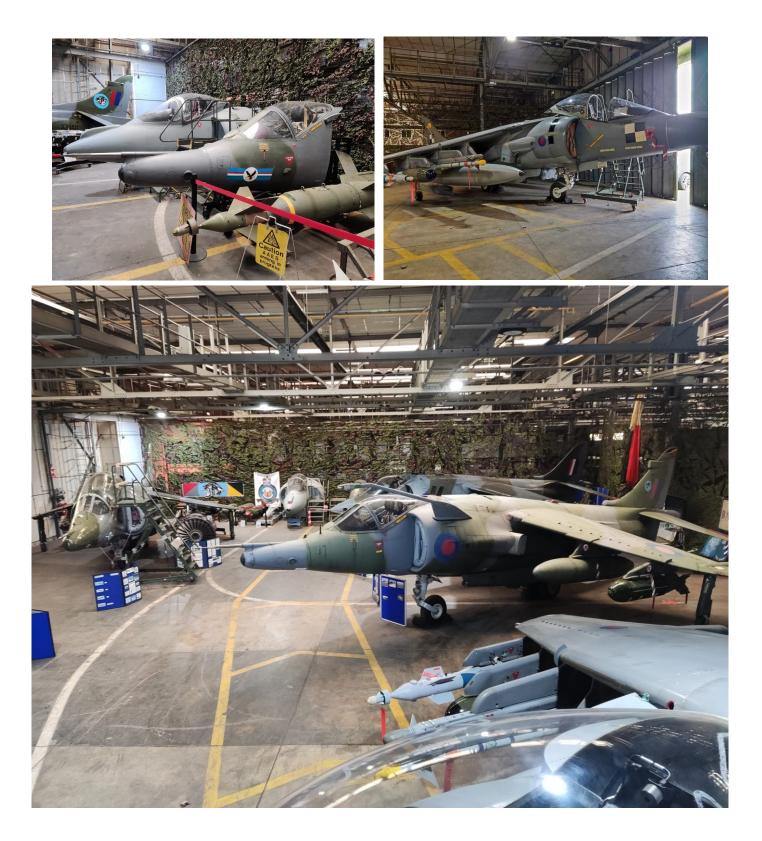
Onsite is a nice little café, but on that day only selling teas and coffees etc, hot food wasn't an option that day, but I'd heard good things about the bacon sarnies.

I took some photographs, and these are on the website at: <u>https://coventryandwarwickipms.weebly.com/jet-age-museum-gloucestershire.html</u>

Well worth a visit.

**Paul Redfern** 

# **RAF Wittering Harrier Centre Visit**



More Photos on the website at: <u>RAF Wittering Harrier Centre - Coventry & Warwickshire IPMS Model Club (weebly.com)</u>

**Don Richards** 

# <u>Army Flying Museum</u> <u>Middle Wallop</u>



I was at a Sealed knot event over the May Bank holiday in Frome in Somerset, and as I had a free day and decided to visit the Army Flying Museum in Middle Wallop, Kentsboro, Stockbridge.

From the outside the building is deceptively small, with a ZSU 23/4 SPAAG as a Gate Guardian on display outside.

On entry I was not disappointed, there were many exhibits over two levels to include gliders from WW2 and helicopters and other motor vehicles on display, you could get very close to them and have a good look around.

Some fantastic "behind the glass" exhibits as well from the gulf war and the invasion of Iraq to name but a few.

There was a decent a café onsite, with a viewing platform overlooking the flying school, nothing much to look at, but the local air cadets were flying their powered and unpowered gliders on the airfield adjacent to the school.

As usual I took a fair amount photograph and can be found at: <u>https://coventryandwarwickipms.weebly.com/army-flying-museum-middle-wallop.html</u>

There was a car show outside, but unfortunately, my phone battery expired, and I left my charging cable in my tent!

Another museum off my wish list, and a cracking place to visit.

**Paul Redfern** 

# Humour Time



# Caption Competition - answers on a post card!!



#### Armed Forces Day 25<sup>th</sup> June Saffron Walden Common



Denis asked me a couple of weeks before our club show, if I'd fancied a day out, I'd initially thought this was a bit of a drive, but then Denis dropped the bombshell (no pun intended) that the local EOD from Carver Barracks (formerly RAF Debden), would be displaying, so I was sold instantly.

We stepped off at 0800hrs from Coventry and took a leisurely drive down to Essex, after a short pit stop, we landed around 1030hrs at Saffron Walden Common, as the car park was rapidly filling up, I decided to find alternative parking in the town, as we were leaving, I exclaimed "Harris T7!!" Denis looked at me like I'd lost my mind.

