

Surrey G-Scale Society

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

Hi there,

Hope you are all enjoying the good weather and have managed to get outside tracks in full working order. I had to redo the cutting on the Catmint Line, which has gone well. There is a bit more clearance for longer wagons and coaches now.

The most urgent item in this issue of the newsletter is a plea for volunteers to help run a G Scale publicity stand at the Merstham Model Steam Show (see page 6). We are also looking for more garden open days – so don't be shy.

REPORTING BACK - East Horsley

We had a good turnout of helpers to set up and were up and running in record time (perhaps helped by the sausage sandwiches provided for helpers and exhibitors!). The rain held off for the to'ing and fro'ing to vehicles but then turned nasty during the main part of the day. Despite this, we had a good attendance with around 80 people through the doors. Apart from Surrey, visitors came from Hampshire, Essex, Kent, Chiltern, Sussex and West London. Everyone seemed to have a good time!

Let's start with the all important thanks:

I would like to thank Derek for arranging another excellent Surrey indoor meet (sadly he and Ann will soon be moving to Spain – see page 4). A big thanks too to all the members and their partners who helped on the day from set up through to sweep up, including those who sold raffle tickets and manned the door.

The catering was enjoyed by all, so a big Thank You to Josie, Anne Stone and Thelma Newman for all their hard work. Many thanks also for the delicious home made cakes, with a special thanks to Anne Stone and Jean Budd.

Andy from Kent Garden Rail provided an excellent trade stand once again.

Adrian and Trish Knight were kept really busy with the members' sales stand, which was well supported. See financial report.



The balloons left over from a previous event brightened up the hall beautifully. The only drawback was when packing up, the cold air coming in through the doors made them start to droop and we had to keep ducking under them!

A very big thank you goes to all those who brought layouts/track to the meet. As the following photos show, they were all very popular with plenty of runners all day.

Ruritania: Jack Nisbet with his team from Solent Area Group once more brought along this lovely layout, which had lots of European action.



Fenntilly Railroad: John and Jean Budd, Kevin and Debbie Kercher. This year, the railway featured an extension with a fire station and garage.



Albany Garden Railway: Mike Webber. Mike's layout once again proved especially popular with young budding railway engineers, who love to see how fast they can take the corners!



Mike is taking his layout to the large Scale Show in Reading on May 12th (see timetable). He would appreciate any helpers.

Layout on the stage: The track was mostly our Katz Bahn track plus some additional pieces provided by Richard Atkinson. This track allowed MTS running, and was busy with an interesting mix of US and European stock!



Farewell to Derek and Anne Stone

As the last occasion when lots of members were present, we were pleased to mark the major contribution that Derek and Anne have made to the Surrey Area Group and the G Scale Society (Anne is also National Treasurer). Derek and Anne are retiring and moving to Spain. They will be starting a new garden railway in the large grounds of their new rural home. They were presented with a card and gifts (general store kit, people and a Spanish phrase book). **Very best of luck for your new life in the sun.**



As announced in the last newsletter, Paul Herold is taking over as East Horsley Meet Co-ordinator. However, with the departure of Anne, we will lose an important member of the East Horsley catering team. Please could a few members, or their partners, volunteer to help with making sandwiches and serving hungry/thirsty G Scalers at next year's event?

SURREY AREA GROUP: FINANCIAL REPORT

East Horsley provided a net surplus of £110.21 for the Surrey Area Group funds.

Thanks to Adrian and Trish, and those who supplied sales items, the members' sales stand made £69.80. The raffle achieved £118 and donations were £133.26.

After deduction of postage expenses for the newsletter, etc., the balance on the group's account now stands at £686.28.



Adrian and Trish Knight with the members' sales stand at East Horsley

MERSTHAM – SURREY G SCALE PUBLICITY STAND

Thank you to those of you who were persuaded by Josie to put their names down to cover our publicity stand at Merstham. The aim is to talk to visitors to the show about G Scale – they can see photos showing both indoor events and gardens, and can be pointed to nearby G Scale exhibition layouts and/or traders to see what the scale looks like in real life. We picked up our G scale Society membership form at a Merstham show and I am sure many of you have done so too.

We are doing well for Saturday with just three slots to fill BUT MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE SUNDAY. Also if anyone is available to help us set up or pack away, that would be great. If you find near the event that you can attend, please let us know so that you can be on stand by.

