

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,

I was away for the last Portchester meeting (there is a picture of what I was up to below) but as mentioned last month, I did actually run at Chichester show and a picture I took of Pete's Mortimer is our heading picture this month.

I also missed the Western meeting at David and Susan's, due to my work messing me around, so I've suffered from "short measures" on garden railway fun for a while. My own garden is currently waterlogged, so its not set to improve for a while. However Rod has some extra garden lighting installed for the December 21 "Western" mince pies and steam up evening, so I'm looking forward to that. Make sure you give Rod a call if you intend to go along, on 023 8066 3373.

Don't forget to place your order with Mike Dunckley for his latest DVD effort featuring quite a few of our locos and stock. I did notice a rare bit of footage of Marguerite's "Ivo Peters BEM" making a rare showing on 32mm gauge, and also her diesel "Aristide" with its horticultural train, which makes a change from all those slate wagons.... Contact Mike on 02392 465443 to confirm details and order your DVD.

We still need to sort out if enough of you really do want to get a minibus to Stoneleigh on 29th March 2008. I hope folk did discuss it while I was off getting dirty last month, or its not going to happen, is it?

Regarding the Stoneleigh show, it is in Hall 2 at Stoneleigh, that's the biggest one there, about 40% bigger than last year's venue, which was itself about 25% bigger than the previous venue. There are 10 layouts attending, and about 63 traders at the last count, and there will even be a real 12" to the foot scale industrial train there.

Southdown had a very successful weekend at Warley on 1st and 2nd December, and from the feed back received our show was well received. The only failure was the Saxonion on the Sunday when the compound servo played up. Next stop Brighton! Details of Southdown's show attendances are here: <http://www.cslr.co.uk/southdownshows.htm>



Here's a picture of what I was working on last month, instead of being at Portchester. I spent most of the weekend either grovelling underneath her, or in the workshop hand filing new bogie pivot pin cotters for her. There's a lot of work to do, before Monarch is fit for static display, and the prospect of her actually running again is some years off yet. The Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway is also rebuilding another favourite of mine (if only because Marguerite has an Accucraft model of her). That is Kerr Stuart 0-6-2T Joan, whose frames are shown below.



I really do intend to be there for this month's meeting at Portchester, and will be at Rod's for the western meeting on 21st, if work doesn't get in the way again.....

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PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: 14th December, 11th January 2008.