

Smokebox November 2011

Steam In Beds 2011

The following Traders have confirmed they will be attending:

Brandbright	Anything Narrow Gauge	Atropos	Jons People
Trenarren Models	AnDel Models	Kent Garden Railway	

We will have the following railways for members running:

The Clubs "Ridgmont"	Carol and Graham with "Prayle Grove"
Andrew with "Chalkwood"	Nick with "New Mexican Dock"

This will be our last meeting before Steam in Beds, although preparations are well in hand there is still much to be done, Hall Layout, Stewards and Catering. We have placed an Advert in the November SMT and "Focus" the local village magazine which is delivered free to every house in Eaton Bray, Edlesborough, Northall and Dagnall. It is also listed in the events diary of the Railway Modeller Magazine and The UK Model Shop Directory web site. I have printed a quantity of Flyers if you would like some to pass on to friends or colleagues please ask.

On the day

We have access to the Hall from 8.00 am on the morning of the 3rd we open to the public at 10.00, that gives us just 2 hours to get organised. There will be plenty to do so we expect as many of you as possible to be here at 8.00 to help set-up the Hall. Thanks to Maggie Evans you won't go without your breakfast, once again she has agreed to organise the Bacon Butties. We will be running our usual raffle which in the past has proved to be a very good source of income for the club. The Traders can usually be relied on to provide prizes for the draw but the more the merrier, we would be grateful for any prizes that you can donate.

Finally as we announced earlier in the year we have re-introduced the BAGS Trophies, the categories are as follows:

- "The Tim Grisdale Shield", awarded for Best Freelance Model
- "The BAG Committee Shield", awarded for Best Prototype Model
- "The Roger Goodall Trophy", awarded for the Most Novel Narrow Gauge Model

A new Trophy created by Pauline Goodall in memory of Roger, who was a leading member of the club for many years.

These awards had been running for many years but for reasons I don't know they had been allowed to lapse which I think was a great pity. The Trophies will be on display at SIB you will see many familiar names listed as winners going back nearly twenty years. I am hoping for a good cross section of entries for this year's re-launch. I am sure most members have a model that they have built which they could and should enter. I hope to have finished a display stand which we can use to exhibit the entries; I just hope it's big enough to hold them all. The judging will take place at SIB, voting slips will be available to all BAGs members and Traders. You will have one vote per category, Brian will present the Trophies after the Raffle draw.

Just one last thought; let's hope we don't get a repeat of the snow this year.

2012 Meeting Dates

The following are the club meeting dates for 2012:

1 st January	5 th February	4 th March
1 st April	6 th May	3 rd June
1 st July	2 nd September	7 th October
4 th November	1 st December	Steam in Beds Show

National Garden Railway Show and AGM

I have accepted an invitation to take Ridgmont to the Association annual show at the end of March next year. As you know it will be held at a new Venue the Exec Centre at the East of England Showground near Peterborough. In terms of mileage the new Venue is in fact closer to Eaton Bray than Stoneleigh by about 6 miles but I suspect it may take a few minutes longer.

For those of you that don't know, the details are as follows:

Venue	Exec Centre East of England Showground PE2 6XE	
Date	31 March 2012	
Timetable	Load Ridgmont at Eaton Bray Drive to Exec and unload and set up Show Opens at Breakdown and Load Ridgmont at end of Show Return Ridgmont to Eaton Bray	Friday 12.30pm Friday PM 10 am on the 31 st Sunday 11.30 am (Club Running Day)

I will finalise the actual times nearer the time but in the meantime I do need to start collecting names of members willing to help with the following.

Loading Ridgmont at Eaton Bray
Unloading and setting up at Exec
Operators on the day of the Show
Breakdown and loading at the end of the show
Unloading at Eaton Bray

It goes without saying that priority on the Shows Running Roster will be given to those members who have helped out with at least some of the above.

Finally, it's all too often the same small group of people who turn up to help, I am very grateful for their help without them it just would not happen so please let's see some of our other members lending a hand this time. So please let me have your offers of help ASAP, there will be a Form on the front table to note what tasks you are able to help with.

Exhibitions

Warley National Model Railway Exhibition, Saturday 19th, Sunday 20th November. At the NEC Birmingham
Full details at www.thewarleyshow.co.uk

Gas Supplies

We have a quantity of Butane Gas available, 277g Canister £3.50

Chris Pretty