

SMOKEBOX MAY 2010

My thanks to all those members that rallied round to help with the Ridgmont maintenance day last month, we managed to complete all the work that was needed to bring the layout up to scratch for Stoneleigh.

At the Stoneleigh show Ridgmont looked and behaved very well throughout the day it was a credit to the Beds Group and the members who put in so much effort. Thanks to all those that helped with the loading, unloading and keeping a good display of trains running throughout the day. Particular thanks should also go to Ray Butler for all the extra scenic items he adds, which really raised the standard of Ridgmont well above other models at the show.

Garden Meeting

So far we have a number of events in the diary for this year, they are as follows:

1st, 2nd & 3rd May

Martin & Liz Shrubsole will be holding the 24th Trains for Marie Curie weekend, if you have not taken part in one of these weekends now is your chance. It is a very enjoyable day and all for a very good cause, to date Martin and Liz have raised over £26,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care. You can find full details about this and future dates at www.somesayislandrailway.org

9 May

Steam on Somesay Island, Martin Shrubsole will be hosting a Garden Meeting at Wing Buckinghamshire. Full details can be found on the diary page on the BAGS Web Site or contact Martin direct on 01296:688913.

25 June

Cut-Throat Wood Railway, Pete Newman is planning an evening running session on Friday 25th June, starting at 6pm, running until late. Full details can be found on the diary page on the BAGS Web Site or contact Pete direct on 01494:673523.

Shows of Interest

Ely and District Model Railway Club

15 May, Community College, Downham Road, Ely, CB6 1BL

Apart from the general model railway exhibits the show also features one hall exclusively of Narrow Gauge layouts, full details on

www.app-ltd.com/elymrc

Railex

Stoke Mandeville Stadium, Aylesbury,

29/30 May, full details at www.rdmrc.nildram.co.uk/railex2010

Midland Model Engineering Exhibition

15/19 October 2010, Warwickshire Exhibition Centre

Club Meeting dates for 2010

2nd May *

6th June

4th July *

August no meeting

5th September

3rd October *

7th November *

5th December (TBC)

Prayle Grove should be attending the meetings marked with a *.

We have also booked Saturday 4th December * for Steam in Beds 2010.

Chris Pretty