



Surrey G-Scale Society

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NEWSLETTER – December 2005

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Well – Christmas is nearly here, 2005 is drawing to a close and 2006 beckons – doesn't time fly when you are having fun!!

2006, however, means – yes – **East Horsley 2006** will soon be upon us (on **Sunday 5th March** to be exact). As soon as you get those 2006 diaries and calendars, mark it up! More about this major event in our calendar later.

REPORTING BACK

September saw the last of the Garden Meets with in Banstead (Tim and Emma Duke) and Camberley (Nick Derwent-Wood). We missed Nick's as we were on holiday.

Tim and Emma's event took place on a fine afternoon and had the advantage for Josie and I of being only about 1½ miles away! The layout has grown in the last year and now has four circuits, two of which take in the whole garden. The line has some excellent scenery including stunning girder bridges over the fish pond. There are operating signals and the railway uses MTS and is fully computer controlled (mind boggling). Thank you for asking us back and for your hospitality Tim, Emma and family.

Just another reminder, that we would appreciate short reports on any meets you attend for our newsletter and website.



*Trains passing at the signal box at the bottom of Tim and Emma's line. More photos on website gallery.
(Photo: Steve Riley)*

WINTER MEETS

Solent, 29 October

This was the first Solent winter meet organised by Jack Nisbet with the support of Solent members. Derek Stone, Josie and I took loose track to set up three circuits on the stage (2MTS & 1 analogue). There were five other layouts in the hall + KGR trader. It was a very good day and was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks also go to Martyn Dix and Paul Herold for their help. Adrian Knight, having so recently retired from the G Scale Society Treasurership, turned his skills to good use in running the bring and buy stall!



(Photo: Martyn Dix)

Our RhB railbus showing its paces on Surrey's 'Katzbahn' line at Solent indoor meet.

Sussex, 27 November

This was for the second year held at Boreham Street near Bexhill. Three layouts were present (with two connected to allow longer circuits) and provided a friendly and enjoyable day. The trader Morris of Lancing was offering a 20% discount on LGB prior to selling the business. Not surprisingly the number of red boxes diminished very rapidly from their stand [*and a large one found its way into our boot! - Josie*]

Keston, 11 December

Kent's Christmas meet was a great success once again. There was live steam on the stage and three layouts in the hall, and excellent catering once again thanks to Ann Workman. Kent's Clive Elesmore and I swapped one of the Garden of England's controllers to MTS; with some reprogramming, we were then able to run three trains on the outside track at the same time!

Honorary NZ member

We met up at Boreham Street with New Zealand G Scaler, John Lammiman from Christchurch, who has been staying in Surrey for a few months. John had been visiting Swanage and so came along the south coast to see his first UK indoor meet. He enjoyed the visit and took lots of snaps and video to show his colleagues down under.

John visited us on December 4th and we got some stock running on the Catmint Line between showers. John packed a lot into his final full week in the UK, with a visit to York Railway Museum and his final G Scale visit was to Keston. It was great to meet up with you, John – our best wishes to fellow garden rail enthusiasts in NZ.

We will be exchanging newsletters with John and will make a copy of their 'Garden Whistle' available for viewing on the website and at East Horsley. The quality of their newsletter has prompted Josie to include some photos in our own newsletter and make the email version available as a PDF to keep the file size down for email distribution. Sorry, we can't run to colour printing for the posted newsletter, so do try to visit the Surrey website – [e.g. access in the Library or when visiting neighbours or grandchildren!] – there are lots of great photos and even video clips to be found there, thanks to the skills of our Webmaster Martyn.



(Photo: Josie Saulter)

John in front of the Garden of England line at Keston. PS: our purchase from Boreham Street, Austrian OBB Diesel 2091.02, is just passing behind him!

EAST HORSLEY 2006

Derek and I have been busy planning Surrey's Indoor Meet at East Horsley. We've done the ground work, now we need to ask for your help!

