

## **Bovington 2023 – A report**

For some years now the Southern Area has been represented at the Bovington Tank Museums Model Show largely due to the efforts of members from the Dorset clubs, in particular the Chesil Group. The show was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023.



As can be seen from the photographs a huge variation of models was on display creating much interest from young and old. A sign of the times, they were all electric except one petrol.

As well as the models there were several copies of the BMFA News, Badges, Pens, and Leaflets covering various aspects of the hobby as well as a video of the Chesil Club's activities.



Around the corner, although not pictured, was a flight simulator this allowed everyone to have a go at flying a model creating much amusement for both those having a go and those watching.

### **The team of helpers:**

Barry & Pauline Edworthy, Dominic Berry, Steve Jeffrey, Wayne Broom, Jenni West-Broom, Don Billingham, Dave Burstow and myself Terry Weeks. Our thanks go to all for their hard work in making the stand the success it was.





Following the show, the organizers advised us that no less than 3247 members of the public had visited the show over the two days. I would estimate that around 1800 attended Saturday, by far the busiest day.

Where else can the BMFA be exposed by these numbers over a single weekend? The answer is at the September Bovington Model Show!

Finally, our thanks must go to the staff of the Bovington Tank Museum for the facilities provided, we were in a great spot, one of the first stands the public would see on entering the show.