

Surrey G-Scale Society

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SPRING NEWSLETTER

Hello all!

Sorry that the newsletter has not appeared sooner after East Horsley but, apart from recovering, Josie and I have had a number of other commitments that have stolen our time!

East Horsley was a great success (see report below) and now we can look forward to Spring and Summer. This winter was even a bit too cold for me to get outside (maybe it's just that I am getting older) but the weather is now warming up and hopefully we can all get outside, work on our lines and run trains. Currently the Catmint Line is under engineer's possession to increase the capacity of the station area; fingers crossed that work does not overrun into our open day in June!

Our next major Surrey activity is Merstham (13-14 May), please see the back page for the latest news.

REPORTING BACK - East Horsley

We were lucky to have a bright but chilly day this year. We probably had our best turnout ever with over 80 people attending. Apart from Surrey, visitors also came from Hampshire, Essex, Kent, Chiltern, Sussex and West London. Being handy for the M25 gives East Horsley a wide appeal.

I would like to thank Derek for arranging another excellent Surrey indoor meet and doing the raffle. A big thanks too to all the members and their partners who helped with the day from set up through to sweep up. It's your support that makes the day so worthwhile.

Thank you to Martyn, Steve, Roger and others who helped man the door and to Martyn for his snazzy kit for producing name badges!

The catering was enjoyed and devoured by all, so a big thank you to Anne Stone, Josie, Thelma Newman and Trish Knight for all their hard work. A big thank you to all the people who provided home made cakes, with a special thanks to Trish and Jean Budd.

A 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 and team from Solent Area Group



Albany Garden Railway: Mike Webber



Senntilly Railroad: John and Jean Budd, Kevin and Debbie Kercher. This railway was having its first public outing



Layout on the stage: Thanks to new G-Scaler Bryn Thomas for the loan of much of the track.



Steaming outside: Clive Elesmore



We only learnt at the 11th hour that the hall's insurance would not cover the running of live steam locos. This did not deter Clive, who gallantly set up a large radius circuit outside on the grass to run his Aristo Mikado. He braved the cold and entertained a crowd of locals by running on the grass outside the hall. Well done Clive - that's what we call dedication to the hobby!!

Hand crafted models: Alan Damen put several of his scratch built locos and dioramas on display. We wish Alan the best of luck for the G Rail Modelling competition.



Members' sales - Adrian Knight did a brilliant job running the members' sales stand. There was so much stock that much of the time Adrian was hidden from view! Thanks, Adrian.



Kent Garden Rail - Thanks go to Andy for providing us with an excellent trade stand as usual.



Thanks to Barry Izzard, Bryn Thomas and Steve Riley for the East Horsley photos.
Check out the Surrey G Scale website for even more photos of the event.

To sum up, thanks again to all of you who helped make the day such great fun for all. It proves the old saying that many hands make light work! The day was also produced a surplus of £251.28 for group funds to enable us to re-book for next year.

Surrey G Scale Group Annual financial report

Set out below is the Group's financial position since the last report in March 2005.

Accumulated funds as at 31/3/05		£454.86
Net interest		7.26
East Horsley 2006		
Income:		
Raffle	130.00	
Food	78.00	
Members' sales commission	115.00	
Donations	<u>86.31</u>	
	409.31	
Less expenses		
Hire of hall	112.50	
Food	<u>45.53</u>	
	-158.03	
East Horsley Surplus:		251.28
Less costs of postage	- 65.40	
Balance in account as of 1.4.06		£648.00

Currently the group funds are held in a Nationwide Building Society account. I set this up as a matter of simplicity as I could not open a bank account without being able to present all four grandparents, utilities bills from the Admiral of the Fleet, references from an Archbishop and proof that I was directly descended from one of the signatories of the Magna Carta (all during my lunch hour)! OK so I exaggerate, but not that much!

Whilst we need to keep a reserve to finance future East Horsley meets. Do any of the members have any suggestions for any purchases that would be of benefit the Surrey Group?

LOOKING AHEAD - G Rail Saturday 22 April

You will probably have noted the change in venue in the Journal. Josie and I will be at G Rail this year, and have been recruited for the Raffle Team! I know Steve Warrington would be pleased to receive offers of help from anyone attending who can help during the day as stewards or on car parking duties.

Mike Webber is taking his layout to G Rail this year. It would be good if Surrey members could provide him with some support. Mike intends arriving at the leisure centre at about 8am to set up. If any volunteers can help with setting up, or can give him a break by supervising the layout, or by helping with packing up at the end, please do give Mike a ring.

GARDEN MEETS

Garden visits are always very popular and an excellent opportunity to get ideas. **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.

TIMETABLE

[CHECK THE EVENTS SECTION ON THE WEBSITE FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION AND CONTACT DETAILS](#)

Saturday 22 April

G-Rail

The Ken Marriott Leisure Centre, Bruce Williams Way, Rugby, CV22 5LJ.

Saturday & Sunday 6-7 May

Wimbledon Model Rail Club Exhibition

Tweedale School, Tweedale Road, Carshalton, Surrey SM5 1SW

Saturday & Sunday 13-14 May

Merstham Steam Show

St Nicholas School, Taynton Drive, Merstham, Surrey

10am-5pm

Sunday 11 June

Catmint Line

Andy and Josie Saulter, Banstead

Electrified – MTS/Analogue (Also O scale/16mm track)

Saturday 15 July

G Scale Exhibition, Alexander Centre, Preston Street, Faversham, Kent

Admission: £2.00 adults, 50p children

(Josie and I will be assisting on the Swiss and Welsh Railway)

Saturday 22 July

Adrian and Trish Knight, Bramley

Electrified – Analogue

Sunday 13 August

Derek and Anne Stone, Worcester Park

Electrified - Analogue

Sunday 20 August

Richard Atkinson, Worcester Park

Electrified – Analogue

Saturday & Sunday 23/24 September

Fairhaven Railway is attending at Amberley Museum, West Sussex

Visiting locos welcome

Further details from Ian Hedgecock

Sunday 29 October

Solent Indoor Meet

Christ Church Parish Hall (new venue), Cosham, near Portsmouth

We have been asked to provide an MTS layout once again for this event

Merstham – Surrey G Scale Publicity Stand

Thank you to those of you who succumbed to my secret weapon (Josie!) and put your name down to cover our publicity stand at Merstham. The current list of helpers is detailed below. If you can cover one of the vacant slots, please do give me a ring.

Time slot	Saturday 13 th May	Sunday 14 May
	Names	Names
~ 9.00 to 10.00 (set up)	Andy Saulter Josie Saulter	Not needed until ~9.45
10.00 to 11.00	Ian Hedgecock	Kevin Kercher
		John Budd
11.00 to 12.00	Anne Stone	Kevin Kercher
	Derek Stone	John Budd
12.00 to 13.00	Alan Damon	Adrian Knight
	Paul Herold	Trish Knight
13.00 to 14.00	Andy Saulter	Adrian Knight
	Josie Saulter	Trish Knight
14.00 to 15.00	Steve Riley	
15.00 to 16.00	Anne Stone	
	Derek Stone	
16.00 to 17.00		Andy Saulter
		Josie Saulter (& pack up)

We are doing well but we have four or five slots to cover on Saturday and four on 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.

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

SURREY G SCALE CONTACTS:

[See 'Contact Us' section on the website](#)

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 details.**