



Welcome to the February Smokebox

Once again, this month's Smokebox will be brief, there has been a lot of issues Group and Personal that have taken a lot of time hence much reduced Smokebox.

BAGs – AGM

The Groups' Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday 2nd February 2020 at 12:00. A copy of the Updated Agenda is included with this issue of Smokebox, if you want to refer to the Agenda during the meeting please print a copy and bring it with you as there won't be any copies handed out at the meeting. Ted Robinson will not be at the AGM but he has prepared a Layout Manager's Report which is attached to the email bringing you the February Smokebox there is also a copy of the Minutes from our 2019 AGM.

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London Model Engineering Exhibition

We had a very successful three days at the LMEE last month, the support from group the members was very disappointing with only 10 BAGs members attending over the 3 days of the show. Thanks, should go to those members who gave up their time to support the group and Bob Gamble who once again co-ordinated the running rosters for the 3 days of the show.

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Group Meeting Dates – 2020

Below are the meeting dates booked for 2020, times are as before 10:30 am to 4:00 pm.

5 th January	2 nd February	1 st March
5 th April	3 rd May	31 st May *
5 th July	2 nd August	6 th September
4 th October	1 st November	

* Note June meeting is one week early on 31st May due to clash with Eaton Bray Beer Festival

Steam in Beds 28th November

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Wags Wharf at Pitstone Museum

Apart from Wags Wharf, there are plenty of other exhibits of interest to see whether a railway enthusiast or not. There are many interesting items that show the developments that have changed how we do things around the Home, Farming, Technology and Engineering, things we take for granted today.

Take a look at their web site at <http://www.pitstonemuseum.co.uk/>

The details of this year's Open Days are below:

Easter Monday 13 th April	Friday 8 th May VE Day	Bank Holiday Monday 25 th May
Sunday 14 th June	Sunday 12 th July	Sunday 9 th August
Bank Holiday Monday 31 st August	Sunday 13 th September	Sunday 11 th October

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Chris

# Bedfordshire Area Group

## Association of 16mm NGM

### Annual General Meeting

**Date**            **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**Time**            **12 noon**  
**Venue**          **Eaton Bray Village Hall**

### Agenda

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|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Approve Minutes of 2019 A.G.M                       | Chris Pretty    |
| 2. Treasurer's Report                                  | Tony McManus    |
| 3. Approve Accounts                                    | Vote            |
| 4. Secretary's Report                                  | Chris Pretty    |
| 5. Membership Secretary's Report                       | John Kitchenman |
| 6. Eaton Downs Progress Report                         | Ted Robinson    |
| 7. Update on Boiler Code Status                        | Pete Newman     |
| 8. Steam in Beds Report                                | Chris Pretty    |
| 9. The future structure and make up the BAGs Committee |                 |
| Does it need to be changed                             | Members' Views  |

#### 10. Committee Election

John Kitchenman will stand down as Membership Secretary and will not put himself forward for re-election.

The other four Committee members will stand down and will offer themselves for re-election.

Nominations invited for the vacancy of Membership Secretary.

#### 11. Any other Business

- A Possible Strategy to attract younger members to BAGs.      Gordon Gill
- Ridgmont to the London Model Engineering Exhibition – Post-mortem
- Future Invitations for Ridgmont to attend public exhibitions – Should we continue to accept them?

Close Meeting followed by a Buffet Lunch