

# 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,

Well we've come back for France, and one day Rod might come back from the USA. On the day that Rod was in Sacramento, I was in Southampton talking to the mayor of Sacramento....

We saw plenty of metre gauge stuff in France, and took countless pictures of bits of Vivarais Mallets for Paul, which he is now studying for his next 16mm scale project (sorry Karen!). I might inflict some of them on you at Portchester....

Don't forget that the first meeting of the "Western folk" is on October 26<sup>th</sup>, at Rod's, so contact him on 023 8066 3373 for details. Not just for the "Western folk", but it will certainly reduce their travel distances somewhat!" You will get a chance to see Rod's amazing Mallet, as well as anything he's brought back from the USA.

I hope you all considered the suggestion of a minibus or coach trip to the Association annual show at Stoneleigh next March 29<sup>th</sup>. I will need to get a clear idea of your feelings on this, at our Friday meeting on 12<sup>th</sup>. We have a quote for a up one day, back the next trip, which comes to £17 each (excluding accommodation), but it means filling a 52 seat coach! Less people, more cost.... We'll get more quotes, including for a there and back in one day, trip. However I have had absolutely no feedback from anyone, including those who made the suggestion!

Southdown are attending the show at Chichester Boys School, on 20<sup>th</sup> October. Contact Rod on 023 8066 3373 to confirm your booking to run on that if you have not already done so. Its worth pointing out that for those who have not run at exhibitions before, that you do need to be quite experienced at running to time, to do an exhibition stint, as you need to know how your loco behaves, and get the best out of it for the public display. Its best to get a fair bit of practice at your own track and visiting others, but once you've got the hang of running on demand, its very rewarding, speaking to the public and being an ambassador for our great hobby.

Southdown are also attending the huge Warley show on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Details of these shows are here: <http://www.cslr.co.uk/southdownshows.htm>

I was suffering from post-holiday catching up, and didn't make it to Paul and Pippa Gander's running day, but I've had some very positive feedback form one of our younger members (see, I knew you'd enjoy, it, Adam!).

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**PORTCHESTER Friday meetings:** 2<sup>th</sup> October, 9<sup>th</sup> November.