Date: Sunday 5th March 2006

Venue: Village Hall, Kingston Avenue, EAST HORSLEY, Surrey
KT24 6QT

Getting there:

By car: Just off M25 Junction 10, take B2039 from southbound A3
(Plenty of parking)

By rail: East Horsley station close by

Time: 11 am to 4 pm

(Helpers: 9–11 am and/or 4-5pm)

WHAT HELP IS NEEDED? *There is something for everyone:*

- **Setting up and taking down:** Helping to carry in and set up layouts, setting out tables and chairs, etc. Many hands make light work. Please can helpers be at the hall at 9am or soon after. Then, at the end of the day, helping pack up and clear the hall from 4-5pm.
- **Door:** It is important that all members and their friends/families sign in on arrival, so that we have the full insurance cover. Issuing of name badges helps to create a friendlier atmosphere and helps us learn who is who. Martyn has volunteered to manage this and cover the busy opening slot, but we will need more volunteers to help him.
- **Raffle:** The raffle is an important contribution to covering the meeting costs. We are seeking a person to manage the raffle and make sure that helpers are available to sell tickets. We will also be pleased to receive donations of suitable prizes for the raffle on the day.
- **Bring and Buy:** This year we will be having a bring and buy stand. **If you have any G scale or railway-related items (e.g. books) for sale, do bring them along.** There will be a 10% fee towards Surrey G Scale funds. Adrian Knight has volunteered to run the stand, but will need some assistants so that he gets a chance to run some trains too.
- **Catering:** Anne Stone and Josie have volunteered but would appreciate some time off in the day! Helpers would be welcome to serve refreshments or just do some washing up! The homemade cakes were very popular last year; if anyone can bring some along, please contact Josie or Anne beforehand so that they know what to expect.

Please let Derek or myself know in advance if you can help out in any capacity; otherwise just find one of the organisers on the day and offer your help.

East Horsley is always a very pleasurable event –if you can help, even if it is only for a short time, it will make the day even better!

Trader: Kent Garden Railways will be in attendance. If there is something you would like to see or if you wish to place and order and save postage by picking up on the day, do ring them on 01689 891668.

Layouts: Four layouts have been booked for East Horsley:

1. Surrey Mike Webber's Albany Garden Railway, which is popular with visitors small and large.
2. A new layout being built by Surrey G Scaler John Budd. East Horsley will be its first outing.
3. Ruritania provided by Jack Nisbet and our friends in the Solent area.
4. Surrey 'loose track' will be set up on the stage to run both MTS and analogue.

Bring something to run – all the tracks welcome visitors.

The event is not open to the general public, but G Scale Society members are welcome to invite friends and family to join them.

There is no admission charge, but donations towards refreshments and hall hire will be collected and there will be a raffle. Once expenses have been met, any profit will go into the Surrey G Scale account to cover the next indoor meet and expenses such as postage.



A picture of last year's popular event to whet your appetite! (Photo: Josie Saulter)

2006 EVENT CALENDAR

Saturday 21 January

Kent Indoor Meet
Teynham Village Hall, off Station Road, Teynham, Kent
11am-4pm

SUNDAY 5 MARCH

6TH SURREY INDOOR MEET

East Horsley Village Hall, Kingston Avenue, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6QT
11am-4pm **[9am-5pm helpers]**

Sunday 26 March

Sussex Indoor Meet
Horsham Scout HQ, Amberley Road, Horsham, Sussex
11am-4pm

Saturday 22 April

G-Rail

Avon Valley School, Newbold Road, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV21 1EH

Saturday & Sunday 6-7 May

Wimbledon Model Rail Club Exhibition
Tweedale School, Tweedale Road, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 1SW
[We currently plan to have at least an 'unmanned' publicity stand at this event]

Saturday & Sunday 13-14 May

Merstham Steam Show
St Nicholas School, Taynton Drive, Merstham, Surrey
10am-5pm

Merstham Steam Show 2006 (13-14 May)

In the last newsletter, I reported that Roy and Gerry Pedder (G Scale Society Publicity Officers) would no longer be taking the G Scale publicity stand to Merstham and that the baton has been passed to us at Surrey.

I would propose that we set up a simple stand, using our G Scale notice board to display plenty of pictures of garden railways and some indoor shots; perhaps running to a simple running circuit to create more interest. If someone would like to provide a layout to go with the stand, this would be great, but please speak up now as we need to book our space very soon.

The key issue is human resources to set up and staff the stand over the weekend. I have already received some volunteers but I would like to be able to prepare a rota so that we have the stand covered (ideally with two people at a time) but no one is stranded there for ages. I look forward to hearing from more of you.

The Merstham Steam Show is a very enjoyable event and we have in the past gained a good few Surrey members who picked up application forms at this show.

I would like some more volunteers please – otherwise, I will have to deploy my secret weapon!!

GARDEN MEETS 2006

It would be great to have more garden railways open for visits next year.

It would be useful to get our calendar of garden meets together much earlier in the year, if at all possible. The sooner you book your slot, the less chance is that someone else will pick your preferred date!

I appreciate the difficulties in planning ahead by perhaps 6 or 8 months for garden meets. Josie and I do not have holidays and other key events in our calendar that far ahead ourselves!

