

Surrey G-Scale Society

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER

This is just a short newsletter to remind you that the Garden visits are about to start next weekend, with our Catmint Line being the first of the Summer schedule.

I hope that the weather, which has not been all that beneficial for garden railways earlier this year, has not prevented you from getting on with your layouts and running trains. After the dry cold winter, the May rain has certainly made everything grow really quickly – for the first time I can recall the cutting on my railway had completely disappeared and I needed the help of the hedge trimmer to clear the undergrowth!

REPORTING BACK - Merstham

It was a good show but a lot quieter this year. However, there was quite a lot of interest in our Surrey G Scale stand, with people drawn in by the back copies of various garden railway magazines, the diorama and the photo display so that we could “sell” the virtues of the G Scale Society. The sale of the magazines and G Scale journals easily covered the hire of the pitch.



A very big thank you to all of you who helped out: Richard and Chris Atkinson*, John Budd*, Alan Damen, Nick Derwent-Wood*, Tim and Emma Duke, Martin Gerrard*, Ian Hedgecock, Paul Herold, Anthony Kesterton, Adrian and Trish Knight*, Kevin Kercher*, Steve Riley, Derek and Anne Stone*.

[* special thanks for helping set up/pack up or cover of two or more sessions]

By having so many helpers, it made the event most enjoyable rather than a chore! We have been notified of three new members not long after the show, so they may well have been encouraged to join through meeting you!

FUTURE EVENTS

Faversham, Kent – Saturday 15 July

This G Scale event is run by the Kent Group as a public exhibition and features six or so layouts and KGR as the trader. Faversham is a pleasant little town and also has a model shop selling G Scale. Josie and I are helping out with the Swiss and Welsh layout this year.

Solent indoor meet – Sunday 29 October

We have been invited to take a track to this event again for 2006. I am happy to take loose track to make up two or three circuits on tables to run with MTS – we have been specifically asked for the sound effects!! We would welcome some volunteers to help Josie and I set up and run on the day.

ADVANCE NOTICE: East Horsley 2007

The Surrey Indoor Meet for 2007 will be on **Sunday 4 March 2007**. Derek has booked the village hall. Please make a note of it in your diaries.

GARDEN MEETS

More open days would be welcome. You can book your date via the website or by contacting Martyn or I by phone. If a number of new open days are added, we will try to post out a revised timetable during the Summer, but the website and email remain the best way to quickly communicate any changes to the programme. If you do not have access, why not ask another member to alert you to any changes to the programme.

Garden visits are always very popular and an excellent opportunity to get ideas. Your line does not have to be extensive and remember no line is ever finished!! If you need someone to help with tea making, just ask!

All garden meets run from 2pm to 5pm unless otherwise specified. Please ring the host before attending. This will give the host an idea of numbers and also a means of contacting you should the event need to be cancelled at short notice. Please also check on the suitability of the garden for young children or live steam. All visitors to these meets are invited to bring stock to run; obviously slots will depend on visitor numbers and track design.

TIMETABLE

Sunday 11 June

Catmint Line

Andy and Josie Saulter, Banstead

Electrified – MTS/Analogue

Saturday/Sunday 8th/9th July 2006

Amberley Museum, West Sussex

10.00 am - 5.00 pm (Both Days)

Layout and Details TBC

Further details from Ian Hedgecock

Saturday 15 July

G Scale Exhibition, Alexander Centre, Preston Street, Faversham, Kent

Admission: £2.00 adults, 50p children

CANCELLED - Saturday 22 July - Adrian and Trish Knight

Unfortunately, due to an injury, Adrian has had to cancel his open day.

Hope you get well soon Adrian.

Sunday 13 August

Derek and Anne Stone, Worcester Park

Electrified – MTS/Analogue

Sunday 20 August

Richard Atkinson, Worcester Park

Electrified – Analogue

Sunday 3 September

Tim and Emma Duke, Banstead

Electrified – MTS/Analogue. Visiting locos welcome, including steam

Saturday & Sunday 23/24 September

Fairhaven Railway is attending at Amberley Museum, West Sussex

Visiting locos welcome - Steam + Electric (NO MTS)

Further details from Ian Hedgecock

Sunday 29 October

Solent Indoor Meet

Christ Church Parish Hall (new venue), Cosham, near Portsmouth

We have been asked to provide an MTS layout once again for this event

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Sunday 4 March 2007

Surrey Indoor Meet

East Horsley Village Hall

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