



G SCALE SOCIETY KENT

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SEASONAL GREETINGS TO ALL KENT MEMBERS



Note: This edition was only sent to Kent Members and not our full mailing list because it also contained the Notice of the AGM

5th 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 the donations towards the refreshments.

We were very pleased to be able to welcome three National Officers, Paul Felton, Chairman, Peter Deacon, Secretary and Angela Darby, Journal Coordinator who travelled from Nottingham. They were with us to make the National Draw. Congratulations to Peter Smith from Dartford on having the first ticket drawn – the second time in recent years that a Kent member has achieved this.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Attached you will find the formal notice of the AGM to be held on 24 January 2009 and we hope that you will be able to make the journey to Teynham. The Committee have redrafted the Constitution/rules in the light of the changes agreed at last year's meeting and the changes in the structure of the Group, and these now need to be agreed at this meeting. A copy of the draft is attached.

The meeting starts at 10.30 am – not 10am as published in the Journal.

TEYNHAM MEET

Following the AGM will be this annual meet which this year will include two layouts new to Kent, Boot Hill and Ruritania, plus our favourite, the Swiss and Welsh. **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.**

Roger Allen 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 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.

Despite what was written in the last Newsletter, the good news is that Andy of Kent Garden Railway WILL be attending with his stock

FAVERSHAM 2009

Our annual public event - this will be the 7th – is undergoing an upgrade and will be organised by the Committee under the title **KENT'S GARDEN RAILWAY SHOW**. For a show like this, an additional number of people will be needed to help it run smoothly on the day and if you are able to offer some help it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the coordinator John Sorrell by email at johnvsorrell@gmail.com or contact Andrew. Make a note of the date, as soon as your 2009 dairy arrives – **Saturday 25 July 2009 with a 'set-up day' on Friday 24 July.**

Tag Gorton, the Editor of Garden Rail Magazine is being very supportive of our plans to expand this show to cover all sizes of garden railways and has given some useful pointers. He is also mentioning our plans in his Editorial and putting us in the 'Club News' section of the February edition

If you look at the accounts, which are with the Notice of the AGM, you will see that this event raises a considerable sum of money for our funds and is therefore an important part of our programme.

WEB SITE

Have you had a look at this recently? 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. One young boy has contacted us, having found the site, for information about our scale, as he has a school project to build a loco in G Scale. His main concern was the size of wheels he needed and he was extremely grateful when Andrew offered to provide him with some plastic wheel sets he had spare. We await photos of the finished project and who knows, we may have sown the seed for a lifetime member.

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 Please note: It is best to only attach one un-cropped photograph to each email – Charles does not mind how many 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.

2009 GENERAL APPEAL

The success of the Society in Kent over the last few years has meant that we are being invited to various shows around the County. This means that those who are involved with the group track having to, at times, over commit themselves to ensure we attend. A number of members have come forward to offer assistance but we could always do with more, in order to share the load. In 2009 we have been invited to take the track to the Sellindge Steam Fair over the late May Bank Holiday. At this stage we have had to decline this invitation as we do not have anyone who is free to cover the three days – although we could have found some to cover the individual days. We also need offers from members with tow bars who would be willing to tow the trailer to events. At present we only have two, one who is never available on a Saturday owing to work commitments. If you able to offer any help, or be willing to added to our list of helpers, please let Andrew know. We promise not to overload you but can assure you that we do have fun.