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Smokebox

November 2016

Beds Area Group

Welcome to the last issue of Smokebox before SIB.

I make no apology about including this subject again.

There are still a handfull of 2015/2016 members who have not renewed their membership for 2016/2017. Apart from the many benefits of membership, please bear in mind that if you have not renewed by the time of SIB you will as in previous years have to buy a ticket just like any other visitor.

I realise that some of you have missed the September and October meeting and plan to renew at the November meeting. However it is worth remembering the simplest way to pay is via bank transfer, the account details are as follows:

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| Sort Code: | 09 – 01 - 51 |
| Account Number: | 96997208 |
| Account Name: | Bedfordshire 16mm Modellers |

You should also use your name as the Reference so that Tony knows who its from.

Tony or I will accept payment at the November meeting by Cheque, however if you prefer to pay cash it is always acceptable.

Group Meeting Dates – 2017

I can confirm our meeting dates for 2017 are as listed below. I did ask members for their views on the new timing of our meetings i.e. 10:30am to 4:00pm. As only one person bothered to respond on the times of our meeting, I have kept the meeting times at 10:30am to 4:00pm. If that does not suit you, all I can say is you had your chance to have your say.

Planned Dates 2017

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| 1st January | 5th February | 5th March | 2nd April | 7th May | 4th June | 2nd July |
| August No Meeting | 3rd September | 1st October | 5th November | | | |

With Steam in Beds booked for Saturday 25th November 2017.

Prayle Grove

Prayle Grove will be at the November Meeting and naturally at Steam in Beds at the end of November. If you would like to keep up to date with Prayle Groves outings and when it will be at the club, please contact Carol direct via her email: caroleast@me.com

Steam in Beds

Volunteers Needed

As this will be our last meeting before SIB I will be expecting to collect names of volunteers for various duties throughout the day. I am delighted to say that the response to my request for help on Friday to set up the church and hall has been great. So I am expecting those who could not help on the Friday to feature prominently on the volunteers list for Saturday. These are the following areas I need your help:

Managing the Traders and Visitors Car Park

Support for Traders during set up on Saturday

Tickets Sales

Member 2 Member Sales

Checking Tickets at St Marys Door

Catering

Selling Raffle Tickets

There will be a Display Board at the meeting where you can put your names down, if you cannot make the meeting please email me with your offers of help for the above.

Member 2 Member Sales

As St Mary's church has agreed to have St Genny's in the church this year, we will be holding M2M sales in the Committee Room rather than at the back of the Hall as we have done in previous years. Martin Shrubsole will be running M2M sales again this year. From his experience in previous years, Martin has prepared a set of guidelines, which we will implement this year.

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### **Martin writes:**

*I have been giving thought as to how the Member Sales stand at SIB can work more to the advantage of vendors. The following rules for SIB 2016 member sales are therefore drawn to the attention of all who may wish to take advantage of the facility.*

### **M2M Guidelines**

*Only paid up Members of the 16mm Association may put items in for sale, and each vendor will be personally accountable for the condition of the item, and for his/her right to sell it.*

*Each Member shall be restricted to no more than 8 items, the description of which, and the price sought should be listed on the prescribed form.*

*An item can be a "lot" of complementary items (e.g. loco, transmitter and charger, or set of three wagons) but in such a case will be sold as one transaction and not sub-divided.*

*A commission to the credit of the Beds Area Group shall be levied on each item sold. This commission will be calculated at 10% of the actual selling price for any individual item, subject to a minimum of £1, and a maximum of £100 for any one item.*

*It is understood that a member may wish to assist the family of a deceased member with the disposal of assets. Any such third party lots will be treated as part of the members own quota for the purposes of limiting the number of lots, and calculation of commission. Only where the vending Member can give the last membership number of the deceased member will the Commission be reduced from 10% to 5% per item (minimum £0.50, Maximum £50), for those items specifically identified.*

*Magazines, Videos, and any other "lucky dip" lots will not be accepted for M2M sale".*

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Included with this issue of Smokebox you will find a booking form for M2M Sales. Please print it off and complete with details of each item for sale. Bring the completed Form along with the items for sale to SIB, each item should be clearly labelled with the following details. Sellers Name, Association Membership Number, Selling Price and a Mobile Telephone.

Another Show BAGs will be supporting

We are also taking Ridgmont to the G1MRA at the Fosse to be held in **June 2017**, yes 2017. I will have further details in the New Year.

Wags Wharf at Pitstone Museum

The Museum is now closed until Easter 2017, listed below are the planned open days for 2017:

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| Easter Monday | 17 th April |
| Bank Holiday Monday | 1 st May |
| Bank Holiday Monday | 29 th May |
| Sunday | 11 th June |
| Sunday | 9 th July |
| Sunday | 13 th August |
| Bank Holiday Monday | 28 th August |
| Sunday | 10 th September |
| Sunday | 8 th October |

We would be pleased to see any BAGs member at any one of the above Open Days in 2017, apart from Wags Wharf there is a multitude of other exhibits you could easily make a whole day of it.

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

Chris