



30 June 2003

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

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

In the middle of a heat wave we enjoyed another great show at Amberley, luckily we were in the engine shed again and with doors open at each end we kept comfortably cool. We did get a bit smoke dried when the 2 foot gauge steamers stood at the near platform for any length of time.

One interesting point of note at Amberley was that Don was able to see his train running for the first time in many months, despite the fact that it has been one of the most used 32mm locos over the past year.. We also did some major 32mm track rework with a new point at the siding entrance. We hope to do the other end of the 32mm siding next time out. Thanks to David and Chris for their help with that track work.

We have been invited to more gardens this summer (see list below) Bill Layton a friend of David Dowson lives up near Tring but I am assured that the travel will be worth while as he has an extensive 45mm track. If you plan to travel up the Bill's please let me know asap so that I can let Bill know how many to expect. William & Marguerite's open day looks like its on, as their neighbour's building works have been completed (mostly by William). Their garden is NOT child safe, so (well behaved) children by arrangement only, please.

August is all open days so hopefully will see many of you over the coming weekends. We are also filling the show diary for next year already, with potentially 3 new venues in the early part of the season. Paul Smith has also asked us to take Southdown to Exbury gardens in October, in another engine shed show, this is to be confirmed.

Thanks again for all your support.

Events for 2003

3 August.....David & Sue Daw open day (45mm running)
17 August.....Bill Layton's open day, (45mm running)
25 August.....William & Marguerite's Open Day (45mm running)
7 September.....Model World Romsey (Southdown)
14 September.....David & Susan Dowson's open day (45mm running)
4/5 October.....Exbury Gardens Show, (Southdown) to be confirmed.
18 October.....Chichester (Southdown)
1 November.....Exeter (Southdown)

Remember to book your running slots early so that I can advise exhibition organisers of numbers and what loco's for insurance purposes.

Friday dates are:

8 August..
12 September.
10 October.

See you soon,

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