

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,

Well, following on from last month's effort, I now know what the monster is, that Andy had lurking in his workshop, and it's quite a beast, and very impressive, even if like me, the American stuff isn't really your taste. His K27 had the best chuff I'd heard on anything smaller than 2ft gauge! This was all at a short session at my railway, purely to give the big lads a bit of a workout. At this, I think the loco that hauled most in comparison to its own weight and size had to be Paul's "Engineer" the Roundhouse cup winner. Several of these runs are featured on the Youtube video website, including double headed C16's, as well as the K27, and Paul's Engineer.

Some of us also went to Peter Hayward's very scenic Haggerleas light railway, where Sean's Yak did what it is good at, namely chuffing gently and controllably round for ages with no drama at all, and my Caradoc did its best to emulate it (despite being about 4 times the size!), now in comparative silence thanks to its new MLW burner.

After the little hiccup last month, when we couldn't get in to the Portchester venue, we've got that sorted now, so I'd like to see as many of you as possible, not only to see what we've got there, but also to discuss what we actually want from our venue, and what we really want to do with our monthly meeting. Do we want to build things, have test and sorting out sessions, learn from our peers how they did things, or what? Whatever your opinion, let's hear it, we can't hope to provide what you need, if we don't know what that is.

Everything worthwhile takes a bit of effort, so to get a decent facility, whatever you decide that is, will need some input from most, or preferably all, of us. I've been fairly busy with 16mm Association business, as well as some family business, so I haven't been as active locally, as I'd have liked, for a while. I have now managed to spend a bit of time in the workshop, so look out for yet another half built creation in the next few decades....

Please let me know what you've been up to, and what you want to see happening, and most of all, when you are having a "steam up" or open day!

See you in **PORTCHESTER** on Friday. <http://www.multimap.com/map/browse.cgi?pc=PO169HN>.

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PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: November 10th, December 8th.