

# 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 yet again,

I trust you have all been outside doing stuff in the garden, as the weather has been perfect for running trains the last few weeks. As usual I have not managed to run any trains on my own line, but I'm getting there, as there is now only one short gap in my track, and I've even started building the first of the two dual gauge turnouts, although I'm having some difficulties with the rather brittle

brass rail I am using. I have to anneal each piece before I risk bending it to make checkrails etc, and even then it is still rather tricky.



For those of you interested in modelling the Penrhyn quarry railway, there is hope of kits for the Fullersite wagons. A well known wagon kit manufacturer is currently working on a prototype model, supported by several 16mm Association and Penrhyn railway society members providing information and drawings. If you may be interested in purchasing any of these kits, please let me know,

so I can pass on the projected numbers for a production run. IP engineering d produce certain other Penrhyn rolling stock, so Penrhyn modellers need not feel left out!

Away from Slatey things now, to another railway I'm a fan of... those of you who have ordered Accucraft W&LLR Earls/Countesses and Pickering coaches have probably received them by now (unless you wanted a R/C loco!), and I gather that the response is overwhelmingly positive. Our 2 coaches are very lovely, although they have to pretend they are in a 2011 preservation scene, as the nearest thing we have to haul them with is Joan. Whether or not we can afford an Earl from the November batch, only time will tell....

I am now down by 2 locos and 4 wagons, as all my Sierra Leone stuff is now at Locomotion at Shildon. We did of course have a good look round there whilst delivering them, and it will be a brilliant venue for Southdown to appear at later this year. Rod, while you're there, do you think

you could have a go at firing up that Deltic? That was one of the few exhibits I had to confess to seeing when it was pretty well new... We also managed to time our journey home from our holiday in Northumberland so that NRM at York was the ideal lunchtime stopping off point...

I'm afraid that this month's photos reflect what I've been seeing, so there are a couple of standard gauge photos in here. One, the Duchess of Hamilton, is just so glorious I just couldn't resist it, regardless of my railway loyalties (sorry David!) and the other on the right here is a challenge to one of our members (you know who you are, Geoff...)



Here is a shot of some of the new stock on the CSLR. Finished with Plasticote Matte Chocolate spray, DJB rub down lettering and an acrylic matte clear coat, the wagons are from loco to van, a Brandbright 5 plank, Brandbright 4 plank open wagons with Accucraft wheels and couplers, a scratchbuilt 1 plank with the same wheels and couplings and finally an LGB toytrain van fitted with an Accucraft chopper on the far end. The van was originally bright green!

if you've been building stuff, please let me know, and send a photo of it, so we can all get a bit of inspiration. I need to get back onto designing the lift-out bridge over the steps to our bottom lawn, as that phase of the great garden scheme is actually getting closer at last.



A reminder that David and Susan Fleetwood are having an open day on 19<sup>th</sup> July, starting at mid-day. Contact them on 01425 611372 for details, and to let them know you intend to visit.

Bob Petch also says: we will be holding our open day on 31<sup>st</sup> August, the (very) late bank holiday. Contact Bob and Susan for details of the Little Corris railway (32mm gauge), and ask me if you don't have contact info!

And Keith (Keef) Brown says: Can you let everyone know I'm planning a bit of an open day on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July from 2pm onwards. Pictures are on [www.wendoverlightrailway.com](http://www.wendoverlightrailway.com) if anyone wants a look first! Can they let me know if they want to come by email or on 023 92 455060

Don't forget the list of Tony Lee's open days mentioned before, and also the Reading area open days. Further details from me, by email or 023 9226 3462.

For those visiting our Portchester venue, please remember what I said last time about parking in the car park, not the road. For those who have not visited there, and wish to, feel free to contact me preferably by email, or by phone, for the precise location (its at the Eastern extremity of Harbour View).

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**PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: 10<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> August, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 9<sup>th</sup> October etc.,** on the second Friday of each month, from around 8pm.

Details of Southdown's show attendances are here: <http://www.cslr.co.uk/southdownshows.htm>

Thanks to Paul Betts for hosting that information.