

GAMES DAY REPORT

Games Workshop's big flagship event, Games Day, was held in September in Birmingham on the weekend of the 28th/29th and the South London Warlords again had a presence at the show in the form of a fantasy chariot racing participation game. A full report of how the game went will hopefully follow next issue.

Although most SLW members are used to the hubbub of large shows the controlled chaos that is the Games Day show must be experienced to be fully comprehended. The large events centre is unfailingly packed to the gunnels with veritable hordes of thirteen year olds sporting Slipknot shirts (Slipknot is a nu-metal band for those who didn't know) and jeans that the average body builder would find roomy.

The event is divided into three main areas. The mezzanine, the main arena floor and another large area downstairs. The mezzanine is dedicated to the Gold Demon painting competition where GW staff frantically try to keep a three-deep press of bodies from leaning on the fragile, glass miniature display cases. The main floor is where the myriad of GW products are on display including the large store area (which annoyingly only sells stuff which you can buy at all the GW stores already...), Forge World (GW's extremely nice and extremely expensive resin model range), the 'Eavy Metal area (GW painters) and various display games. Off the main arena are several other areas such as the studio where the various designers display the models they're working on etc. Downstairs is a large open area dedicated to yet more display games, the SLW one among them, a large and particularly packed modelling, painting and scenery tutorial area plus a few other less mainstream displays like Warhammer Online.

All in all it is a day packed with sights and sounds and if you play any of the numerous GW games then I recommend going to at least one Games Day just so you can tell your grand children you've been. And if that's not enough to get you along I might suggest turning up and looking out for the inevitable scantily clad young lady or two entering into the costume competition. I've been to the last two Games Days and have not been disappointed in this regard yet.