

# Surrey G-Scale Society

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Hi everyone! It's a little late to wish you all a happy New Year, but I will. I trust you all had a good Christmas and are all working away on getting your garden layouts for us to visit this summer and new models to inspire us!

## 1. East Horsley – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2008

Yes its here again: The big Surrey indoor meet. I am very surprised to say this is our 8<sup>th</sup> annual meet. Time flies doesn't it? I hope as many as possible of you will be joining us for this enjoyable event.

This year, Paul Herold has taken charge and arranged another great event. Paul and I do need your help on the day to make it go with a swing. Surrey members have always been very good at helping out and making sure the day is fun, and not a chore. Please see below how you can help and, if possible, give Paul or myself a ring so that we know what support we have and can allocate jobs.

### East Horsley 2008 – Highlights

**Layouts** – We have four great layouts for you run on:-

Fenntilley presented by our very own John Budd and Kevin Kercher

Albany presented by Surrey's Mike Webber

Plus three circuits on the stage (MTS and Analogue) – organised by divers persons including myself

And last, but not least:

Visiting from Sunny Solent – Ruritania with Jack Nisbet and Team.

There's no excuse not to bring a train, all layouts welcome additional runners.

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

## **Raffle**

At enormous expense, we will have three items of rolling stock (one each European, USA and UK) in our raffle, together with some other quality prizes.

## **Members Sale Stand**

We are very lucky, following an autumn appearance in Solent, to have once again obtained the expert services of ex-G Scale treasurer and Mid Hants Railway guard Adrian Knight and his good lady, Trish, to run the ever popular members' sales stand.

**Bring your unwanted G scale items for sale** (10% commission to Surrey G Scale) so that you can re-invest in this year's models!

## **KGR Trade Stand**

From darkest St Mary Cray and following appearances up and down the country, Andy Cottenham will be bringing the KGR trade stand with the latest G scale offerings and customer advice.

Please let Andy know in advance (01689 891668) if there specific items you wish to purchase at the meet.

And last but by no means least we have:-

## **The Refreshments**

Josie and Kath Herold have kindly agreed to look after our culinary needs on the day with the assistance of Debbie Kercher and Thelma Newman. – Bread pudding is also promised. Don't start that diet until 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at the earliest!

## **2. East Horsley – Helpers Please**

Having seen the highlights, Paul and I now need to ask for your help and support.

A. Come along and enjoy the day. Bring a train to run.

B. Please volunteer to assist

- with setting up from 9.00am providing muscle to get the layouts in and set up
- Manning the signing in table
- Selling raffle tickets
- With clearing up at the end of the day.

C. Please offer your services or encourage your partner to assist with the catering even an hour or two would be of great assistance. No NVQs in catering required.

D. Homemade cakes have been a key feature of the Surrey meet; if anyone would like to make a cake and bring it along, we will be very pleased to eat it! (If you advise me in advance, I can get less from Tesco's!)

E. We are not asking for asking for raffle prizes as we have enough, thank you.

### 3. Merstham Show: 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May

We are booked again to take run a G Scale publicity stand to the Merstham Model Steam Show. I 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 manning 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. 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.

### 4. 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.

### 5. Reporting back on Winter Meets

Josie and I along with other members from Surrey have visited Solent, Sussex and Kent Group meets this Winter and all were very enjoyable.

Solent – The Solent meet this year was held at Wickham (not far from Fareham). Jack Nesbitt has found a very good hall, which was able to accommodate nine or so layouts (I've lost count!) including one 16mm layout. Three of the layouts came from Surrey with Mike Webber taking the Albany light Railway, John Budd and Kevin Kercher providing Fenntilley and me bringing my loose track to set up three circuits as "Katzbahn". A good number attended the meet and it was a very enjoyable day. My thanks to Barry, Len and Paul for helping me with Katzbahn. Adrian and Trish were kept very busy on the members' sales stand.

Herstmonceaux, Sussex – Another good event with Albany and Fenntilley exhibiting again. Barry and Len were acting as layout supervisors on the large Sussex table layout. Frank Oakes live steam layout was in an adjoining room. There was a very good attendance and a lively members' bring and buy stand.



*Kevin Kercher with Fenntilley at Herstmonceaux with Albany behind on the stage.*

Pratts Bottom – The Kent Group’s pre-Christmas meet moved this Winter to Pratts Bottom and unfortunately was not as well attended as before. Several factors probably contributed to this as it was the same weekend as the big Warley exhibition and the weather men on TV and radio went into doom mode threatening torrential rain and near hurricanes, which in the end came to not much more than a heavy shower. Despite this, a good time was had by all.



*Andy’s Coop loco running on Garden of England line at Pratts Bottom*

Teynham, Kent – Josie and I helped our friends, Pat, William, Shirley and Brett Maynard-Smith once again with the Swiss and Welsh layout at this January event. This was also the occasion of Paul Newman standing down as Group Leader and we sent our good wishes to Paul for a long and happy retirement and thank him for his work in the past. Some of you will remember that Paul was instrumental in starting the East Horsley Winter meets in order to encourage the formation of a Surrey Group.



*Andy with William and Brett Maynard-Smith running on the Swiss and Welsh at Teynham.*

## 6. Events Calendar

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Surrey Winter Meet – East Horsley Village Hall**

11:00am to 4:00pm (helpers from 9am to 5pm)

East Horsley Village Hall, Kingston Avenue, East Horsley, Surrey KT24 6QT (see map next page)

For further details contact Paul Herold

### **DON'T MISS IT!**

### **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

G Rail 2008

The Harvey Hadden Sports Complex, Wigman Road, Bilborough, Nottingham NG8 4PB **(New location)**

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

Merstham Model Steam Show

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

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Catmint Line Open Afternoon 2-5pm

Andy & Josie Saulter, Banstead

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

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

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

Electrified

**NB. All events are for G scale members only and not open to the general public**

For contact details, please check on website: <http://www.surreygscale.co.uk>

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If you can receive email, please email Martyn Dix and request emailed newsletters – you will also 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 labels and we can save on postage. **Do let us know if you move or change email/phone details.**

## Surrey 7<sup>th</sup> Indoor Meet – EAST HORSLEY – MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> 2007



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

Plenty of parking.

Four Layouts (including MTS), Trader (KGR) and light refreshments.  
Sorry no live steam.