

Smokebox March 2014

There is little to comment on this month that is if you don't count the roof being blown off the village hall. Fortunately Ridgmont escaped unscathed under the stage. You should all have read my email so none of this should be news to you.

On the back of this issue you will find a Flyer from Walker Midgley, it's a timely reminder of the Insurances they offer to the specialist modellers and garden railway enthusiasts.

Alan Regan is planning an open day on 3rd August and has invited everyone from the BEDs group. Even though Alan's Line is 45mm many of our Locos can be re-gauged to 45mm and there will be plenty of Alan's rolling stock so you don't need to bring your own. Alan would like to get some idea of the number of members who would be interested in attending so please let him know.

Andrew Neal has confirmed that he will be taking one of his layouts to the following shows.

Northampton on 3rd May

Bressingham on 9th August

Please let Andrew know if you are willing to help with running at either of these shows.

Group Meetings 2014 Dates

The following dates have been booked for our 2014 meetings.

6 th April	4 th May	1 st June	6 th July
August – No Meeting	7 th September	5 th October	2 nd November

Date for SIB 2014 - 29th November (Saturday)

December – No Meeting

If you would like to know which dates Prayle Grove will be at the club meeting please contact Carol direct via her email: caroleast@me.com

Ray Butler is working on another scenic extension for Ridgmont. All of the improvement Ray has made so far have been to existing parts of the layout. His latest involves a small bolt on section and as it will be on the outside of the layout it will need some sort of base and support. Ray is looking for somebody to help with the fabrication of the section which will provide the base for his scenic section. If you would like to assist with this project to improve Ridgmont further please have a word with Ray who will be able to give you full detail of what's needed.

Leighton Buzzard Narrow Gauge Railway – Modelling Event

We have also been asked to take Ridgmont to a Modelling Event to be held at LBNR site this year. The event is to be held on Saturday 5th July which is the day before our July meeting at Eaton Bray. Information about set-up and opening times are yet to be agreed with the organisers, when I have more information I will include it in Smokebox. I have already asked for members who are willing to help with this event, unfortunately when I asked it was thought it would be held during May, however I will carry the names forward. If you have not got your name down please let me know if you are available to help.

Chris