



Top: the CVR(T) family, especially the gun variants such as the Scimitar, Sabre and Scorpion, remain popular with collectors and there were plenty of examples at the show this year.

Far left: this Shielder mine dispersal variant of the CVR(T) family was brought along to the show by the Royal Engineers Museum.

Programme), the award for the most enthusiastic driving has to go to the owner of the Czech OT-90 armoured personnel carrier, who put on a fantastic performance each time he appeared in the arena. The OT-90 is essentially a Czech copy of the Russian BMP-1 APC and is fully amphibious, low slung, and very fast – as demonstrated in the arena.

BETWEEN CAMPS

Of course there are certain vehicles that can be seen as falling between two camps, including those fitted with add-on armour, be it as makeshift protection or a purpose-designed package. There are also vehicles that use plastic or ceramic armour rather than the more conventional steel armour, and again they provide a dilemma as to which section they should be included in.

A good example are the various Vietnam gun trucks that were at the show, which as softskin trucks with add-on armour plating, raise the question as to whether they are classed as softskins or armoured. For the purpose of the show coverage from the show I've taken the decision to include



Above right: the Abbot self-propelled gun (left) is based on the running gear of the FV432 APC seen here on the right of the photo.

Left & below left: the British FV432 APC has become increasingly popular as more have become available and prices have remained stable. Here we see just a selection of the many that were at the show this year.

