



31 March 2004

**"South Hampshire 16mm & G Scale Railway Group.
Incorporating "Southdown Railway Co."**

(Associate members of Fareham & District Model railway Club.)

The Southdown Railway Company goes from strength to strength, last weekend at the Alexandra Palace was a resounding success, congratulations and thanks to all involved. It was a busy tiring weekend but well worth it. Thanks also to Eddy and Don for the continued loan of 32mm loco's and rolling stock. The new features for 2004 all worked well thanks to David and Susan. Bill's pub is not yet on tap so it was a tea total exhibition but we still have that to look forward to later in the year.

Notable events during the weekend:

It must be a Davis gene, Young Chris was eyeing up all the young talent while Elderly Chris was chatting up all the old girls. Still it gave us all a lot of laughs. Peter walked well over a mile to and from our evening dinner venues. Elderly Chris' train ran beautifully without incident. Andy had his first Chinese meal and Pete was close to having to share his hotel room with his wife and Brian, but luckily a room was located for the happy couple in another hotel. The only person to get Susan's quiz wrong was a visiting IBM Director from the US, say no more.

I have cancelled Matlock due to the fact that I cannot get any firm information. Swanage is off as they suddenly have no room for us. Reading is likely off for this year as the organisers wish to use a different 16mm layout for a change. But expect to want us again next year.

I hear that Brian Parks has not been too well lately, We all hope you are soon back running at full pressure Brian.

Southdown bookings for 2004

Fareham & Dist	29 May	Saturday
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Hollycombe	19 June	Saturday
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Amberley	10 July	Saturday
Amberley	11 July	Sunday
Model World Romsey	5 September	Sunday
Chichester	23 October	Saturday
Exeter	6 November ?	Saturday

Note date change for Chichester

Thanks again for all your support.

See you soon.

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Friday dates are;

9 April (Good Friday,)
14 May.
11 June