

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 yet again,

Well we've had a busy month, with a meeting at Portchester involving first details of the proposals to restore and revise the Crumblyn layout, which elicited almost as many opinions as there were people there, and also a visit to the Rails group at New Milton, where we found that taking a torch was a good idea, and despite a few teething troubles with track availability and clearances, some useful running sessions were held. Also notable for me was a couple of visits from the loco above, and its proud new owner. Despite being a critical sort of guy, I was mightily impressed by this big beast, and even with my rivet counters hat on, was struggling desperately to find a bit of missing detail, despite being armed with the works photos and drawings!

I gather that David F has been busily digging up his garden for yet more railway extensions, and has been experimenting with CNC machining of bridge components (get that sorted quickly, David, as I've got a 5 metre long bridge to build...) Paul B has been making more space in the garden, and has some working space back now, Rod's been turning out locos and rolling stock at quite a rate (can I retire soon as well, please?). I seem to have spent most of my life stuck in front of this computer (or the one at work) although a few forays up the workshop have been made, and my first efforts at home etching have now taken place with reasonable success. My steam tram will get there one day....

We are desperate to hear of running sessions in people's gardens, and in particular we have one young member on the border with West Sussex, who is very keen to get involved in anything going, if only there was anything happening in his part of the world! So maybe those on the eastern fringes of our area might welcome a young visitor who is keen to give his new Edrig a bit of running in.

Right, I hope to see plenty of you at Portchester, with your £1-50, and your ideas for Crumblyn, and maybe willing to do a bit of work, and probably some more of you at "Rails" on 23rd Feb.

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PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: 9th February. 9th March, 13th April