After parking up and walking through Saffron Walden, we stopped for a brew at a very posh coffee shop, and then decided to wander over to the common.

On arrival, there were lots of stands from Carver Barracks, including the REME section in support of the EOD lads and lasses.

The first stand had the Harris T7 bomb disposal robot, which has only been in service a couple of years. These units are approx. £1 million each and are somewhat smaller in the flesh/Metal.

Around the common you had weapon stands and displays, also the opportunity to play with the MAN Recovery crane, which was fun.

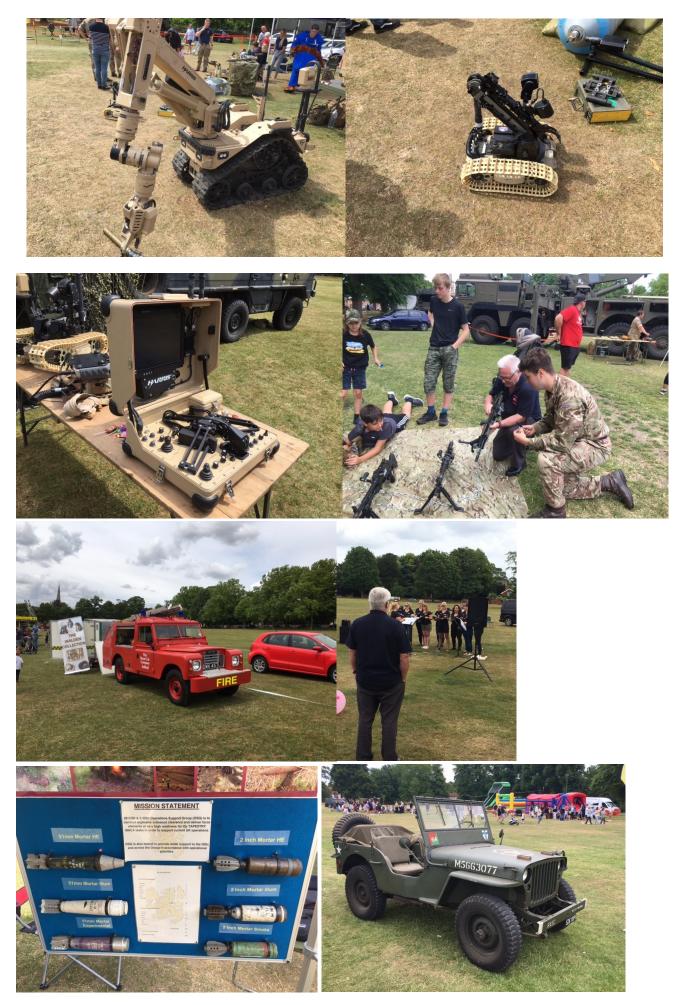
I got my full ex guardsman on by handling the new Barratt 0.5 cal sniper rifle, which is used for taking out IEDs not for anti-personnel use.

We bumped into a few veterans including a very nice chap called Ron from the Queens Regiment.

After having some lunch from a burger van (rude not to) we waited around for the military wives' choir, and they were truly excellent, and brough a tear to even the hardened veteran, and regular alike.

There were also some Royal British legion stands and myself and Denis dropped a few quid into the donation tins.

A grand day out, the weather was kind to all of us, and would do it again.



**Denis Jones and Paul Redfern** 

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

# Part 2 (Part 1 in the last issue)

Starting a new model is always exciting with promises not to make the same mistakes as all the previous builds and the youthful hope and optimism that for some reason this time it will be different. But this kit of the Cierva C-30A was different. After bringing it home from SMW '21 I realised that the instructions were going to make this build a bit of a challenge to put it mildly. My expectations were already low, and so if I ended up with a model which vaguely resembled the Cierva C-30A I would be happy.

As expected, the build was indeed a journey of discovery. I cleared my modelling board and laid out the contents of the bag neatly in rows. There was a single vacuum formed sheet holding the two halves of the fuselage and all the other parts were white metal. On inspection of the castings, I saw some chunks missing from the rota blades where the moulds had not fully filled and instead of a left hand and right-hand upper frame structure, I had 3 left hand pieces and one right hand piece which again, hadn't fully filled in the mould.

I decided that the best thing to do was to just dive in. The fuselage was cut from the sheet and the two halves were offered up. It wasn't as bad a fit as I had anticipated. I fitted additional strengthening strips of plasticard on the inside to give more land to bond the 2 halves and went through the usual process of filling and sanding the join. Subtle depressions in the fuselage were just enough to see where to cut out the apertures for the cockpits, but although the instructions did show some of the cockpit layout including the seat, there were no parts to populate it. An empty cockpit opening would look very strange with nothing in the space, so I scratch built a couple of seats and dropped them into position.

