



Welcome to the October Smokebox

The turnout for our September meeting was disappointing, only 10 members showed up. Because of the low numbers it would not have been practical to use Ridgmont so instead we used Papplewick Green which seemed to work well for the 10 members present.

Since then the rule of six has been introduced, not ideal but with a group of six in the morning and changing over to a second group of 6 for the afternoon it should be workable and will give some continuity for group members.

I believe there is a real risk that without our meetings going ahead the group will cease to exist as we know it. It is understandable that some members may be nervous about attending meetings albeit in shortened form. If we all follow the guidelines and stick to the rules, I hope the group will survive but its fate is in your hands.

Use it or Lose it

Our meeting will go ahead on the 4th October following the format set out in my earlier email. The morning group will start at 10:am and end at 12.45pm, the second group will start at 12:45 and end at 4:00pm. Apart from the limit of 6 we will operate as we did in September.

As things stand now, we have 6 names for the morning and none for the afternoon. Which would allow the morning 6 to carry on into the afternoon without the break. The following restrictions still apply:

- 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. The Gents and Ladies at the front of the Hall will be shut.
- 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.

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.

Just a gentle 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:

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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.

We will retain the one off payment for non-members who wish to attend one of our monthly meetings, the cost will be £5.00 per meeting.

For the 6 members who have confirmed they will attend on Sunday please be aware that there will be a group of members working on Eaton Downs in the Committee Room. The two groups cannot mix under any circumstances, if they do it could result in us being banned from using the Hall.

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