

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



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Hello Again,

Since last time, I've been off to Wales for a wet weekend at the Welshpool and Llanfair, and also to take obscure photos for Pete Woodcock of soaking wet Garratts on the soggy Welsh Highland Railway. Pictured above, is the W&LLR's latest acquisition, which in my humble opinion is about as attractive as a bucket of porcupines, lets hope its usefulness is in inverse proportion to its handsomeness, or lack of...

The other picture is of Rod's very interesting current project, a real live compound Mallet, from numerous boxes of bits from Regner, and very well engineered it looks too.

I missed David and Susan Fleetwood's open day on 8th July. I'm working 4 Saturdays in succession, and by the time I'd rung at 3 churches on Sunday morning, I didn't fancy driving down there, and went into the workshop for a short session of making the burner for my tram engine instead, which although less fun, was at least fairly rewarding!

I think Paul has been doing a spot of underwater civil engineering in his garden, in between sessions of harvesting mushrooms, and I've just ignored the marked out location for a trench that's been sprayed on my lawn for the last month!

For our Portchester meetings, we really need to get down to some serious effort at removing the track from the old test track in the Portakabin, and re-using it for a portable track. As I said before, Saturdays are currently a problem for me, but we could do with a Saturday work party to make progress on that, so we've got somewhere to run.

Progress is being made on Crumblyn, by a small and dedicated band, so I'll be keen to have a look at progress this Friday!

There seems to be a slight hiatus in the meetings at the Rails Group in New Milton, but as soon as I hear anything positive, I'll pass it on.

See you on Friday!

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PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: 13th July, 10th August,