



# G SCALE SOCIETY KENT

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## SEASONAL GREETINGS TO ALL KENT MEMBERS



*Photo and captions by Charles Darley*

### 6<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS MEET – PRATTS BOTTOM

A most enjoyable day was had by all those who made it to this meet and our thanks go to those who provided the tracks, the team of ladies who laid on an excellent array of food to keep us nourished, and Martin Cook who coordinated the event. The group funds benefitted by over £118, largely due to the sales skills of Elizabeth Cook with the raffle tickets and the generosity of those who attended by their donations towards the refreshments.

We were very pleased to be able to welcome Peter Deacon, our National Secretary, who joined us to oversee the National Draw, which was made by our friend Andy Cottenham of Kent Garden Railways. For the information of members who were unable to attend, there were no winners from Kent this year!

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Attached you will find the formal notice of the AGM to be held on 23 January 2010 and we hope that you will be able to make the journey to Teynham. Please note that there is a vacancy on the Committee and if you would like to consider joining please let me know. Without a full Committee it may be difficult for the normal activities to continue and as highlighted in the last Newsletter regarding a Meet at Bexley, we do need Members to be involved in the organisation of the activities.

## TEYNHAM MEET

Following the AGM will be this annual meet, organised by Roger Allen, which will include Clematis Railway, Christopher's Light Railway, Frank Oakes' Live Steam Track, GER, plus the popular, Swiss and Welsh on it's annual outing.. **All these tracks will need some help from us to set up, so if you are able to be at the hall by 9 o'clock, or very soon after, your help would be appreciated. Help would also be appreciated at 4 o'clock to breakdown and the group track is going straight to Sittingbourne and help is needed to unload it there.**

Andy of Kent Garden Railway will also be attending so, if this season of good will did not produce your wish list then we know Andy will be very ready to help.

Roger has offered to run a Kent Member's only, second-hand sale stall and it would be helpful, if you wish to sell anything this way, you could let him know at 57 Broomhill Road, Orpington, BR6 0EN. Or email [roger.allen1@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.allen1@btinternet.com) 10% of sales to be donated to the Society. **Please note:** This is meant to assist Members who have a few items that are surplus to their railway. The Committee reserve the right to refuse entries which are felt not to be in the spirit of this aim.

## KENT'S GARDEN RAILWAY SHOW 2010.

After the success of this year's re-vamped annual show in Faversham, your Committee started planning for next year by booking the Centre for 9 & 10 July only to find out that the Swale Borough Council were unlikely to cover the cost of the hire, as it had done for the last 7 years. This may mean we have to find over £500 ourselves which, for a Society of our size in Kent would be a mammoth task. An application has been made to a Community Fund for £500, but at the time of writing this, we have not heard if we have been successful, although we understood that a decision would be made in the first week of December. In the mean time a make a note of the date, The Friday is set-up day when plenty of help is needed! Hopefully we may have some news by the AGM, when we must make a decision whether we can go ahead. Those who attended last year will have seen the first outing of Julia Hudson-Morgan's Pink Loco and Train and it is pictured in the latest edition of the Journal, thanks to another of Charles Darley's photographs.

## GER MAINTENENCE WORKSHOPS

Martin Cook is organising these to undertake some improvements to the Group track in the New Year as we are again able to use the facilities of a Bowls Club in Sittingbourne during their closed season, which has the advantage that the track can stay there between sessions. Dates will be organised as and when members are available to help but mainly weekdays with an occasional Sunday. If you would like to get involved then please contact Martin, by email at: [martinelizabeth.cook@btinternet.com](mailto:martinelizabeth.cook@btinternet.com) or telephone 01732 452706.

## WELCOME – WELCOME – WELCOME

Since the last Newsletter we have welcomed two new Members and hope that they will enjoy our activities and friendship. I am sure that you will make them very welcome when you meet them

Roy Lloyd from Herne Bay and Roger Prince from New Romney.

## WEB SITE

Have you had a look at this recently? [www.gscalekent.co.uk](http://www.gscalekent.co.uk) Thanks to the commitment of our Web Manager, Charles Darley we have an up-to-date site with plenty of information about our activities, photographs and descriptions of some of our member's tracks, tips, and much more. We would welcome more photographs and details of members tracks – so don't be shy – send them to Charles – by email to [charles@darleys.co.uk](mailto:charles@darleys.co.uk) Please note: It is best to only attach one un-cropped photograph to each email – Charles does not mind how may you send! If this way of communication is not for you, he can scan your prints, but in this case please send them by post to Andrew.