

BMSS President's Report for 2025

I have Chaired the National Committee meetings, which are held via Zoom, and also some of the meetings to support the Editor of The Bulletin via Zoom. Unfortunately, due to family commitments I was unable to attend the BMSS Annual Show, but Past President Paul Vickers kindly stepped in to present the Prizes etc. and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for this. I had the pleasure of attending our Interbranch Competitions again. I enjoy presenting the Prizes, as well as judging for the President's Medal. This is always difficult to judge, and now being a vehicle modeller, some may say that one is not qualified to do so. However, as I used to convert figures and paint figure models, albeit to an average standard in my view, I consider that I have some qualifications to do so and that for this particular award, a detailed background of the figure subject is not required, as it is the model that catches the eye of the President and is considered by him to be the best personally that is finally chosen. The range of models, from Toy Figures, Model Figures and Vehicles continually challenges any judge. I would like to thank all those who volunteer or are persuaded to judge at these events as they carry out a difficult task and sometimes a thankless one.

I was able to attend the Bristol Branch Show in November last year, and I was pleased to attend as this is always a good show to attend. Sadly, following the show it was announced that this was to be the last one, and this will be a blow to the Bristol Branch as well as the wider modelling community, especially in the South West. I would like to thank Bob and his fellow members for their efforts over the years.

Last year's AGM was held via Zoom for the first time. I would encourage all members to take the time to attend as it is your chance to have a say and vote in the way the Society is run. The great advantage is that you can attend from your armchair and not even have to travel up to London!

I look forward to another year as President and seeing more of you during the year.