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Dear Member ,

The first day of Spring and glorious sunshine here ! How the months flip by , don't they ?

Just to remind you that our next Group Meeting is on SATURDAY , APRIL28th at 2pm at Ardington .If anyone needs a map to find the Loyd Lindsay Rooms please let me know . I have invited Ian Cowling to come up from deepest Devon to talk to us - he is very involved with membership and is also the Railway's Financial Controller . He will be able to give a resume of the current activities relating to our forward programme - in particular the path to obtaining the Transport & Works Order , which we now need to progress .

Our 2-day exhibition at Basingstoke was a great success , talking to so many people about our railway , handing out timetables and selling literature from our stand . I thank Margaret Grinstead , Stuart Wise , John Crockford Mike Pearce and Roger Beazer for giving so much of their time . We came home with £236 which was super .

Then , on Monday evening this week , Trevor Garnham and I made a return visit to the Alcester Railway Circle - our "second coming" as our host , Rev Canon David Capron (an L&B member of long-standing) , remarked . He really stirred the 30 members present , urging them to support us , so with a fee , sales and donations we returned with the magnificent sum of £150 ! They were very generous !

Our forward programme has increased and Wednesday , Trevor and I give our presentation to the Andover & District Model Engineering Society , thanks to L&B member Doug Rundle - a good audience and another £100 raised . It's all adding up and we shall be able to give another slug to the Coaches Fund soon .

Then , in April there are 2 more presentations in St Albans and Lutterworth . So we are busy bees at the moment !

June 30th Oxfordshire Narrow Gauge Modellers , Steventon

Sept 12th Presentation to Basingstoke Model Railway Club

APRIL 28th GROUP MEETING AT ARDINGTON 2pm – 4pm Hope to see you there !

Chris Ward

Ps: 59 members on email now - any more for anymore ?? Postage costs reducing nicely .