



# The Lynton & Barnstaple Railway

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Dear Member , Just a note to update you on our activities this year . January 28<sup>th</sup> saw us at Ardington for our Group meeting to hear Dave Blencowe , one of our Railway directors , take us thro' a year at Woody Bay . It was fascinating to see some of the many mundane jobs which have to be tackled and Dave put it over with some scintillating comments . All in all , a great meeting , and we shall try and get him back next year . 28 of us there and £150 raised !

Then , on February 11<sup>th</sup> , we manned our stand at the Newbury Model Railway Club exhibition at St Bartholomews School - a great setting in a newly-built part of the school . It was very cold outside but warm inside and Stuart Wise , John Crockford , Margaret Grinstead and I did an awful lot of talking and handing out of timetables .

Now we are looking towards the two day exhibition at Basingstoke on March 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> . Aldworth Science College is the venue and anyone who can spare time to man our stand would be very welcome . Please call me if you can .

So , our programme looks like this :-

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| March 10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup> | Basingstoke Model Railway Club at Aldworth Science College             |
| March 19 <sup>th</sup>                   | Presentation to Alcester Railway Circle - for the second time !!       |
| April 12 <sup>th</sup>                   | Presentation to Loco Club of GB , URC Hall , Watford Road , St Albans  |
| April 19 <sup>th</sup>                   | Presentation to Lutterworth Railway Society , URC Hall , George Street |
| April 28 <sup>th</sup>                   | GROUP MEETING AT ARDINGTON , 2pm ,Loyd Lindsay Rooms                   |
| June 30 <sup>th</sup>                    | Oxfordshire Narrow-Gauge Modellers , Steventon                         |
| Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | Basingstoke Model Railway Club , Wote Street Club , 8pm                |
| Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>                    | Banrail 2012 , Banbury School , 10 – 5pm                               |

Note that Oxford MRC have had to cancel their show at Witney on May 19<sup>th</sup> – for unknown reasons !

Incidentally , well done to Mike Whiteaker , Leader of the newly –formed Midland Support Group , which had its inaugural meeting on Saturday , with 17 members present . A great start !

Hope to see you at ARDINGTON on APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> !

Chris Ward