

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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Here we go yet again,

Well that was a slightly more interesting Friday meeting! As a couple of pictures on here will show, we had rather more visitors to our last Friday meeting, at my house, than we've had lately at Portchester. Rather more of interest to do, and some wide open spaces to explore and run on. I have no idea how many people turned up, but it was quite a few, and whilst I did hear of one train that had attempted an un-natural relationship with another, hopefully there was not too much of that sort of thing going on. I'd assume a certain amount of extra amusement was gained by the fact that my 32mm gauge and 45mm gauge circuits share dual gauge track for part of their length. I was too busy gasbagging, drinking tea and eating muffins to care...

I have included a picture of Gordon's rather fine Tom Rolt posing rather glamorously on "Binnie Bridge", which the observant will have noticed doesn't currently lead anywhere much. That'll be phase 4, then. Binnie bridge is rather obviously named that, because it used to reside on the late Colin Binnie's line in Wells, and I was extremely pleased to be presented it, by his sons Peter and Rob, at the Llanfair Caereinion show last year. In the background of the photo, you can just about make out a couple of other rakes of rolling stock waiting to be called into action.



So, we have another steamup next time! We will be at Paul Betts' home in Cowplain, from around 7pm. His home phone number is 023 92 341859, so you can check if you can't understand the maps attached to the email version of the newsletter, and also let Paul and Karen know you are coming along.

16mm Association members can of course use their membership lists to check out his address. You haven't lost the DVD that we slaved over for so long, have you? This reminds me that I am bemused by folk who say they can't find the DVD for the membership list. Well, why not just copy the files onto your computer? Then you can leave the DVD with all the other DVD's ready for watching time and again, on your TV.

On the bridge front, I've eventually remembered to include a picture of Paul's rather fine bridge on the CSLR, which you will see if you visit on 10th. It is of course built purely to remind Paul of his roots in Sunderland, and its construction is outlined on his website at <http://cslr.co.uk/>



The great Accucraft wheel swap is still on, we need 45mm gauge wheels, ideally the 24.5mm diameter Lynton and Barnstaple pattern wheels, but Gordon has on offer a range of wheel types in 32mm gauge. We did swap some at the last meeting, but we have a lot more to go!

Don't forget we do have info on meetings of the Reading Area Group, The Solent G scale Group, and also Tony Lee's running sessions. Ask me

for more details about all of these. Always remember to phone anyone before attending one of their running sessions, and remember that most are not child inclusive, unless specifically stated that they are.

On the construction front, I know John Tomlin has been coach building, to go with his G1 4MT, which is becoming rather more common these days, with at least 3 of our number owning them. Bob P has a lovely new tram engine, and I expect you will see that in pictures or in the flesh quite soon.



The picture on the right does look a fair candidate for a caption competition. Maybe a game of musical chairs is going on, or is Clem attempting to radio control Brian's loco, while he studies the rockery at close quarters? I'm not at all sure, I only took the picture...

I won't see any of you on Friday 10th June, and neither will Sean. He and I will be in France, watching much faster machines, (and I don't mean TGVs, even faster than that... We will be at the Le Mans 24hr race, which starts on 11th, then I'm going down to see Pascal.

Paul will be emailing out the newsletter this time as a test for next month while I'm away. He will be attaching a "for sale" list of his own, but I have a couple of non-railway items to dispose of.

One is an 18 month old Sony BDP-S360 blu-ray player, with the latest software update, for £35. The other is a 7+ year old Sony TRV25e DV camcorder in perfect condition, complete with the only 6 tapes that have been through it. Complete with Sony directional microphone, which makes it far easier to hear the steam loco you are filming, rather than the person behind you! Cost £770, yours for £100.

FOR SALE Roundhouse 'Lady Anne' in green R/C in very good condition, with boiler certificate, little used. £875.00 - Contact Bob Newman, on 023 9249 2220

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"PORTCHESTER" Friday meetings: June 10th (which is at Paul's, not Portchester), July 8th (which may yet be at someone's home) August 12th, September 9th etc., on the second Friday of each month, from around 8pm. I will not be there for the June or July Meetings.