Now it was time to start fitting the white metal parts. I Googled what adhesives to use for white metal but didn't find any hard and fast best practice. Some posts were recommending use of cyanoacrylate whilst others swore on epoxy. I decided to go for the super glue as it would dry quicker, and if I didn't like it, I could always change to Araldite later. The larger parts of the tail stabilisers were fitted and bent into shape before I moved onto the front lower structure and wheels. Trying to bend the parts into the correct shape was not easy. I found some side and front elevation drawings on the internet and printed them off to scale and then tried to fit the parts to the drawings. At this point I found that the part numbered "3" in the instructions was about 2mm too long and forced the angles of the structural frame out of proportion. There wasn't much I could do about it, so I just did my best to keep to the correct proportions without having to modify the parts. Due to the fragility of the parts I realised that I was unlikely to be able to bend them multiple times in order to win the right shapes and match left hand to right hand. I cut my losses early on and identified a spar on each side which would be better achieved by fitting pieces of florists wire instead of the white metal parts supplied. This proved to be a good move and it enabled me to bring the proportions closer to the prototype.

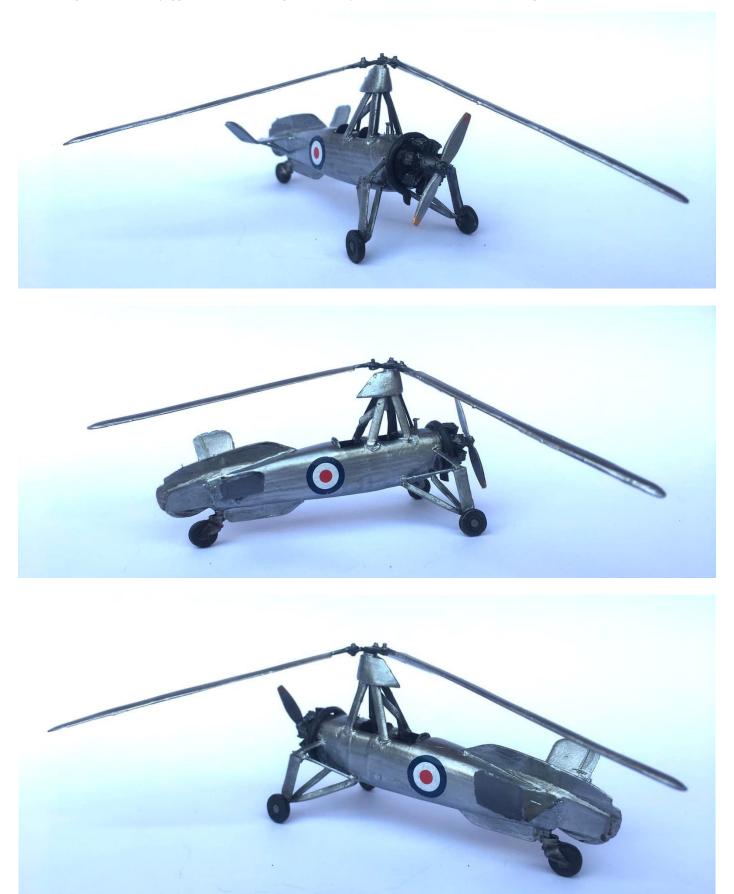
As the model started to come together, I was pleasantly surprised by the robustness of the build. The cyanoacrylate was holding together well, and I was able to handle it with confidence that it was not going to fall to pieces in my hands.

Finally, the upper structure to support the rotas was put in place. The short casting on the right-hand side turned out to be less of an issue than I had originally imagined. The rota assembly was glued into place on a piece of paper with lines drawn out at 120 degrees. The blades were bent slightly downwards but they were not glued to the upper structure, which I hoped would make it easier to transport the model if the need arose.

The whole model was painted with Alclad chrome, the engine picked out with Tamiya gun metal and the single roundel decal added to the fuselage. At last, the model was complete, despite the less than informative instructions.

In all, this was an enjoyable build. Yes, there were frustrations with the lack of detail in the instructions and yes, some of

the castings were a little jagged around the edges, but despite all this, I recon it is still recognisable as a Cierva C-30A.



**Daniel Rowntree** 

# If you fancy a challenge....

I fancied doing another car and was looking around the Milton Keynes show and came across a pile of kits with the NuNu brand. Not having heard of these before, I asked a car modelling friend if they were any good. He said they were and said the Audi R8 would look great and so I bought it.

