

# MERG West Midlands Area Group (WMAG)

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## How do I contact the Area Group





## MERG West Midlands Area Group contact form

### Who is the leader of the group?



Allan Gardner M6237 - *Group Leader*

### Would you like to join today?

Not a member? then

[Join MERG Here](#)



and sign up to this Area Group. If you are already a member

[Join the West Midlands Area Group](#)

Select **West Midlands Area Group** from the drop-down list in **Other Area Groups** and press the **Subscribe to Area Group** button.

### How do you meet?

In normal times we meet at the Birmingham Canal Navigations Society's premises Titford Pump House, Engine Street, OLDBURY, West Midlands B69 4NL.

[Titford Pumphouse](#)



There is plenty of car parking – mostly on Engine Street, some within the Pump House compound. The address above includes a Google maps link.

All facilities are at ground level.

We meet four times a year in January, April July and October. We hold two meetings on a Saturday and the other two on a Sunday.



**GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS ON GATHERINGS AND TRAVEL** Due to the restrictions we are unable to meet at the moment. Sadly, we have to cancel our meeting scheduled for October. Clearly we remain in uncertain times but will meet again once lockdown restrictions are lifted.

## What does the group get up to?

Our days meeting normally starts at 10:00 am and concludes at 16:00.

The day is split into two parts.

The morning session is more formal in so far as we have one or more guest speakers. The topics are far-ranging. Take a look at the next section to see some of our previous meetings.

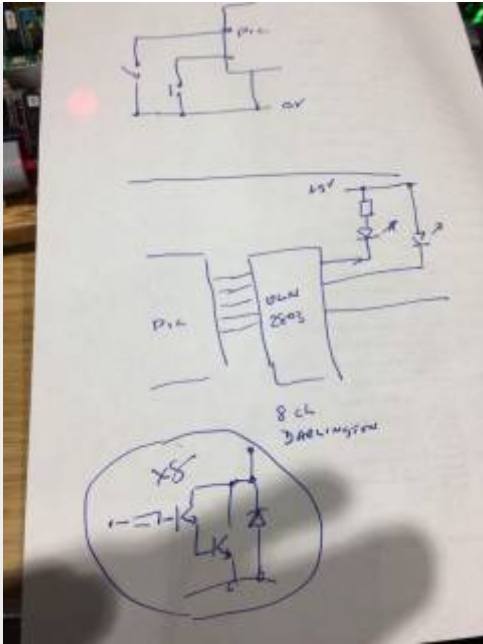
The afternoon session is informal and generally consists of:

1. Members working on their current project (normally a KIT). We will do our best to help with construction and problem-solving.
2. Talking to presenters about the days topic.
3. Passing the day talking all thing model railway electronics.

We charge a modest £3 for the day which we donate to our venue host for the use of the Pumphouse.

We do not charge for tea, coffee or the superb cakes that are kindly supplied by one of our members' wives.






## What Have We Done Previously?

[Click here for a Gallery of events](#)

## And the Next Meeting?

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
10:00 13-Jul	West Midlands Area Group Summer Meeting	Details to follow	BCNS, TITFORD PUMP HOUSE, ENGINE STREET, OLDBURTY	

## What is Happening Online?

 Currently, WMAG members are participating in the Zoom calls being organised by the nearby East Midlands, Warwickshire and North Oxfordshire and the Virtual area groups.

Some forthcoming activities are as follows: -

## East Midlands Area Group

The East Midlands Area Group hosts a very popular call once per month.

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
10:00 19-May	MERG East Midlands Area Group face to face meeting May 2024	Railcom themed meeting including demonstrations and a talk by Michael Smith	Kingsway Centre, Wellingborough	

## Warwickshire and North Oxfordshire Area Group

Our colleagues at Warwick and North Oxford AG are holding biweekly virtual meetings on a Wednesday evening. East Midlands AG are also holding monthly virtual all-day meeting. The schedule of both these groups is given below. If you are interested in attending these groups sign up here and select ‘join area group’.

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
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## Virtual Area Group

The Virtual Area Group offers short one hour presentations and discussions every week. Active participants call in from Australia, Canada, Ireland, Icelend, UK and USA.


Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
20:00 03-May	Monthly Virtual AG meeting		Online Zoom Meeting	

## What Local Organisations do we work with?

The MERG West Midlands Area Group have attended model railway exhibitions, organised by the following clubs: -



[Stafford Railway Circle](#)  
[Bourneville Model Railway Club](#)  
[Warley Model Railway Club](#)



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