



6 January 2005

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

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

Happy New Year to everyone, I hope you all enjoyed a very merry Christmas and will have a prosperous new year.

Most of my spare time and David's, has been spent working on the new Southdown boards. All the track is laid and working, the back boards have been refitted and updated by Bob to match the new layout of the scenics. We plan to set up the complete layout for more work and back board paint touch up on Saturday 15 January in St. Winfred's Church hall Totton if any of you wants to take a peek. Saturday 19 February will be a dress rehearsal for the Lincoln show the following week. So all being well you can run trains that day too. Same venue.

The invitation to Merstham next May has been confirmed so I need operators for the 2 day's please. Remember I need to notify show organisers well in advance on numbers so please check your diaries and let me know which shows you would like to support. I need 32mm runners for Redhill please. Don't forget to check you boiler certificate currency. New professionally built boilers are exempt for the first two year thereafter you need a new certification every two years. Let me know if you need a loco boiler test and I will arrange a session. Or you could contact Dave Shotter or Andy Davis directly if you prefer.

I have some used SM32 and Tenmille G1 bullhead track available very cheap (all offers considered) if anyone wants any. Also pieces of 12mm plywood if you can find a use for it (The old Southdown base boards).

If you wish to continue to receive this newsletter, please let me know by the end of January. If I have not had a positive response by then you will be deleted from the mailing list. Please state which you prefer – email or snail mail.

Southdown bookings for 2005

Lincoln	26/27 February.
Rugby	23 April.
Redhill	14/15 May,
Romsey	4 September
Chichester	22 October

We had a great year in 2004 so lets get organised for 2005 with the new layout and see if we can do even better.

See you soon.

Paul

Friday dates are;

14 January
11 February
11 March
8 April.