

Surrey G-Scale Society

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Surrey G Newsletter February 2009

Dear All

First, our belated best wishes for a Happy New Year; trust you all enjoyed a good Christmas.

As the New Year moves on, there are a number of events coming up which are outlined in this newsletter – the most important for us being the **Surrey Winter Meet on Sunday 8th March at East Horsley Village Hall**. More details on page 2 & 3. This will be our ninth indoor meet – Doesn't time fly! Do come along for a chat and a chance to run a train.

Although it is early in the year, and perhaps the garden is not a popular place to be just yet (especially following our heavy snowfall), please do think about holding a garden meet later this year and adding it to our events timetable.



No trains will be running on the Catmint Line until the snow has been cleared!

1. East Horsley – Sunday 8th March

Paul Herold has been busy organising the Surrey Indoor Meet at East Horsley. This will follow a similar format to previous years and we hope as many of you will attend as possible. East Horsley Village Hall is a very comfortable venue with good flat access and is a very nice place to spend a day running, watching, talking about and buying G scale trains – especially at a time of year when the garden line may not be so inviting.

Attractions for this year at East Horsley:-

Layouts – There will be four layouts:

A new layout to us, **Trumpers Halt**, will be visiting from the West London Group. This is a very nice double track layout complete with interesting scenery and MTS. It certainly looked good and ran well at Wickham last October.

A welcome return from Solent will be Jack Nisbet and our friends from the Solent Group with **Ruritania**.

Our own John Budd and Kevin Kercher will be present with the **Fenntilley Railroad**.

Finally on the stage we will have three circuits (analogue and MTS) of track for you to run your trains on.

PLEASE do bring along your trains; all four layouts welcome members to run their own stock and that's a big part of the fun!!

Please be aware the hall's insurance does not allow the running of live steam.

Catering

The catering team will again be hard at work providing beverages, snacks, light lunches and cakes throughout the day. We already have some volunteers, but please can any other helpers let Josie know. In previous years, we have had some super homemade cakes – please can the volunteer cooks contact Josie to co-ordinate their efforts so that we get a good variety of cakes on offer.

Kent Garden Rail

Andy Cottenham will be bringing his trade stand of goodies. If there are any items you want him to bring along for you, telephone him in good time on 01689 891668.

Members Sales Stand

Adrian and Trish Knight have kindly offered to run the members sales stand again for us. Do bring along any surplus G Scale items you want to sell. (The sales stand takes a 10% commission on all sales towards the cost of East Horsley) If you are bringing ten or more items please list the items (legibly!!) stating your name, a description of each item, and the price. If you can let Adrian know in advance what you bringing to sell, he would be pleased to hear from you (01483 898178).

Raffle

We will be running a raffle to cover hall hire, with three G scale items as the star prizes.

We are not asking for asking for raffle prizes; we are aiming to have just a few choice items for the raffle so that not too much time is lost from the main focus of the day (running trains)!

VOLUNTEERS

We have always been lucky on the day with you, the members, helping on the day. We will need volunteers to assist with:-

- a. Setting up in the morning from 9am please
- b. Catering (NVQs in catering not required!)
- c. Door duties – ensuring all visitors sign in
- d. Selling raffle tickets
- e. Clearing up at the end from 4-5pm.

If everyone can do an hour or two to help out, it will make things go with a swing and ensure everyone gets a chance to run their engines. Paul and I would appreciate it greatly if you could give us a call (or an e-mail) in advance of the meet and let us know your availability to help. Its always nice to have confirmation you are coming!!

2. Reporting back

It seems a long time ago, but we thoroughly enjoyed our visits to the Solent and Sussex meets last year. Fenntilley Railroad visited both Solent and Sussex events, and KatzBahn attended Solent, and both were well represented by Surrey members.



At the Sussex meet, Fenntilley had the benefit of an attractive background from the stage!

Josie and I also attended the Kent Christmas do at Pratt's Bottom, but unfortunately were unable to get to the main Kent event in Teynham (from the photos on the G Scale Mad site, it appeared to have been a very good show).

Josie won a prize in the Sussex raffle and chose a superb, large, wood and metal bridge made by Sid. Josie is very kindly going to let me install her bridge on the Catmint Line, so engineering works are planned for the Spring!

3. Merstham Show

We have again been asked to take a publicity stand to the two day Merstham Model Steam Show on 18/19th May. I have asked that we are next to the super Buckinghamshire Garden Railway layout, Whiteleafe. Last year, I had the opportunity to run one of my locos on this complex and large portable layout and it was great fun. I am sure the team at BGRS would be happy to offer other Surrey members who man the stand a chance to run on the layout in 2009. Whyteleafe is MTS digital with signals; there are usually 3 or 4 trains running at a time making things very interesting!

4. Winter Meets

Apart from our own meet at East Horsley 8th March 2009. There is also on the 15th March a new Sussex meet at Hurstpier point just off the A217 to Brighton. This is another opportunity to run trains in a venue easily accessible from much of Surrey, so please support this new event which we hope will become a future annual fixture.

5. Brighton Model World

The Sussex Group will have a publicity stand at the Brighton Model World show (13-15 February), so do call by to say hello. Both KGR and Chalk Garden Rail should be in attendance.

6. G Rail

G Rail will be held at Nottingham again this year (25 April). It is a good venue and hopefully they will have solved the catering issues that let it down last year. If you are attending and can help out, please contact Martin Putman.

7. Open Days

Now is the ideal time to book your garden meet into the Surrey events calendar. Please give this serious thought if you have an operating layout that members could run on for an afternoon. Open days provide an ideal chance for people to get advice on having a garden railway and are especially helpful to people who are new to the hobby. Big or small, simple or complex, all layouts are different. Also remember no layout is ever finished, so it doesn't have to be perfect! Please forward your preferred date to us, or enter the details via the website.

8. EVENTS CALENDAR 2009

Remember you can check on our website for Events and other news:

<http://www.surreygscale.co.uk>

Friday 13 - Sunday 15 February

Brighton Modelworld, Brighton Centre, Brighton

10am-5.30pm

www.brightonmodelworld.com

Sunday, 8 March

Surrey Indoor Meet

East Horsley Village Hall, Kingston Venue, East Horsley, Surrey, KT24 6QT

[See map on back page]

Open from 11am to 4pm (**Helpers from 9:00am please**)

Sunday 15 March

Sussex Spring Meet

Hurstpierpoint Scout Head Quarters, Trinity Road,

Hurstpierpoint, West Sussex, BN6 9UY

11am to 4pm

Saturday 25 April

G Rail 2009

Harvey Hadden Sports Complex, Wigman Road, Bilborough, Nottingham, NG8 4PB

Opening times: 10:30am to 5pm

<http://www.g-scale-society.co.uk/g-rail.htm>

Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 May

Merstham Model Steam Show – **helpers needed for publicity stand**

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

<http://www.mmss.co.uk/>

There are around 100 G Scale members living in or around Surrey. **Email is our preferred distribution method, but we still send around 50 copies out by post.** If you can receive email, please email me to request emailed newsletters – you will also get the benefit of the colour photos!

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

9. East Horsley map

Surrey 9th Indoor Meet – EAST HORSLEY – Sunday MARCH 8TH 2009



East Horsley Village Hall, Kingston Avenue, EAST HORSLEY, Surrey, KT24 6QT

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
- Four Layouts (including MTS), Trader (KGR) and light refreshments.

Sorry no live steam.