

Surrey G-Scale Society

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Dear All

Just a short newsletter this time, to report on recent activities and provide an updated diary for open days.

1. G Rail – 26th April

The venue for G Rail this year was on the outskirts of Nottingham in a more spacious hall than previous years. This enabled everything, including the members bring and buy, to be on one level and in one hall. The AGM was in a room just off the cafeteria. With the extra space available, the quality of layouts at the show was very good.

You will have now seen the report in the Journal – including a photo of Josie + Andy's back whilst we were talking to John Preston producer of the excellent annual Garden Railway Magic DVD!

It was good to see so many Surrey people had made the trip North – I think we met up with at least 11 and we may have missed a few! It was also good to see Derek and Anne Stone who had made the trip from Spain.



2. Merstham Model Steam Show – 17-18th May

A big thank you to all the Surrey members who helped out on the publicity stand – it makes all the difference having a rota so that no-one has to be on the stand too long and can get a good look around the show.

This year, we were right next to the brilliant Whiteleaf layout, so it was easy to show the versatility and size of G Scale trains. Andy was very happy to run his new Piko HuPac loco, complete with very loud Massoth sound, that he bought from Chalk Garden Rail (we are waiting for the fix from Massoth to adjust the volume!).

Those of you who missed the show didn't get the benefit of seeing a very interesting trade stand from Germany with all manner of wooden kits, accessories and detailing items.



3. Roger Tidswell's open day – 3rd May

We were all made very welcome at Roger's house in Merrow. There was a good attendance from both Surrey and Solent members and we all enjoyed the home-made cakes.



It is still a mystery to me how Roger keeps his layout looking so neat and the verdant planting fits so well with the scale of the buildings and trains. Thank you very much to Roger, Elizabeth, Gabriel and Joseph.

4. Catmint Line open day – 15th June

Our own open day again took place in June. The weather wasn't very promising, so we struggled to put up the gazebo (the air was a bit blue and a large mallet came into play!), but in the event it wasn't needed as the rain held off.



There were nearly 20 people there (despite clashing with Father's day), and we had a good range of locos and stock running on both lines. This included three mallets, some interesting battery vehicles, rail trucks, a Sentinel steam railcar and, at the end of the day, some O gauge.

A good time was had by all.

5. Open days

There is still room in the diary for some more open days. Your line does not have to be extensive and remember no line is ever finished!! Please let us and Martyn Dix know your preferred date. Garden visits are always very popular and an excellent opportunity to get ideas.

Please ring the host before attending. This will give the host an idea of numbers and also a means of contacting you should the event need to be cancelled at short notice. Please also check on the suitability of the garden for young children or live steam. All visitors to these meets are invited to bring stock to run.

6. Solent meet

The Solent Autumn indoor meet is taking place once again at the Wickham Community Centre on Saturday 25 October. We have again been asked to take Katz Bahn to the show, and would appreciate helpers to set up, operate and clear up at the end. There is plenty of parking and this is an excellent show with some 9-10 layouts. KGR will be attending and there will be a members' sales stand operated by Adrian and Trish Knight. John Budd and Kevin Kercher will also be there with the Fenntilley Railroad.

DIARY

Sunday 20th July

Paul and Cath Herold (Morden): Garden Meet 2-5pm
Electrified (analogue)

Saturday 26th July

G Scale Model Railway Exhibition
Alexander Centre, Preston Road, Faversham, Kent
Entry 10am-4pm: £2.50

Sunday 17th August

Chris and Richard Atkinson (New Maldon): Garden Meet 2-5pm
Electrified (analogue)

Sunday 21 September

Martin Gerrard (Worcester Park): First Garden Meet 2-5pm
Electrified (analogue)

Saturday 25 October

Solent 4th Grand Autumn Indoor Garden Railway Spectacular
Wickham Community Centre, Mill Lane, Wickham, Hants, PO17 5AL
Analogue and MTS available
Entry 11am-4:30 pm (setting up from 9am)

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