

1 September 2003

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

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



Once again blessed with fine weather for the Open day's these past few weeks and we had some great afternoons out in the sun running a variety of trains. There were even vintage tin plate locos and stock courtesy of our two senior David's collections.

The trip up to Bill Layton's was well worth it and Bill seemed to enjoy the novelty of our narrow gauge heavy weights running on his fine scale gauge 1 track. A few minor track modifications were necessary to get our wide loads over the bridge but if we get invited there again you should make the effort to get there as it is a lovely setting for a railway.

Bank holiday Monday and Marguerite "single handedly" opened up the recently extended Purbrook branch of the SLR (ok she did have a bit of help from Bill) With the large clearances on this lengthy line a few of the larger trains saw the light of day. The K27 came up from Exeter and was first out on the track to clear any line side obstacles, followed by the D&RGS goose with rather loud V8 engine and knackered gearbox frightening all the local wild life. One of the younger visitors did as many laps of the garden as all the trains put together and was always available to give advice on what train to run next.

Thank you to all our hosts and hostess for having us in your gardens where we all enjoyed ourselves so much and also for all your efforts to keep us fully fuelled with afternoon tea.

No more news regarding Exbury since our discussion at Fareham last month. See you at Romsey ..

For Sale.

Factory painted ,Green Iver from Cheddar Models,
Factory fitted pressure reduction valve and roof aerial, 2 channel radio control! £300 o.n.o.
Contact....John Tomlin 023 80472129

Thanks again for all your support.

Events for 2003

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.....Chicester (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. See you soon.

Friday dates are;

12 September.
10 October.
14 November