

# 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.

In August after the lifting of restrictions, we were able to attend, several shows around the country. The next show will be Scale Model World 2021, at the International centre in Telford, over the weekend of the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> November.

The theme "What's Your Emergency" has been carried on to this year. We have around 43 models promised, with 40 built so far, this has been two years in the making, and I would like to thank everyone for their continued effort over these testing times.

We will be having a Christmas Dinner on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at the Old Mill, Bagington, and the club Secretary will be collecting names and payment over the next few meetings.

There will be an additional issue after Scale Model World, to be sent to all members, in late November.



Source: Redfern archives

**Paul "Red" Redfern** – editor and part time disciplinarian.

## Articles required



Source: internet

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](mailto:cwipms2019@gmail.com)

## In Memoriam Mr Tony Partington

Tony was a stalwart member of the club for many years, his main interest was the observer corps, and built a very detailed scratch-built layout of a post war Nuclear observer post, Tony was always interested in other members builds, and was a fountain of knowledge and his stories were spell binding, as well as very interesting.

He will be sorely missed by the club, he passed away peacefully on the 25th August.

Rest in Peace Tony.



## Show Review 2021

### IPMS Avon and Lincombe barn model and wargaming show 8th August 2021

The first show of the year was the IPMS Avon show at the Thornbury Leisure Centre, near Bristol

The club was placed in the third hall, within the venue, in the second sports hall

The club turnout and table were well attended, with around 9 members who displayed on the table.

There was a "greasy spoon" van on site, and they were well visited by all modellers



Source: Club Facebook page

More photos on the website.

**Paul Redfern**

### Stoke on Trent model show 15th August 2021

The next show of the year was the Stoke on Trent show at the Staffordshire Showground, in Staffordshire.

This was a new venue, with a large multi-purpose hall, with a café onsite. There were several clubs and traders in attendance, as well as lot of paying public.

The club turnout and table were well attended, with around 7 members who displayed on the table.

Overall a great venue, but not without its problems, as this was a new show on the calendar. The Club got a few awards in the competition:

Antonio Cruz with his wooden Victor Bomber in the scratch-built/multi-media class (2<sup>nd</sup>) And Myself with my Cutlass Bomb disposal robot (3<sup>rd</sup>).



Source: Club Facebook page

More photos on the website

**Paul Redfern**

### ASVC Wombourne 6th September 2021

Just had a terrific day down at the Wombourne show, it's only a small show with a small car park with 3 small rooms and a small competition, packed with quality models and a decent breakfast. As a club we did well, 6 of us filled 2 tables and 4 of us entered the competition. Over 7 categories of very high standard models, all 4 of us came away with something, 3 x 1<sup>st</sup> place and 2 x 2<sup>nd</sup> place. We promoted our club, the Air Museum, the Air Museums Fare and the Winter show, we sold half of the last of Johns stash, handed out loads of leaflets and spoke to loads of people.



Source: Club Facebook page

More photos on the website

**Denis Jones**

November 2021

## Statfold Barn Railway Museum 11th and 12th September 2021

The Statfold Barn Railway Museum is located near Tamworth, The site is mainly Railway orientated, as we were invited for both days, and Denis turned out a Royal Engineer display, on the Saturday, and displayed the club table on Sunday.

The location has lots of scope for a small-Medium show, and the owner is keen to put another show on in 2022.



Source: Club Facebook page

More photos on the website

Denis Jones

### Chiltern Model Show 12th September 2021

I attended this show as a member of the public, as I have never been to this show before, the venue was at a local school near Biggleswade.

A small show, with around 25 clubs, and a limited number of traders. Some very good models on display, and some traders we don't normally see at the shows we attend, there was a "pop up" food stand selling teas and coffees and bacon sarnies.

A great day out, if you're looking for something to do.



Source: Club Facebook page

[More photos on the website](#)

**Paul Redfern**

### "Wings and Things" Model Show 19th September 2021

Again, I attended this show as a member of the public, as I have never been to this show before, the venue was at a local Academy Near Holbeach.

A small show, with around 20 clubs, and a limited number of traders. Some very good models on display, there was a "pop up" food stand selling teas and coffees and bacon sarnies.

Well worth a day out, great little show



Source: Club Facebook page

[More photos on the website](#)

**Paul Redfern**

### St Ives (IPMS Brampton) Model Show 26th September 2021

The club returned to the very popular St Ives show, and we were displaying in the drama room (very apt).

Denis and I had decided that we would donate the remainder of John's stash to Models for Hero's, a very worthwhile charity, and a special place in my heart for veterans.

The table was well supported, and the show had around 30+ clubs and numerous traders, the tombola was very popular, as there were some very good prizes, on offer. I made many visits, but lady luck was not on my side that day.



