

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, as preparations for the 16mm National show at Stoneleigh gather pace, and I reach an increasing level of panic, I suddenly realise I haven't done the newsletter....

I'm working on it, but I may or may not complete my Hudswell diesel in time for the MOTY competition. I'm busily fabricating etched brass cab steps, and working scratchbuilt lamps, at the moment. I think my skills at soldering need a bit more improvement....

I know Rod has been busily adding radio control and a few mods to several extremely large Accucraft locos (no, they're not all his!) as shown by the rather impressive K28 in the right hand picture above, as well as completing some rather exquisite Chiemsee-bahn coaches, and the loco to match. Paul has managed some running sessions as also seen above, and has been planning his changes to the CSLR after the new shed/workshop complex has been erected, but he needs wellies to cross the garden, and I'm in the same boat (or wish I had a boat to make it across my own lawn). David F has been quiet, so I suspect that means he's busy engineering with that CNC mill, again...

Southdown "may well be appearing" at the Celebration of Steam event at Portsmouth Historic Dockyard on May 12th and 13th. Those in the know, will understand the reason why I've phrased it that way!

I'm still keen to publicise anyone's open days or running sessions, especially as my own garden is somewhat waterlogged at the moment!

I hope to see plenty of you at Portchester, with your £1-50, and probably some more of you at "Rails" later in the month. I know track building there has been busily taking place there, to improve the facilities for us.

Hopefully I'll also be seeing plenty of you at Stoneleigh Park, at the new enlarged national show there in Hall 1. If you haven't been before, now is the time to give it a try, but be sure to book your tickets in advance to get your members discount rate. Don't miss the Grand Draw, and its substantial range of prizes, either, with several locos to be won!

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PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: 9th March, 13th April, 11th May, 8th June.