

# 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 I nearly got caught out and forgot to do the newsletter again... Work has been frantic lately, with preparing for a big event which was yesterday, and I'm somewhat creaky after my efforts at that event, so I'll do my best! I did meet one Gosport member at that event, so I'll now be including him on the distribution list.

Following my comment last time about availability of the Portchester hut, I was contacted by Elliot to reassure me that it could be available, complete with video projection facilities for Powerpoints etc, if we wanted to do a seminar, presentation, or whatever. As I have not had time to arrange with Bob about doing a talk on casting, moulding and making figures, then I think we'd better just



have a "normal" Friday evening Portchester meeting, with folk coming along to help think about what we do want to do, and if Bob can make it, maybe then I'll get round to having a chat with him about what we can manage.

I have not been overwhelmed with people volunteering to steward at the 16mm association show next year, so I hope one or two of you will make the effort to support what is entirely a volunteer run show, made possible only by the dedication of a

comparatively small bunch of members who devote a huge amount of their time to help the rest of us. For my own sins, I have to get on with finalising the arrangement of the Model Of The Year competition, and have recruited one local member to help with that. Thanks Paul! Sean is working on the "Help and Advice" stand again, and I think that's it from this area, so lets hope some of our colleagues from the North of the county may be able to help.

This month's pictures: I entirely forget who this fine looking Russell on the left half of the header panel belongs to (oops!), and the other half is of Rod's "Wuhu" LMS 8F loco which I witnessed in action recently, and a very fine beast it is too. Rod is getting seriously into this gauge 1 business now, and has re-crossed the atlantic ocean and English channel with this aspect of his modelling. He's getting pretty good on wagon construction too! However, Rod will be back across the Southern side of the channel again soon, visiting Friedrichshaven to run at a show there, in the

company of Herr Regner, and also Hartmut of Miha Modell. I think you've escaped bringing me back any track components this time, Rod!

The next photo is of a well used Mamod that was dragged out of its (very) long term storage in a box, and before you all laugh at it, within minutes it was running round the 32mm circuit at home. Well done Bryan. The next picture is slightly less complimentary, and Bryan neatly demonstrated



how easy it is to spill a tiny amount of meths when working outside in the dark, and what happens when you then light up the loco. Bryan is not panicking here, because its perfectly safe, he's steamed up on a solid concrete area, and very soon dealt with it. It was funny, though...

The final picture, below, is of a modelling project I am planning at present, being at the drawing stage. It is the circular communal toilet on Penrhyn quay, which is a grade 2 listed building. Rumour has it that following me drawing it up, it might possibly be available from a manufacturer, so watch this pace for info on that. Its certainly an entertaining building!

I have very little news of local activities of late, purely because no-one has told me anything, and I've been too busy for detective work. So, if you want to hear interesting news, then you have to make the news first... and then tell me about it.

I have at last managed to complete the Penrhyn workmens coach I bought from Mike D recently, after buying a set of Slaters wheels, but I still have to purchase some couplings for it, and as far as I know, only DJB engineering sells them. I do wonder at manufacturers selling a kit with an "extra detailing kit" to make it accurately as the Penrhyn coach, but then don't include any couplings, or wheels. Just insane, I reckon. Said manufacturer (Brandbright) is now up for sale, so if the person who buys it is listening, please take note and try including all the components needed! Hopefully they'll answer their email, too...

Paul has been suspiciously quiet, so I dread to think what he's been creating, on the other hand he may just be very busy at work. When I've had quiet spots I've been searching out railway related places to visit on our New Zealand holiday next February. There does seem to be some serious stuff out there. This neatly leads me to state that I won't be here for the meeting that month.

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.

I've still got some loco boxes, and I'm considering disposing of one or two items of rolling stock, to leave space for what I'm scratchbuilding. If anyone has anything else for sale, or things they are searching for, do let me know.

A handwritten signature in green ink, which appears to be "William". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a green line.

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**"PORTCHESTER" "Friday" meetings: the general rule is on the second Friday of each month, from around 8pm. Next Friday date is 11<sup>th</sup> November**



**Volunteers for the next meeting venue, please! - and ideas for a seminar subject and presenter, too!**