Source: Club Facebook page

[More photos on the website](#)

**Paul Redfern**

### Blue Lamp Expo 10th October 2021

This is a new show, provided by the recently formed west midland police, model club.

We arrived early and were told to wait a short while in the car park, where Peter Hyslop, struck up a conversation with a Dog handler, and we were treated to a display of a search techniques, by the bobby and his "land shark".

The table was well supported, and the show had around 30+ clubs and numerous traders, with the bar supplying teas and coffees and food throughout the day, we were later informed by the show organiser -Paul that they had provided nearly a 1000 meals that day!.

There were a few minor issues, like number of tables supplied, but this was out of the hands of the show organiser, this is to be expected with a new show and venue.

A great show, with lots of potential, and its nice to see a show in Birmingham again.



Source: Club Facebook page

[More photos on the website](#)

**Paul Redfern**

## REME Museum 16th October 2021 Bomb disposal interest group

Denis and I run an interest group, mainly around the bomb disposal subject. Back in 2019 we attended and had been the guest of Modern British Armour Sig. We had a good chat with the Museum Education officer- Andrew.

The Museum is in Wiltshire, not far from Royal Wotton Bassett.

I'd contacted the museum last year but due to the pandemic the show was rescheduled to this year.

We were located next to the "wheelbarrow" robot (at my request), and shown a small table of our models, along with Steve Lockhart's Wellington Anti mine Bomber.

There were a lot more clubs and traders from the show in 2019, and a lot of paying public in attendance, both Denis and I had some very interesting conversations with the public, ex REME, and WRAC members.

The show was a great success, and we have been invited to next year's show.

The drive back was eventful, with my dodgy clutch (now fixed) and questionable directions from my Sat-nav.

Well worth a day out, with lots to see and do.



Source: Club and Bomb disposal Facebook page

[More photos on the website](#)

**Denis Jones and Paul Redfern**



## Royal Engineer Museum 24th October 2021 Bomb disposal interest group

Denis had been invited to the Royal Engineer Museum as part of the veteran's group he belongs to, and borrowed some my models to display.

Not really a model show, but an opportunity to show off our interest group. There were lots of displays, both inside and outside of Royal Engineers equipment and displays.

The Museum is in Gillingham Kent

There was a gentleman from Hysterical History's in the guise of Lt Palmer doing talks such as "Fantastic bombs and where to find them".

If you are visiting near the museum, well worth a look.



Source: Bomb disposal Facebook page

More photos on the website

Denis Jones

## **Commonwealth War Graves Commission article**

For those of you who don't know, I'm a volunteer for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. I've had an interest in military cemeteries and the work of the CWGC for several years, going back to when I spent several years touring the Western front on holidays.

Many are familiar with the immaculately maintained war cemeteries on the continent, but there are 177,000 headstones in the UK, which are spread over 12,500 sites. There are 177 sites containing CWGC burials in Warwickshire. Many burial grounds just have one burial, these are known as scattered graves.

The Commission inspects all graves on 2-to-5-year cycle, but to speed up response to work and repairs, a project called Eyes On, Hands On (EOHO) was conceived. Local volunteers with a knowledge of local cemeteries, would be able to keep an eye on the condition and report any issues, also they could be trained to carry out basic cleaning and gardening requirements.

The initial, project was launched a couple of years ago. Due to an overwhelming response the existing system was found to be unsuitable, and because it was during the lockdown period, it was been used as a sort of treasure hunt. The project was relaunched at the beginning of this year, which is when I first came across it. It was initially an advert on Facebook, asking people to become involved. I filled in an application form, which required references, and then received a phone call from the area supervisor before being accepted as an official volunteer.

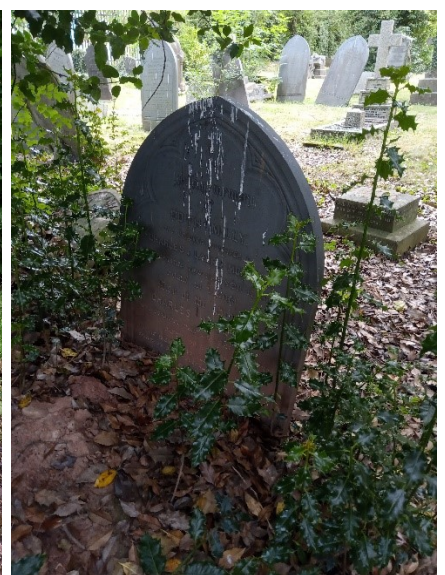
Due to the Covid lockdown, all the initial training was carried out by zoom. This consisted of learning what to look for, and how to fill in the report forms, each report is accompanied by photographs. The CWGC has just initiated a new digital archiving program, which now is used to store all the photographs which get uploaded. In the future, this will probably form the basis of the Commission archives.

