

# 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



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Hello again,

Before we go any further, I need to tell you that we will be meeting at **Portchester, not Fareham**, this Friday. I'll put a map and address details on here for you, but you can find it at <http://www.multimap.com/map/browse.cgi?pc=PO169HN>. This is all because the long awaited move from the Fareham hut has suddenly all happened. What this means for us, is that not only do we have the use of a facility in a location that is not quite so heavily shared as before, but we also have some new responsibilities.

Fareham and District Model Railway Club have put in a huge amount of effort to make this happen, and its only fair that we take our share of that, if we intend to carry on sharing the facilities they have worked so hard for. We get the current facilities for almost nothing, and whilst no formal approach has been made, I think it is inevitable that we should be making more of a contribution to the facilities, both financially and in kind.

This means that those of us who can spare a little time should be giving the F&DMRC chaps a helping hand to get the new facility properly up and running. Elliot and the others would be somewhat grateful for some assistance. Right, pontificating over for now, onto railway activities!

Last month featured a visit to Karen and Paul Betts much revamped CSLR, where my Pearse managed to disgrace itself less than last time, and many new locos were seen, from the quite large and exotic (yes, you, Rod....!) to the small and delightful, including Andy's entertaining little device above left. Other news, I've actually got around to fitting the new Spektrum R/C setup to Marguerite's "Ivo Peters BEM" seen above right, on a test run. The aluminium greenhouse holds no fears for me now! My Caradoc "Wombat" managed a long distance trip at the weekend, running at Association treasurer Phil Thompson's new line on the outskirts of Sheffield, avoiding being attacked by either their ducks or their dalmation...

Rod Blakeman is selling a rather spiffy new Graupner C4-X four channel 40MHz R/C setup, that is brand new and boxed. Complete with Chan 84 ( 40.845?) crystals. £40. Contact Rod on 023 80663373 for more details.

Details of the new meeting place:

I gather it is the only building on the South side of Harbour View, accessed by going to the end of Seaway Grove and turning left. Seaway grove is off White Hart Lane. Postcode is PO16 9HN.

Here is my best effort at pinching a map off my navigation software!



The word "Here!" indicates the approximate location of the new venue. I hope to see as many of you as are not setting up Southdown at Shildon, as possible (just as long as I can find the place myself....)

See you in **PORTCHESTER** on Friday.

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**Southdown bookings for 2006 so far:**

NRM Shildon	12/13 Aug	(Saturday/Sunday)
Romsey	3 Sept	(Sunday)
Tadley	8 October	(Sunday)
Chichester	21 Oct	(Saturday)

**PORTCHESTER Friday meetings:** August 11<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>. October 13<sup>th</sup>.