

SMOKEBOX February 2013

Monthly Update

Welcome to the February meeting of the Bedfordshire Area Group. There is still the thorny issue which I raised in the January Smokebox that is outstanding club subscriptions. This, believe it or not will be the 6th meeting of the current subscription year, September 2012 to August 2013. Unfortunately, Tony tells me that we have a number of members who have not paid up for this year, of that number I know there are members who intend to pay-up but have not been to a recent meeting. If you are one of the few who have not paid yet please see Tony or myself so that you can continue to enjoy the benefits that the membership of the BAGs group brings, if you can't make it to a meeting you can now pay by bank transfer, please contact Tony for the details. If there are still unpaid subscriptions at the end of February, then I think we can safely assume these people no longer wish to enjoy the benefits of BAGs membership and will be removed from the membership and email distribution list.

2013 Meeting Dates

3rd February 3rd March 7th April 5th May 2nd June
7th July 1st September 6th October 3rd November

SIB 2013 will be on Saturday 30th November

At present I don't have any dates for when Prayle Grove will be attending our meetings; as soon as I do they will be indicated in the above list of dates.

Future Exhibitions

I understand from Andrew Neal he will be taking one of his Railways to the following exhibitions in the coming months:

Saturday March 9th *Northampton Model Railway Show*
Malcolm Arnold Accadamy, Trinity Avenue, Northampton

Saturday April 27th *16mm AGM/Garden Railway Show*
Peterborough

Saturday August 10th *East Anglia Garden Railway Show*
Bressingham Steam Museum, Low Road, Bressingham, Diss

There are a few shows coming up in February which you may be interested in.

Saturday 16th *Milton Keynes Model Railway Society*
Shenley Brook End School, Walbank Grove, Milton Keynes

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th *Watford MRC Finescale Show*
Parmiter's School, High Elms Lane, Watford

Friday 22nd, Sunday 24th *Brighton Model Exhibition*
The Brighton Centre, Kings Road, Brighton, East Sussex

Saturday 23rd *East Beds Model Railway Society* Annual Exhibition
Stratton School, Eagle Farm Road, Biggleswade

Saturday 23rd

Risex 2013 Model Railway Exhibition
Risborough & District Model Railway Club,
Community Centre, Stratton Road, Princes Risborough

Saturday 2nd March

Abrail 2013 Abingdon & District Model Railway Club
White Horse Leisure Centre, Audlett Drive, Abingdon

It's worth checking the Model Shops Web Site it lists all up and coming events for the next 12 months

Details: www.ukmodelshops.co.uk

Garden Meeting

If you are thinking of having an open day at your Railway please let me have the details so I can include them in the next Smokebox.

Whipsnade Railway Visit

I understand from Pete Newman that the date of the visit is the 16 February and that all places have been filled.

Chris