



Welcome to this Special Autumn Smokebox

We had planned to hold a meeting on 6th December to replace SIB with a Group running session. Even though the turnout for the November meeting was disappointing I am pleased to confirm that the meeting will go ahead. It will follow the same format as the November Meeting.

The morning group will start at 10:am and end at 12.30pm, the second group will start at 12:30pm and end at 3:30pm. Please let me know in advance which session you plan to attend, morning or afternoon the rule of 6 will apply to both running sessions.

As I said the attendance for the November meeting was disappointing, it would be nice if we saw a few more faces to make the booking really worthwhile, a full session in the morning and afternoon would round off the year nicely. Please bear in mind that this will be our last meeting until Sunday 3rd January 2021.

The Eaton Downs Working Party will also be in attendance with the intention of finalising the track laying.

Naturally all the above is dependent on the current Lockdown restrictions being lifted on the 2nd December.

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As things stand our meetings are subject to the following procedures:

- We must enter by the front door and exit via the fire door adjacent to the kitchen.
- Only one toilet will be available, that being the Disabled Toilet adjacent to the kitchen.
- Finally, the kitchen cannot be used for food preparation, I suggest you arrange to bring your own drinks either hot in a thermos or cans of drink.
- Masks must be worn entering and leaving the Foyer, it is also recommended that masks are worn at all times in the Hall unless eating or drinking.

On arrival you should either scan the QR code displayed on the front door or sign in on the Track and Trace Register inside the Foyer. All rubbish must be removed by us at the end of the meeting, please use the black sack I will provide for all rubbish, wrappers, and any of the sanitizing wipes you may use.

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In the November Smokebox I highlighted the problems facing the Group unless we had more support from current and lapsed members. I invited members to put forward their views on the future of the Group and how we could ensure that BAGs can survive the current challenges. Just 4 members felt strongly enough to put their thoughts into writing, the feedback was quite diverse but should give the membership food for thought. See the attached Paper which includes all the feedback I have received.

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A reminder for those members who have not yet paid their subs the annual subscription is set at £40 however for those members not returning until January the rate will be £30 to cover meetings through to August 2021. Payment should be made via a bank transfer to:

Sort Code: 23 05 80 Account No. 26041686 Account Name: BEDFORDSHIRE 16MM MODELLERS

Please note the account name should be entered in uppercase

Please quote your name as a reference, so we know who to credit the payment to. You can also pay by cheque, payable to Bedfordshire 16mm Modellers, as a last resort you can pay by cash in person at our meetings.

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For the record, our meeting dates for 2021 are as follows:

Main Hall Only

10:00 15:30 Hours Note start time is 30 minutes earlier

Sunday 3rd January

Sunday 7th February

Sunday 7th March

Sunday 4th April

Sunday 2nd May

Sunday 6th June

Sunday 4th July

Sunday 1st August

Sunday 5th September

Sunday 3rd October

Sunday 7th November

As I have said before all the above are subject to any restrictions that may be in place at the time.

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Chris