

2021 Report of the 7th Division Bulletin Board Editor

The Bulletin Board is published five times a year, with issues released at the start of January, March, May, September and November. The issues are distributed electronically in PDF format, with copies placed on the Division website and an email notice sent to all Division members letting them know the newsletter is online and awaiting download. There are two versions of the newsletter: a high-resolution version that most members download and a low-resolution version that is available for members with low-speed Internet connections. Aside from the resolution of images and graphics, both versions have the same content. Members without Internet access can request a mailed paper copy. Currently, only one member receives this.

During the last year the COVID-19 pandemic has continued to severely impact Division activities and thus the contents of the Bulletin Board. Historically, the majority of Bulletin Board pages were devoted to publicising upcoming events or documenting past events. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic this amount has dropped significantly, causing me to spend a significant amount of effort chasing potential authors. This last year the page count per issue has averaged out to just under 13 pages. Given my target size is 12 pages, I'm happy with that.

During 2021 the Bulletin Board's largest form of content has been Division news and programs (thank you to John Martin for a lot of this content), with a smaller amount of information and reports on upcoming and past events. I have also published a few articles on member layouts and modelling projects. I am trying to increase the proportion of articles on these latter subjects, as well as others such as modelling techniques, book reviews, product reports and various other topics.

Overall, I feel the Bulletin Board has published relevant Division news and railway modelling content during the year in a manner consistent with the high standards set by previous editors. With luck and a bit of work, I believe we can continue to do that.

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