



With a turn of speed the Shay passes Engineer on the back straight.

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**South Hampshire Garden Railway Group.
Incorporating "Southdown Railway Company."
(Associate members of Fareham & District Model railway Club.)**

Summer is here at last despite a few damp days but we were very lucky once again at David and Susan's open day early in June. A sunny day saw lots of trains running flawlessly and entertaining dozens of visitors who contributed generously towards the Wessex Heartbeat charity. Susan kept us well fed and watered while David's looping track enabled a number of trains to run concurrently in safety. Thank you both for another very enjoyable days steaming.

David Dowson has confirmed Bill Layton's open day on his gauge 1 track up in Marsworth for Sunday 7 August, please let me or David know if you intend to go to Bill's so that he can prepare catering accordingly. David has offered an open invitation over to Alton for anyone interested in running between events, the line is now shorter as there is also now a small 5 and 3 1/2 inch track as well, so all are welcome to go over for a run. I suggest you phone David first to agree timings..

I don't seem to have done a great deal with the trains lately, I have built some new road bed for a track extension in my garden but that's as far as I have got. I have also found a supplier in Waterlooville for pneumatic components that are suitable for point controls. They seem to be better quality and cheaper than Del-Air or E-Z Air items.

Fully booked for operators at all shows this year, thanks to all of you that have volunteered your time. Don't forget to check you boiler certificate currency. New professionally built boilers are exempt for the first two years there after you need a new certification every two years.

Mike Dunckley is looking for LGB set track and small wagons for his grandson, if anyone has second hand items to dispose of, please give him a call on 02392-465443.

Remaining Southdown bookings for 2005

Romsey	4 September
Elsecar	8/9 October
Chichester	22 October
Exeter	29 October

Bill Layton's open day is 7 August 2005.

See you soon.

Friday dates are;

8 July
12 August
9 September

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