

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,

Well I hope you have all been taking advantage of the warm dry weather by going out in the garden either running trains or improving your garden lines. I've done a fair bit of track relaying, and some minor improvements, and then of course I had to test it was OK to run trains on it....

I know David and Susan have been engaged in major civil engineering works, although I heard a rumour that it wasn't entirely in connection with the railway. This surely cannot be true? Both Rod and Paul have ben engaged in civil engineering works too, and I've got as far a marking out the line of the next bit of railway, and now I suppose I'd better repossess my mattock from Paul and start excavating!

I've been "helping" Rod check his monster K28 for track clearances, largely consisting of watching and making a sharp intake of breath when it reaches a particularly tight spot, followed by a look of relief when it gets through OK. Luckily I wasn't about when it had an "unfortunate occurence". We are now also engaged in the civil engineering design business, namely a suite of bridges for our respective railways, currently on the drawing board, or rather the CAD programme.

David and Susan Fleetwood have their open day on their complex 45mm gauge garden layout, with its many exotic bridges (as featured in Garden Rail), on Sunday 8th July (more details later). Tony Lee has his open day on Saturday June 2nd, from 1pm onwards. Contact Tony on 01256 892567 to let him know if you are visiting this scenic 32mm gauge line, which sometimes operates a proper single line token system. Bob Petch's open day is advertised on the rear of this paper newsletter, or attached if you are a email recipient. On that note, if any of you who receive the newsletter by post, and have email addresses, please tell me what they are, as it is so much cheaper, quicker, and more environmentally friendly just to email it, rather than mess about with paper, envelopes and stamps.

Southdown is confirmed as attending the Celebration of Steam event at Portsmouth Dockyard on May 12th and 13th. So lets hope we see plenty of you there to give us support, we are in boat shed No4, just inside the Victory gate of the dockyard.

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PORTCHESTER Friday meetings: 11th May, 8th June, 13th July, 10th August.