

# MERG West Midlands Area Group (WMAG)

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## How do I contact the Area Group





Please indicate West Midlands Area Group in your message [Contact MERG](#)

## 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?

We meet at the [Birmingham Canal Navigations Society's](#) historic premises at  
Titford Pump House  
Engine Street  
OLDBURY  
West Midlands  
B69 4NL.



[Google maps link to Titford Pumphouse](#)

There is plenty of car parking – mostly on Engine Street, some within the Pump House compound.

All facilities are at ground level.



We meet four times a year in January, April July and October.

Usually the January and July meetings are on the second Sunday of the month, with the April and October meetings on the second Saturday.

#### **COVID - 19 UPDATE**

**UPDATE.** *We are now meeting quarterly see below for details of our next meeting .*



Do not come to the meeting if you are experiencing any COVID symptoms, are in a self-isolation period or have been in contact with someone who has or is suspected of having COVID.

In discussions, please be considerate regarding social distancing where possible.

## **What does the group get up to?**

Our day's meeting starts at 10:00 am and concludes at 16:00. **See below for details of our next meeting.**

The day is split into two parts.

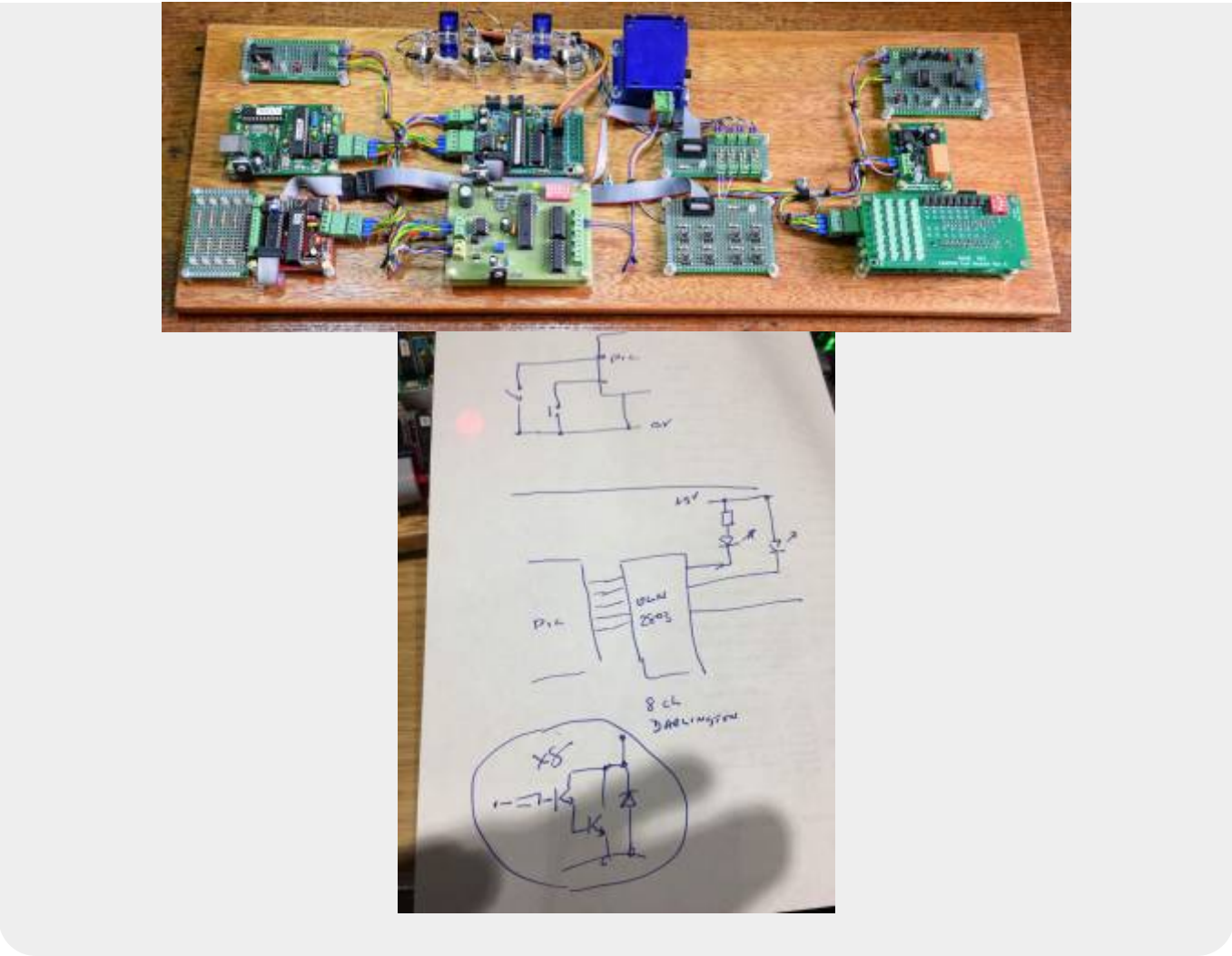
The morning session is more formal in so far as we have one or more guest speakers. The topics are far-ranging. [Click here to view details of previous meetings](#)

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. Bring along something you are working on, even if its work in progress and share it with others
4. Passing the day talking all thing model railway electronics.

We charge £3 for the day which goes to the BCN Society for the use of the pump house.

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



## What have we have been up to previously?

[Click here to view details of previous meetings](#)

## 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	

## Programme for our next Meeting?

Time	Description	Who
10:00	Coffee & Registration	All
10:15	Welcome	AG
10:15	Talk 1. My Layout - Andy Cumming	AC
11:15	Coffee, Tea, & Cake Break	All
11:30	Talk 2 Andy will continue his talk	AC
13:00	Lunch	All
13:30	Arduino and CBUS development	JF
14:30	Tea, Coffee & Cake Break	All
14:45	Practical session Open Show & Tell	All
15:45	Meeting close	AG

## 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](#)

[Cradley Heath Model Railway Club](#)

[Telford Railway Modellers Group](#)



## What is Happening at other MERG Area Groups ?

Here are some of the activities being organised by the nearby East Midlands and Warwickshire & North Oxfordshire area groups.

### 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	<a href="#">Link</a>
10:00 06-Jul	MERG East Midlands Area Group face to face meeting	Our summer meeting by the sea, kindly hosted by Judi Rastall. James Cunningham on programming sound into DCC decoders and David Ellis on WebFCU	Sutton on Sea	

## 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'.

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