However, please do think about having a garden meet – they are great fun and an enormous help to people who are only at the planning stage. Please let me know as soon as possible you garden open day dates.

Finally, Josie and I wish you and all your families all the best for Christmas and a prosperous New Year, plus hopefully a chance to run a few 'Santa Specials' over the holiday period.

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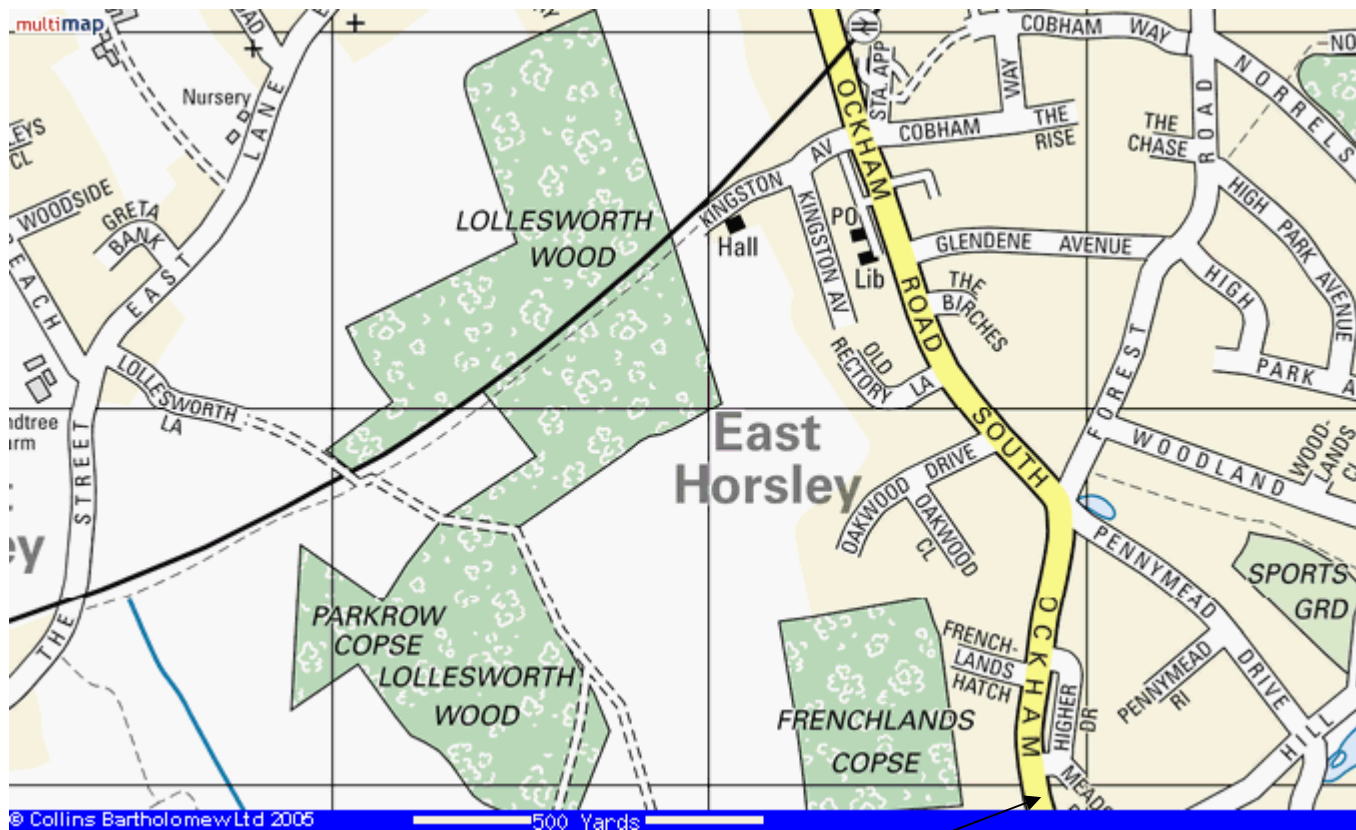
**SURREY INDOOR MEET
EAST HORSLEY VILLAGE HALL –
SUNDAY 5 MARCH 2006, 11am – 4 pm**

(Helpers from 9 am, please)

Location

The Village Hall is a modern building, located at the end of Kingston Avenue; it has a large car park.

B2039 leading to A3 (London/Guildford & M25 J10)



B2039 leading to A246 (Leatherhead/Guildford)

<http://www.multimap.com/map/browse.cgi?client=public&X=509000&Y=154000>

Look forward to seeing a record number of Surrey G Scalers there.