Time slot	Saturday 13 th May	Sunday 14 May
	Names	Names
~ 9.00 onwards (set up)	Andy Saulter	Not needed until ~9.45
	Josie Saulter	
10.00 to 11.00	Richard Atkinson	Kevin Kercher
	Chris Atkinson	John Budd
11.00 to 12.00	Alan Damen	Barry Izzard
		Len Izzard
12.00 to 13.00	Steve Riley	
13.00 to 14.00	Andy Saulter	
	Josie Saulter	
14.00 to 15.00	Adrian Knight	
	Trish Knight	
15.00 to 16.00	Mike Webber	
16.00 to 17.00	Andy Saulter	Andy Saulter
	Josie Saulter	Josie Saulter (& pack up)

The current list of helpers is detailed below. If you can cover one of the vacant slots, please do give me a ring. Last year by having all the slots filled, it was quite a relaxing event.

We will provide all volunteers with a copy of the rota complete with mobile numbers before the event.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to those of you who returned the questionnaires sent out with the posted newsletter. Due to a mix up, they did not go to the email recipients – but only one person asked about it (well done Ted Smiley!). We are sending them out again, so if you have not completed one yet, we would be pleased to hear from you.

GARDEN VISITS

Garden visits are always very popular and an excellent opportunity to get ideas for your own track and also a chance to run your stock. **We have a few bookings but need more**, but please do check your diaries and forward dates on to Martyn Dix. Your line does not have to be extensive and remember no line is ever finished!! If you need someone to help with tea making, just ask!

Garden meets run from 2pm to 5pm unless otherwise specified. **Please ring the host before attending so that they know how many people to expect and also to check in case of a late cancellation.**

TIMETABLE

MEMBERS SHOULD CHECK THE EVENTS SECTION ON THE WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS

Saturday 28 April

G-Rail, The Ken Marriott Leisure Centre, Bruce Williams Way, Rugby, CV22 5LJ
From 10.30 am. <http://www.g-scale-society.co.uk/g-rail.htm>

Saturday 12 May

Roger Tidswell, Guildford; 2 - 5pm
Analogue Electric + Battery [Sorry no steam]

Saturday 12 May

Association of Large Scale Modellers Show; 10-4.30
Rivermead Leisure Complex Health Suite, Richfield Avenue, Reading RG1 8EQ
Albany Garden Railway (Mike Webber) attending

Saturday & Sunday, 19-20 May

Merstham Model Steam Show; 10am-5pm
St Nicholas School, Taynton Drive, Merstham, Surrey, RH1 3PU

Helpers wanted**Sunday 10th June**

Catmint Line Open Afternoon, Andy & Josie Saulter, Banstead; 2 - 5pm
Electric – MTS/analogue (Also O scale/16mm track)

Sunday 15th July

Paul Herold, Morden, Surrey; 2 – 5pm
Electrified

Saturday 21st July

Adrian Knight, Bramley, Guildford; 2 – 5pm
Electrified

Saturday 21st July

Kent Group, G Scale Exhibition; 10am-4pm
Alexander Centre, Faversham, Kent

Saturday & Sunday 22-23 September

Amberley Museum, Amberley, Sussex
Ian Hedgecock is taking the Fairhaven Railway*

Saturday 6 October

Merstham Autumn Steam-up, St Nicholas School, Merstham
Ian Hedgecock is taking the Fairhaven Railway*

Saturday 27th October

3rd Solent Autumn Indoor Meeting*
Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, PO17 5AL
Our layout, Katz Bahn, and Albany Garden Railway (Mike Webber) in attendance

Sunday, 25th November

Sussex End of Year Meet*
Herstmonceaux Village Hall, Herstmonceaux, Sussex

2008**Sunday, 2 March**

Surrey Indoor Meet, East Horsley Village Hall

*More details later

LGB

As many of you may know, LGB got into financial difficulties last year. This was followed later in the year by the news that a new owner had been found. The latest development, unfortunately, is that the prospective new owner has had trouble raising the money required from his backers – so things seem to be back to square one.

LGB's website now takes you straight to LGB of America, and further accurate information is difficult to find at this time.

I am sure we all hope that an ongoing future for LGB is soon secured [if anyone has a big chequebook perhaps they can help them out!!]

G Rail

Josie and I will be at G Rail, helping with the raffle. We hope to see many of you there.

SURREY G SCALE CONTACTS:

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If you can receive email, please email Martyn Dix and request email newsletters – you will get the benefit of the colour photos!

If you have received both email and postal newsletters, please let Josie know so that she can remove your address from the postal labels file and we can save on postage. **Please let us know if you move or change email/phone details.**