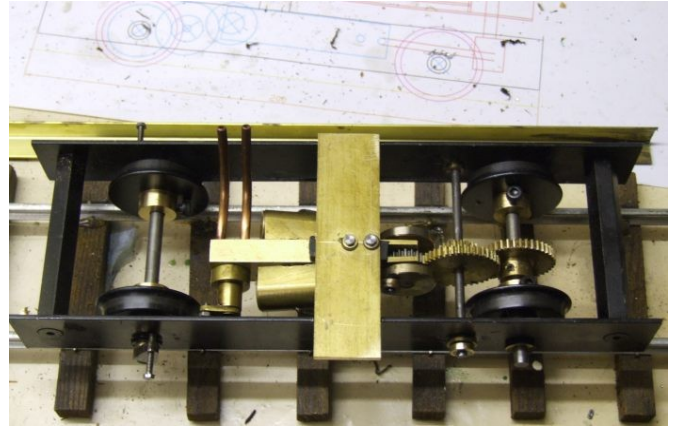


# Hampshire area Garden Railway Group

(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



December 2006

Hello again,

Well its all been happening... I should never have asked for opinions!

The first and most important thing to note, is that we've been invited by Paul Smith of MLW fame, to come along to see the clubroom set-up at the "rails group" in New Milton. An offer has been made to us, to come along on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December, from 7pm onwards for a "free viewing" of the facilities on offer, and to run trains on 32mm, and possibly 45mm gauges.

If we felt that the facilities there, which are indeed impressive, are what we want, and the price is acceptable, then we are welcome to be regular visitors there, to use the facilities on a monthly or more frequent basis. I suggest that we do a spot of car-sharing in order to get there, to avoid wasting too much valuable fuel, not to mention some of us getting lost! It may indeed seem a fair distance to travel, but certainly for some of our members it will be a far shorter journey than they've been making for quite a few years.

The cost is £3 per person per night, and refreshments are available.

Well we won't know what its like till we've taken a look, and then we can make up our minds where our future lies. It may be that some of us will choose to go to new Milton only and some of us may wish to stay at Portchester and visit New Milton now and again, and some of us will take some entirely different course! As long as everyone has somewhere appropriate to go, to get their 16mm "fix" then we're OK, and as 16mm Association area groups person, I'll have done my job.

If those of you wishing to car share, phone me in the first instance (best to try 7-9pm, and forget Thursday, as I'm never in then!) I'm sure we can get a decent number of us to visit and see what we reckon. Some of you with larger cars, especially big people carriers (you know who you are) I would hope would offer transport to a few friends...

Onto railway matters, I have actually been doing something other than the association membership survey (groan!) above is the evidence, Marguerite's Joan resplendent with new nameplates, and the chassis of my steam tram engine.

See you for our usual meeting at Portchester on Friday 8th.

<http://www.multimap.com/map/browse.cgi?pc=PO169HN>.



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**PORTCHESTER Friday meetings:** December 8<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Here is the newsletter from The “Rails” group.

### **16mm NG Layout on 32mm Gauge (Live Steam/Battery)**

Click here <<http://www.rhhfranks.co.uk/newsletter/trainlayout4.jpg>> to see the latest picture of the layout, two circuits of Peco SM32 track are now in situ and have been successfully tested on several occasions, two steaming bays on the r/h side of the picture are over 30' long, the inner steaming bay line now connects with the siding on the inner front main line, this should help ease congestion at busy times. We have a good selection of refreshments on site including Tea, Coffee, Cappuccino, Hot Chocolate and a selection of yummy biscuits, the 1<sup>st</sup> December meeting will also be another introduction/running evening and will be free to all as was the last meeting on the 17/11/2006.

Click here <<http://www.rhhfranks.co.uk/newsletter/layout-proposal1.jpg>> to see an artists impression of how the layout should look when complete.

Click here <[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_Pd3wzxy80w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Pd3wzxy80w)> to see last Fridays meeting video on YouTube.

### **15mm Scale (IOM) Layout on 45mm (Live Steam/Battery/Track Power)**

Click here <<http://www.rhhfranks.co.uk/newsletter/15mm-layout-1.jpg>> to see a picture showing progress on the 15mm layout. This layout is to be based on the Isle of Man railway and is to 15mm scale running on 45mm gauge track, again I have seen a battery powered IP Engineering loco running on a short length of temporary track, baseboard tops are being painted and more woodwork to do before track laying can begin.

### **7mm Scale (Std G) on 32mm Gauge (DCC/DC Track Power)**

Click here <<http://www.rhhfranks.co.uk/newsletter/o-gauge-layout-1.jpg>> to see a picture showing progress on the 7mm Scale layout.

Lots of progress on the O scale layout, so much track to lay and so little time to do it in, the O gauge group really have their work cut out, but locos have been seen running on a single linked up circuit with temporary wiring.

I have to say Tim Miller's new Rebuilt Bulleid Pacific looked superb running light engine shunting up and down the incline on the front of the O gauge layout.

### **1/32 & 10mm Scale (Std G) on 45mm Gauge (Live Steam/Battery)**

Click here <<http://www.rhhfranks.co.uk/newsletter/g1-layout-1.jpg>> to see a picture showing progress on the Gauge 1 layout.

Most of the woodwork is now complete and Mike Cooper has been making and fitting his excellent plywood layout edging around the layout, I believe that Peter Armstrong now has the rail for this layout and is still waiting for the sleeper units to arrive before starting track building in earnest.

For a Google Earth placemaker for the location:

<http://www.rhhfranks.co.uk/newsletter/the-unit.kmz>

For a map of the location: <http://www.rhhfranks.co.uk/newsletter/directions-1.jpg>

For a close-up map, see: <http://www.rhhfranks.co.uk/newsletter/directions-2.jpg>