

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



October 2006

Hello again,

A busy month for me again, from 16mm Association board meetings, to more fun stuff, like running at Tony Lee's wonderfully scenic line (Peter Hayward's train above right, the dog was Tony's, and no, it isn't riding on the train!), and the Gala weekend at the W&LLR, where the agreement to sell my least favourite loco on the line (see Orion's last journey above left) which has resulted in the loco already being sold and returned to Finland where it started its working life. I've also been tidying Marguerite's new Accucraft Joan, only a few bits to do now. The Southdown crew have been busy too, with an appearance at Tadley over the last weekend, and they have the Chichester show to look forward to shortly. Rod has been busy further improving his track, and Andy has allegedly got a monster lurking in his loco shed.... can't wait to see it!

I'd like to encourage you all to let me know what you're up to on the railway front, partly to keep some of us who can't get to meetings, in touch, and to encourage them to do their best to get along and join in. We still have to decide what level of involvement we will have with the new Portchester "complex" (can't really call it a hut any more), and we will obviously need to talk to our Fareham and District colleagues on that score. Personally I'm keen to get us back a test track facility, and we need to decide whether that is by rebuilding the previous track that was in the Fareham hut, or by building a new portable test track. If any of you out there think we need to have a portable test track (and I do mean a small test track, I'm not trying to make something the size of Southdown here!) then let me know, as it was something I was wondering about.

If we were to have such a thing, my idea of it would be a short dual gauge simple oval, to use to test and demonstrate locos and stock, not as a portable railway, which would be a bit pointless with something as large and complex as Southdown in our midst. Lets talk about it on Friday.

Please take a look at Rod's for sale advert attached, and if anyone wants any high temp Teflon insulated wire that will fit down 1/16th inch tubing, I've got loads! (its not free, though!)

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



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Southdown bookings for 2006 so far:

Chichester 21 Oct (Saturday)

PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: October 13th., November 10th., December 8th.