

Surrey G-Scale Society

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SURREY NEWSLETTER

Here we are in 2007! Happy New Year to you all. I trust you have recovered from Christmas. I managed to run on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve on the Catmint line, and have the photos to prove it!! I hope you managed to move your own railway projects forward over the last few months too.



CFV Mallet running at dusk on Christmas Eve

Surrey 7th Indoor Meet – EAST HORSLEY – MARCH 4TH 2007

11am – 4pm (helpers 9am – 5pm)

**Village Hall
Kingston Avenue
EAST HORSLEY
Surrey
KT24 6QT**

[See map on page 6]

This, the main Surrey event of year, should be in your diary already – if not, write it in straight away!

We have four layouts booked for the event:

- **Albany Garden Railway:** Mike Webber
- **Ruritania:** Jack Nisbet and team from Solent Area Group
- **Senntilly Railroad:** John Budd and Kevin Kercher
- **Surrey stage layout:** volunteers please.

Sorry, the hall's insurance does not allow the running of live steam.

Trade stand

Kent Garden Rail will be in attendance – remember to contact Andy Cottenham on 01689 891668 if there are any items you would like him to bring along.

Members' sales

There will be a members' sales stand, which Adrian Knight has kindly agreed to run. **Please bring along any surplus G scale items you would like to sell.**

Refreshments

As usual, Josie, Anne and other helpers will be providing a selection of tasty snacks – sandwiches, quiche, sausage rolls, homemade cakes, biscuits, etc – plus teas and coffees.

East Horsley raffle: The Group's finances are in a reasonably good state, so I propose this year to purchase some interesting prizes for the raffle (so we are not asking for donated prizes from members).

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DAY:

We need volunteers for the following:

- Setting up from 9am
- Catering (helping in the kitchen and/or supply of homemade cakes)
- Selling raffle tickets
- Members sales
- Door duties (ensuring everyone signs in to comply with our insurance and that they see the donation box!)
- Clearing up from 4 to 5pm

Please contact Derek Stone or myself if you can help with any of these.

East Horsley Organiser – Good News

In the last newsletter, I asked for a volunteer to take over as Co-ordinator for future East Horsley Meets when Derek and Anne leave for Spain later this year. I am pleased to say that Paul Herold has stepped forward to take on this important role and continue the group's successful March indoor events. I am sure you will all join with me in thanking Paul for volunteering and most importantly give him your full support for the future.

G Rail 2007

This will be at the The Ken Marriott Leisure Centre, Bruce Williams Way, Rugby, CV22 5LJ again this year pending the hoped for return to Avon Valley school in 2008. Martin Puttenham (01908 379247) will be happy to hear in advance from any one willing to volunteer as a steward for part of the day.

Merstham 2007

In 2006, we ran a Surrey G Scale stand at the East Surrey 16mm show at Merstham and we are hoping to do the same this year. For anyone who has not been to this show before it is held over two days and is the largest larger scale show in this area. There are layouts in "0" gauge, 16mm and G scale and ride on scales. A number of G and 16mm traders also attend. There are also model boats and planes and traction engines. We will be canvassing for helpers for the stand at East Horsley.

Any ideas for improving our stand will be very welcome. We normally have just one 6 foot table and our publicity board unless anyone wants to bring a layout??

2007 Surrey G Questionnaire

Included with this newsletter is a questionnaire. It would be appreciated if you could spend a few moments to complete it and send it back as indicated.

There are three main issues covered in the questionnaire:-

1. Surrey Group Track – I raised this last two years ago in the 2005 questionnaire. At that time it did seem as though we quite had enough support to take this forward and at the same time one existing and one proposed layout were revealed. After talking to members I thought this issue should be looked at again. If there is sufficient interest I will organise an informal meeting to develop how we might build such a layout or test track.
2. Extra Winter Indoor Meet – A suggestion has been made that we might like to have two meets in the winter, a second 'East Horsley' but not necessarily at East Horsley, if you see what I mean! What do you think?
3. Garden Meets – This is just a piece of information gathering to see how many Surrey members have a garden layout (or are building one) and whether the owners of such layouts are interested in hosting an open day this year or in the future.

GARDEN MEETS

It is never too early to let Martyn and myself know of your proposed dates for garden meets. It is always good to visit new layouts as well as established ones and to get the trains out of the boxes to do what they were made for!

Don't worry that your layout is not big enough, not fully finished etc. – everyone has the same worries! If your garden is very small, you can specify a cap on the number of visitors.

If you are prepared to have an open day for Surrey Group members, please let us know your preferred date, so that you can go into the diary.

If you have details of other events with a G Scale interest, please let us know so we can include them in the group diary.

SURREY G DIARY

Sunday 4 March 2007

11am - 4pm

Surrey Indoor Meet East Horsley (see map page 6)

Saturday 28 April 2007

G-Rail, The Ken Marriott Leisure Centre, Bruce Williams Way, Rugby, CV22 5LJ

19-20 May 2007

Merstham Model Steam Show

St Nicholas School, Taynton Drive, Merstham, Surrey, RH1 3PU

Sunday 10th June

Catmint Line Open Afternoon 2-5pm

Andy & Josie Saulter, Banstead

G Scale membership renewal

Two issues here for us to pass on.

1. A fair number of the December G Scale Journals went astray this year. As they contained renewal forms, some members may have missed out on renewal. If you did not receive a form/journal, please contact the G Scale membership secretary Peter Jackson.

2. This year the society will be issuing plastic membership cards which will remain in force until the member resigns from the society. They will be similar to the LGB Club cards etc and will be credit card size. The cards will be supplied to us with a background design, the society name and logo. There has been a slight delay in the production of the cards owing to a difficulty in getting the resolution of the logo correct. This has now been sorted and Peter hopes and expects them to be with members by the end of February at the latest.



Paul Herold with his live steam Shay at Tim & Emma Duke's open day last Summer.

Email is our preferred distribution method.

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 number.**

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Directions:

From A3: just south of M25 (Junction 10), take B2039.
Turn right immediately after going under railway bridge.

Plenty of parking
East Horsley station nearby