

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 again,

While some of us have been busy sorting out where and how to out-do even this years very successful Stoneleigh Show, and avoid the few problems we had, others of us have been sitting around doing nothing (see left picture above, taken at Southdown's very successful showing at Reading Show yesterday) or actually getting out in the garden to run trains (right picture, taken in Paul Betts' garden recently). Paul kindly invited me round to try out his revised railway recently, even though he has revised and improved it again already...!

A reminder that Kevyn Chambers is having an open day on his 45mm gauge line in Bognor Regis on Sunday 4th June. Contact Kevyn on 01425 829725 for more details. Also Bob Petch has his open day on 29th May, and David and Susan on 18th June.

For the 16mm Association members amongst you (hopefully the great majority!) news is that you will be getting a membership list on CD with your next copy of SMT which will be leaving the printers shortly, I can do a Hampshire specific one for anyone who wants one, and will print a few of those for the non-computer owners amongst us. If anyone REALLY doesn't want their CD list, I'd be grateful to have them back for use for new members. Other news is that next years show is almost certain to be held in the much bigger Hall 1 at Stoneleigh, with improved facilities and space all round, including level access, disabled parking, and cleaner air!

Rod says:

"We had a very successful boiler test/safety valve checking session on Sunday 23rd, and a bit of a steam up as well. Don't forget that if you plan to run your train with the Southdown Railway Company you will need to have your boiler hydraulically tested every 4 years and a safety valve check every 12 months (based on the new Southern Fed regs) !!! We have new certificates that we use with your current old ones."

See you on Friday at Fareham?

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Southdown bookings for 2006 so far:

Merstham	13/14 May	(Saturday/Sunday)
Fareham MRC	15/16 July	(Saturday/Sunday)
NRM Shildon	12/13 Aug	(Saturday/Sunday)
Romsey	3 Sept	(Sunday)
Tadley	8 October	(Sunday)
Chichester	21Oct	(Saturday)

Fareham Friday meetings: May 12th, Jun 9th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th.