

Hampshire area Garden Railway Group

(incorporating the Hampshire area of the Association of 16mm Narrow Gauge Modellers, and the Southdown Railway Co.)

Associate members of Fareham & District model railway club



April 2006

Well, some of us had a very busy day at the Association annual bash at Stoneleigh, either stewarding, just spending money, or winning the Roundhouse Trophy for the best Roundhouse based loco (congratulations Paul!) but others were having an entirely different show, as pictured above (Nutbourne left, Paul's award winning loco right).

Rod sends this message: "While most of you were at Stoneleigh spending money David, Susan, Andy and Rod were at Nutbourne Halt Centenary celebration with the Southdown Railway Company. Unfortunately the event organisers had booked a tent that was too small for us to erect all of the layout so we set up just the front half and ran end to end for the day. Despite this somewhat limited service the public and organisers loved our show and it turned out to be a very rewarding if tiring day. Thanks team, for all your hard work."

I was unfortunately re-elected as a director, so Association members are stuck with me for a while yet! I didn't get time to spend any real money, I spent all day at Stoneleigh either talking to members or delivering locos from Don Jones' collection to their new owners. Also a lot of time was spent loading a truck for a certain well known trader who nearly got us fined £200 for being late out of the hall... thats the last time I buy anything from them!...

Back to our gardens, Kevyn Chambers is having an open day on his 45mm gauge line, which has been extensively improved since last years event, on Sunday 4th June. More details in later editions. Also Bob Petch has his open day on 29th May, and David Fleetwood has his open day on 18th June (I got the date either wrong or missing, last month!) Contact David and Susan directly (01425 611372) to arrange to go along to that event. Its good to see several garden open days planned, and on both gauges, too! One day I'll get my railway back in a fit condition. Nearly there, turntable and steaming bay now installed.

See you at Fareham on Friday?



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Southdown bookings for 2006 so far:

Reading 6 May

Merstham 13/14 May

Sildon 12/13 August

Model World Romsey, 3 September

Chichester 22 October

Exeter 29 October (tentative)

Fareham Friday meetings: Apr 14th, May 12th, Jun 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th.