



4 July 2004

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

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

So far apart from a few hot day the summer has not been too good to us this year but at least the rain held off for David and Susan's Open day last week. I was not able to attend myself but I hear that once again it was a resounding success. Thank you David and Susan for your efforts and hospitality. A report from David follows:

*Many thanks to all that attended the SDF Open Day and for helping to entertain the visitors. This year almost 80 attended and at one stage it seemed like all of them were in the garden at once, making driving rather difficult. The new water feature proved to be a success. Happily no accidents happened on the bridge that crosses the lake and no fires were put out driving under the waterfall! The Wessex Heartbeat Chief Executive attended and it took little persuasion to get him to take control of one of the trains. We rounded off his visit by handing him a substantial donation, a significant part of which has been raised through open days and garden railway video sales.*

The weather was not so kind this week but a few of us ventured out Hedge End way to David and Sue Daw's likely last open day for some time as they are trying to move house. Light showers in the early afternoon meant a slippery track but all the trains ran successfully and Sue kept us topped up with hot tea and coffee so we all enjoyed the afternoon. The house move not being imminent there was not ceremonial track lifting but that may happen during the summer, Thank you David and Sue for yet another very pleasant afternoon.



Mid June saw us once again at Hollycombe for the weekend where we put on our usual very much appreciated show with Southdown. Despite there seeming to be fewer visitors this year we were assured that the show was a success and we have been provisionally invited back for next year.

This weekend is Amberley Railway weekend so we will be there with once again with Southdown. If any members with 32mm trains suitable for running this weekend would like to attend please give me a call as we have a spare running slot..

**Open day dates for your diaries**

Sunday 29 August Bill Layton has again invited us up to his gauge 1 line in Hertfordshire.

**Southdown bookings for 2004**

Amberley	10/11 July
Romsey	5 September
Chichester	23 October
Exeter	30 October

Thanks again for all your support.  
See you soon.

*Paul*

Friday dates are;

9 July  
13 August

10 September.