The kit is quite detailed, and I would say on par with Tamiya. As with a lot of car/bike kits there are after-market detail sets available for around £18-20. The kit itself was £43.99. I didn't bother getting the extra details as, looking at the colour scheme and the number of decals (120+), I thought that would be enough of a challenge. Having said that, I did add some extra carbon decals in places and an Eduard seat harness.

The kit went together well with hardly any filler and only the odd injector mark to remove. After spraying the body with Halfords appliance white, I left it about a week before tackling the decals. These went on well using Micro Sol and Micro Set, but you have to follow a set order for some of them and I would recommend starting at one end and move along the body when applying the base colours. They aligned well and only required a few areas to be touched up with paint. Although this was probably my fault. Leave these for a few days to mould to the body and then move on to the sponsorship ones. After decaling, Mr Hobby Color gloss lacquer was applied and then a final polish with Auto Glym car polish.

I'd recommend these kits, although with this one you do need a bit of patience with the decals.





**Don Richards** 

#### **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**

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## **Internet and Facebook Links**

IPMS UK https://ipmsuk.org/

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





# Sutton Coldfield Model Maker Society

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Show List	2022 July-Novembe	er				
Date	Show Name	Size of Show	Show Organiser	Status at time of publishing	Required/ Recommended /Optional	Web link/contact e-mail
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Scale Model Show 2022	Medium	MAFVA East Sussex Branch	Confirmed	<b>Optional</b>	Scale Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	The Romsey Scale Model Show 2022	Medium	Romsey Modellers	Confirmed	Optional	The Romsey Scale Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	IPMS North Somerset Model Society Show 2022	Medium/Large	IPMS North Somerset	Confirmed	Optional	IPMS North Somerset Model Society Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
30 <sup>th</sup> July	IPMS Dundee Show 2022	Medium	IPMS Dundee	Confirmed	<b>Optional</b>	IPMS Dundee Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
31 <sup>st</sup> July	The Essex Modeller Show EMS 2022	Medium	IPMS Southeast Essex/Hornchurch/Chelmsford /MAFVA Essex	Confirmed	Optional	The Essex Modellers' Show – EMS – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
7 <sup>th</sup> August	IPMS Avon Annual show 2022	Medium/Large	IPMS Avon	Application sent	Recommended	IPMS Avon Annual Show 2022   Facebook
7 <sup>th</sup> 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)
21 <sup>st</sup> August	IPMS BDAC Model Show 2022	Medium	IPMS BDAC	Confirmed	Optional	IPMS BDAC Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
28 <sup>th</sup> August	Stoke on Trent Model Show	Large	IPMS Stoke on Trent	Booked in	Recommended	Updated once issued to IPMS website
4 <sup>th</sup> September	East Riding of Yorkshire Model Show 2022	Medium/Large	East Riding Model Club	твс	ТВС	East Riding of Yorkshire Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
4th September	IPMS Wombourne Scale Model Show	Medium	ТВС	твс	ТВС	IPMS Wombourne Scale Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
10 <sup>th</sup> September	Southwest Model show Autumn 2022	Large	The Tank Museum	Confirmed	<b>Optional</b>	Southwest Model Show Autumn – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
10 <sup>th</sup> September	IPMS West Cornwall Model Show	Medium	Cornwall air Ambulance	Confirmed	Optional	IPMS West Cornwall Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Sutton Coldfield Model show Stafold Barn	Medium	Sutton Coldfield model makers	Confirmed Booked In	Recommended	Sutton Coldfield Model Show in Association with Statfold Barn Railway Road, Rail and Ale – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)

11 <sup>th</sup> September	Chiltern Model show 2022	Medium	IPMS Chiltern	Confirmed	Optional	Chiltern Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Wings and Things 2022	Medium	Models for sale	Confirmed	Optional	Wings & Things – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
25 <sup>th</sup> September	St Ives Model show 2022	Medium	IPMS Brampton	ТВС	ТВС	<u>St Ives Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Abingdon IPMS Model Show 2022	Medium	IPMS Abingdon	Confirmed	Optional	Abingdon IPMS Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
9 <sup>th</sup> October	East Midlands Model Show 2022	Medium	East Midlands Model club	Confirmed Booked in	Recommended	East Midlands Model Show – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
15 <sup>th</sup> October	REME Model Show 2022	Medium	REME Museum	Confirmed	<b>Optional</b>	<u>REME Model Show – 2022 (and a BIG THANK YOU FOR 2021!) – IPMS</u> (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Showcase 2022	Medium/Large	Letchworth Scale model club	Confirmed	<b>Optional</b>	Showcase – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	IPMS Lincoln show 2022	Medium	IPMS Lincoln	Application Sent	Recommended	Updated once issued to IPMS website
12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>Th</sup> November	Scale model world 2022	Very Large	IPMS UK	Confirmed	Required	Scale Model World 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