



Happy Birthday Paul



29 February 2004

**"South Hampshire 16mm & G Scale Railway Group.
Incorporating "Southdown Railway Co."**

(Associate members of Fareham & District Model railway Club.)

I had a beautiful snowy landscape on Friday morning and I would have liked to put an Alco out to take some photo's with the rotary snow plow but unfortunately I had to get to work. I hope some of you with a more leisurely life style managed to enjoy a few hours playing in the snow..

Had a very busy day Saturday setting up Southdown for maintenance at St Winfred's hall Totton. Thanks to all of you that came along to help and test out your bits and pieces. Andy did half a dozen boiler tests and also shared some boiler test /insurance information that his model boat club have. Thanks to Marguerites efforts we are now fire proof (to some extent anyway). Sticky fingers Susan did lots "re-grassing" and even made a beach by the workshop so we should look good at the shows this year. I will not be at Fareham on Friday week as I am going to Majorca for my annual bike ride.

Those that are coming to Alexandra Palace please get your trains fully up to scratch cos this is the big one and we must put on a good show, as we always do. As soon as I get any further information about this venue I will let participants know.

Southdown bookings for 2004

Alexandra Palace	27 March	Saturday
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Reading	8 May	Saturday
Fareham & Dist	29 May	Saturday
Fareham & Dist	30 May	Sunday
Matlock	June ?	Saturday
Hollycombe	19 June	Saturday
Hollycombe	20 June	Sunday
Amberley	10 July	Saturday
Amberley	11 July	Sunday
Swanage Railway Trust	24 July	Saturday
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Model World Romsey	5 Sept	Sunday
Chichester	16 Oct	Saturday
Exeter	6 Nov ?	Saturday

Still no confirmation regarding Matlock so I suspect we will not be going there. The roster is slowly filling for this years shows but there are still places for 32mm runners.

Thanks again for all your support.

See you at the Palace.

Friday dates are;

12 March

9 April (Good Friday, so may change this.)

14 May.