

Surrey G-Scale Society

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Hello again! I hope those of you with snowploughs on your layouts managed to keep a service running. Don't complain, you don't often get a chance to use them, especially in April! Anyway let's hope we can get outside and work on our garden lines and run some trains soon. Service on the Catmint line, I am sorry to say, has been very sparse this winter.

In this issue of the newsletter, we report back about our East Horsley Meet which was very successful thanks to Paul's organisation and all of you who came along, helped and joined in. East Horsley 2009 is already booked; Paul doesn't hang about! Put it in your diaries; also put it prominently on the kitchen notice board to make partners and families aware. If you work shifts or weekends, make sure you are not on the roster for **8 March 2009**. It fortunately does not clash with Mother's Day.

Also in this issue we have an important request for **volunteers for Merstham Model Steam Show**, an update on the group's finances and the usual events calendar – more garden meets are needed, if possible please.

1. East Horsley 2008 report from Paul Herold

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank everyone for supporting the 2008 Surrey Winter Meet at East Horsley. Although I thanked a number of people on the day, as ever, soon afterwards I realised that I had overlooked several really important people.

First and foremost, a big thank you to the ladies [Cath, Celia, Debbie and Josie as well as Thelma from Kent] who worked so hard in the kitchen providing us with an endless supply of drinks, sandwiches and cakes, and not forgetting the sausage baps during the early morning (for a Sunday) set up. Without you, we would never have lasted the day!

I should also mention that Andy and Josie must have taken a major shopping expedition to purchase all the raw materials and judged the quantities to perfection. The contents of the donations box comfortably covered the costs, which in my book is a sign that we all enjoyed the food. I also saw that there were a number of home baked items and so our thanks to those who brought them along (Jean, Thelma and Cath).



Debbie Kercher, Celia Riley and Thelma Newman with just a few of the sandwiches and buns on display! (Unfortunately, Cath and Josie were camera shy!)

Thank you to Adrian and Trish for managing the member's sale stall and whose sterling service achieved a total sales figure of more than £1,000. The commission from this enables us to cover the hall hire for next year and is therefore very important. I am also grateful to everyone for bringing items to sell – and, of course, using their proceeds to purchase something else!



Adrian and Trish Knight on the members' sales stand chatting to the Sharman's from Sussex

The raffle was, I hope, well received and based on the sale of tickets it appeared to be so. Andy and I had agreed beforehand that rather than ask for donations, we would purchase three G Scale wagons, plus a few other quality items, as prizes using funds from the previous year's surplus. Our reasoning behind this was simply to avoid the long drawn-out raffle that can occur when dozens of items are included and really everyone just wants to get back to running trains. (If you disagree, please let us know.) Special thanks are due to Celia for charming all of you into buying

plenty of tickets and to Barry and Len for patiently separating and folding over 600 individual tickets and not subsequently suing us for RSI.



Paul Herold on door/raffle duty

A special vote of thanks goes to Andy of Kent Garden Rail for bringing along a nice selection of goodies and helping us out with the discounted raffle prizes. I certainly bought some items from his stall and I hope many of you did as well so that it made his attendance worthwhile.



I must not, of course, forget those of you who brought along your layouts for us to enjoy and run our trains on. Without your generosity and efforts, we obviously wouldn't have an indoor meet:

Our thanks go to:



Jack Nisbet and colleagues from Solent for bringing the lovely Ruritania



John & Jean Budd and Kevin & Debbie Kercher for bring Fenitlley Railroad



Mike Webber for the Albany Garden Railway



And the layout on the stage put together by Andy, Barry and Len Izzard, and Michael Boatman to provide two MTS and one analogue circuit. Not the tidiest of layouts, but popular for those who like to make a noise!

