



The Lynton & Barnstaple Railway

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Dear Member ,

Our Group Meeting on Saturday , 29th October was a most enjoyable one . Peter Miles , the Trust and Railway Chairman held our interest for nearly an hour , updating us on the current progress that is being made . A lot of work is going into the preparation of the Transport & Works Order which is needed before we can advance under Killington Lane and Parracombe Lane . The type of order being sought is the modern equivalent of the Act of Parliament of 1895 but is not time-constrained so it would be valid for a number of years. Once obtained it will give us the statutory powers to rebuild the railway not only to Wistlandpound, but also to Caffyns. Peter stressed that such powers are vital if we are to make the line longer and all contributions , large and small are going to be needed - The “ All Aboard” Appeal spells out how to help .

Then , on Tuesday , November 1st , Trevor Garnham and I made our presentation to the Chipping Norton Model Railway Club . They were impressed enough to say that they will make a trip down to Woody Bay next year – a coach load of them ! It was a very convivial evening and we came away with £86 ,so with the generous contribution at the Group meeting , I have banked over £200 . Now , we have a busy programme already established for 2012 which looks like :-

Jan 7th/8th Scoutrail @ Exeter Hall , Kidlington

Jan 28th GROUP MEETING at ARDINGTON , Loyd Lindsay Rooms , 2pm

Feb 11th Newbury Model Railway Club , St Bartholomews School

Mar 19th Presentation to Alcester Railway Circle (2nd visit !!) by CW/TG with Mike Whitaker

Apr 12th Presentation to Loco Club of GB , URC Watford Road, St Albans,7.30pm

Apr 19th Presentation to Lutterworth Railway Society , URC ,George Street , 7.30pm

May 19th Oxford Railway Club exhibition , Methodist Church , Witney

Sep 12th Presentation to Basingstoke Model Railway Club , Wote Street Club , 8pm

.....and there may be more !!

Please note the next GROUP MEETING at Ardington will be Saturday , January 28th from 2pm-4pm . I have invited Dave Blencowe , L&B Railway Operations Director , to talk about his job at Woody Bay

In the meantime , a Happy Christmas to you all !!

Chris Ward