As well as the familiar CWGC headstones, there are over 37,000 private memorials. These were chosen by the family instead of a Commission headstone. Although the CWGC does not own these private memorials, they do monitor their condition, to ensure that the individuals name is legible.

The locations for which I am responsible are Nuneaton based, there are four of us based locally, and if the need arises, we will meet up to carry any large-scale cleaning tasks. The headstone cleaning can only be done using water and a scrubbing brush, and if needed a bit grass cutting with a pair of shears.

The private memorials tend to be in worse condition, they have often been neglected for years. Because they are private, we are not allowed to touch them. Only photograph and report on the condition.

At one of my churchyards, is a private memorial to an able seaman named Morton. I have located his family grave and he should be the third inscription down. Unfortunately, over the years the gravestone has sank into the ground and his name is no longer visible. Following my site report, this person will be given a plinth marker, so his name will once again be visible for those who wish to remember him.



Source: John Stretton

John Stretton

## Caption Competition



Source: Denis Jones

## Themed Club Nights 2022

As a club we have Themed club nights, this normally takes place at the first meeting of every month, this runs from March to September.

I am looking for themes from the club for 2022, for example: What if & Dioramas.

If you have an idea for a theme, please contact me via the club Gmail account

**Paul Redfern**

## Local shops



The Paint Rack: <https://thepaintrack.com/>

**Tornado books & hobbies**

An independent specialist rail, road, air, maritime transport and military book and model shop

Our shop is now open in Birmingham city centre - we look forward to seeing you soon

Open 9.30am - 5.00pm Tuesday - Saturday  
(Closed Sunday & Monday)



Tornado Books and Hobbies: <https://www.tornadobookshop.co.uk/>

Source: Internet

## Local area interest - Museums



Coventry Air Museum: <http://www.midlandairmuseum.co.uk/>

The logo for the Coventry Transport Museum consists of the word 'COVENTRY' in a grey, sans-serif font at the top. Below it, the word 'Transport' is written in a large, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the word 'MUSEUM' is written in a grey, sans-serif font.

Coventry Transport Museum: <https://www.transport-museum.com/>



British Motor Museum: <https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/>

Source: internet

## Club Christmas Dinner 2021

The maximum capacity is 40 people for the room. There will be 5 air museum guests at the meal, and hopefully Veronica Mohammed as our VIP guest, leaving 34 spaces for Club members & partners.

If you wish to attend, please contact the club via the Gmail address, Richard will be bringing a paper copy of the menu and booking list to subsequent meetings.



## Coventry and Warwickshire IPMS Christmas Dinner 2021



Friday 3rd December 2021  
7pm o'clock onwards  
At the Old Mill Bagington Coventry  
CV8 3AH

<https://www.chefandbrewer.com/>  
To Book contact Club via,  
[cwipms2019@gmail.com](mailto:cwipms2019@gmail.com)

## Humour Time



Source: internet



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## Internet and Facebook Links

**IPMS UK**

**<https://ipmsuk.org/>**

**IPMS Work bench**

**<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/>**

## Show List 2022 Jan-November Provisional

Date	Show Name	Size of Show	Show Organiser	Status at time of publishing	Required/ Recommended/ Optional	Web link/contact e-mail
9 <sup>th</sup> January	Croydon Aviation and Military	Medium	Not known	Confirmed	Optional	<a href="#">Croydon Aviation and Military Collectors Fair – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)</a>
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Model kraft	Large	Milton Keynes IPMS	Confirmed	Recommended	<a href="#">ModelKraft – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)</a>
?? June/July	Coventry and Warwickshire club show	Medium	IPMS Coventry and Warwickshire	Date to be confirmed	Recommended	
7 <sup>th</sup> August	Scale Model Show at Tangmere Military Aviation Museum	Medium	Tangmere sector Modellers	Confirmed	Optional	<a href="#">Scale Model Show at Tangmere Military Aviation Museum – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)</a>
15 <sup>th</sup> October	REME Model Show 2022	Medium	REME Museum	Confirmed	Optional	<a href="#">REME Model Show – 2022 (and a BIG THANK YOU FOR 2021!) – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)</a>
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Showcase 2022	Medium/Large	Letchworth Scale model club	Confirmed	Optional	<a href="#">Showcase – 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)</a>
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> November	Scale Model World 2022	Very Large	IPMS UK	Confirmed	Required	<a href="#">Scale ModelWorld 2022 – IPMS (UK) (ipmsuk.org)</a>

**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