



6 August 2005

**South Hampshire Garden Railway Group.
Incorporating "Southdown Railway Company."
(Associate members of Fareham & District Model railway Club.)**

Since the last news letter I have been to the National Railway Museum at Shildon Co, Durham where I was invited to take Southdown to their "Model Weekend on 13 and 14 August. After checking that I could get sufficient help with train operators I was able to accept and this coming Friday will be travelling with the team way up north for the weekend. So if anyone happens to be in the Durham area next weekend please call in and see us amongst the "big" trains..

Today a few of us visited Bill Layton's at Marsworth for for a day's steam up on his gauge 1 line. We enjoyed a lovely sunny day and were treated to a very nice lunch, thank you Bill and your friend Val who did the cooking. Not only that, but we had some great steaming as well being able to run large trains on Bill's fairly long line.

We now have a C16 sub group in the area, since three of us have recently purchased Accucraft C16's live steamers. They are all different models of the American 2-8-0 but share the same boiler and running gear design. They are beautiful runners. They look and sound superb. So keep an eye open for them next time you see Southdown or are attending a garden steam up.

Fully booked for operators at all shows this year, thanks to all of you that have volunteered your time. Don't forget to check you boiler certificate currency. New professionally built boilers are exempt for the first two years there after you need a new certification every two years.

Remaining Southdown bookings for 2005

Shildon	13/14 August
Romsey	4 September
Elsecar	8/9 October
Chichester	22 October
Exeter	29 October

So I will not be at Fareham this week as we will be setting up, Up north.. Catch you all soon.

Friday dates are;

12 August
9 September
14 October
11 November

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