One aspect of the day that I find most satisfying is to see so many people generally helping to set up and dismantle the layouts. A lot of fetching and carrying goes on and it never fails to surprise me how so much kit eventually fits into the back of a car or trailer. I must mention Mike Webber and his Albany Garden Railway which somehow fits into a vehicle that has an apparently Tardis-like interior. Having helped to dismantle and carry Albany out to his car, I have to say I am amazed by the fact that when not in transit to the many shows he attends every year, on his return home, he then has to ferry it up to his first floor maisonette! Mike will not be bringing Albany to the 2009 Winter Meet as he has decided to have a break after three years, but he will be back in 2010!



Finally, may I thank everyone who attended, in whatever capacity, for making our 2008 Winter Meet a great success. I hope to see all of you next year on Sunday 8th March 2009.

2. East Horsley – The Financials

	£	£
Income		
Raffle	149.00	
Catering	97.73	
Donations	16.50	
Bring and Buy	<u>131.00</u>	
		394.23
Expenses		
Hall Hire	117.00	
Raffle	82.97	
Catering	<u>60.78</u>	260.75
Surplus		133.48

3. Group Finances

	£	£
Balance Brought Forward		£686.28
Income		
Net interest	15.84	
Donations - Merstham	11.50	
East Horsley	133.48	
		160.82
		847.10
Less Expenses		
Postage for Newsletter		63.00
Balance Carried Forward *		784.10*

* The balance is held in the Surrey G Scale account with the Nationwide Building Society.

4. Merstham Show: 17th – 18th May

We are booked again to run a G Scale publicity stand at the Merstham Model Steam Show. We will be organising a roster for the two days in one hour slots. I would be pleased if as many of you as possible could volunteer to take an hour (or two) to help out with running the stand. Many hands make light work! It is a very enjoyable event and gives us a chance to talk to many like minded enthusiasts and encourage them to join the ranks of G Scale. Many of us joined the G Scale Society after chatting to members and picking up a leaflet at Merstham or a similar show, so please help us recruit some more members.

If anyone has any suggestions for the display this year, please let me know. Also if you have any attractive photographs (preferably digital) of your own or other G scale layouts / models for the display board, please let me know.

As you can see, there are still some major gaps in the rota. If you can help out, please do contact Andy or Josie with details of your preferred time and, where possible, a mobile number. A copy of the rota will be distributed to all volunteers before the event.

Current status of rota:

Time slot	Saturday 17 th May	Sunday 18 th May
	Names	Names
~ 9.00 onwards (set up)	Andy Saulter	Not needed until ~9.45
	Josie Saulter	
10.00 to 11.00	Barry Izzard	Kevin Kercher
	Len Izzard	John Budd
11.00 to 12.00		
12.00 to 13.00	Michael Boatman	
	Steve Riley	
13.00 to 14.00	Andy Saulter	
	Josie Saulter	
14.00 to 15.00	Adrian Knight	Richard Atkinson
	Trish Knight	Chris Atkinson
15.00 to 16.00		
16.00 to 17.00	Andy Saulter	Andy Saulter
	Josie Saulter	Josie Saulter (& pack up)

Visitors to the Merstham show are not just confined to Surrey, so any help from other Area Group members who are planning to attend this popular event, and can spare an hour, would also be much appreciated.

5. 2008 Garden Meets

Now is the 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. Viewing your layout could inspire others! Please forward details to Josie or myself, or enter the details via the website.

Remember to ring the host before turning up on the day, so that they know the number of cups to put out and also just in case there has had to be a last minute cancellation.

6. Events Calendar

Josie and I will be going to G Rail – we will be helping again with the Raffle. If you are attending, come along and say hello, and we can sell you some tickets!

DIARY

Saturday 26th April

G Rail 2008 **(New location)**

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

Saturday 3rd May (New date)

Roger Tidswell and family (Morrow, near Guildford): Garden Meet 2-5pm
Electric (analogue); live steam also welcome

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May

Merstham Model Steam Show

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

Sunday 15th June

Catmint Line Open Afternoon 2-5pm

Andy & Josie Saulter, Banstead

Electric – MTS/analogue (Also O scale/16mm track)

Sunday 20th July

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

Electrified (analogue)

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