

Poole Vikings--- 13/4/19

Poole Vikings is a model making club whose members have a wide range of interests in all types of model building. Their base is in the Poole area of Dorset and for many years past SWA has been represented at their annual show. As long as I can remember the show has taken place at Poole Grammar School, an ideal venue, and the club's organizational skills well-- honed over the years, so all runs smoothly, with a mix of various trade stands—although it seemed fewer than in previous years—and a wide range of model exhibits.

This year we were given four tables in a good place in the great hall, our stand being manned by Dave and Andrea Reith, David McNair-Taylor and myself John Edwards.

Ships on display were Dave's Japanese destroyer IJS Shimotsuki, which is close to completion, minehunter HMS Quorn, and a large scale RIB. David's contribution was his Type 42 HMS Exeter, HMS Wildgoose of Captain Walker's famous 2cd escort group and Fletcher Class destroyer USS McNair. My ships were Dido Class cruiser HMS Argonaut, destroyer HMS Consort, and, very much work in progress Tribal HMS Eskimo. Table space gave plenty of room for display materials which I think showed our models to their best advantage, and as in past years we received a good deal of attention from the public.

John Edwards