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To see what events the Group is hosting or attending scan or click on the following QR Code to visit the Events Diary on the website:



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ATTENDANCE AT THE K&ESR 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA WEEKEND

The Group attended the Kent & East Sussex Railways (K&ESR) 50th Anniversary Gala Weekend over the weekend 01 & 02 June 2024 with the Garden of England Railway (GER) layout, setting up on the afternoon of Friday 31 May. GER was located within a marquee at Tenterden Town Station at the far end.

The Saturday was by far the busier of the two day event with passenger numbers. The event started with a recreation of the opening ceremony carried out by the Mayor of Tenterden.

Over the weekend over 100 old Journals & Garden Rail magazines were taken by those interested in our hobby.

This was the first outing for the new skirts on the GER which does vastly improve the appearance of the layout from afar.

Many thanks firstly to those who transported, set up and ran the GER during the event and the take down afterwards. Secondly thanks to the K&ESR itself for inviting us to participate at their celebratory weekend. We wish them all the very best for the next 50 years.



ATTENDANCE AT THE K&ESR 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA WEEKEND - Cont

Kent Model Exchange (Trader) set up in the centre of same marquee after the GER was and the team had departed for the day, so when the team arrived on the Saturday morning and Dave from Kent Model Exchange removed the covers of his sales tables unveiling the various model railway stock including G Scale which I may hasten had been positioned to tempt those from the group drawing them to his stall like kids to the sweetie stand, or a moth to a candle flame. There was also a trader from Faversham who also had some pre-loved G Scale stock which he sold during the event. Both traders did well out of the group over the weekend.

It is believed that passenger numbers on the Saturday far exceeded what had been expected and the event featured on the local evening news which might have contributed to less passenger numbers attending on the Sunday although numbers were still good.

Sunday was by far the warmer of the two days certainly in the marquee so the team took the opportunity to enjoy some ice cream(s), I may again hasten to add the stall had been set up directly outside the front of the marquee.

It was nice to see some members who attended the event to come in and say hello and have a chat.



KENT GROUP EVENTS

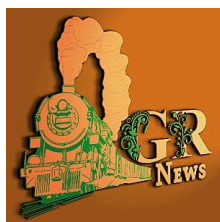
The following events are correct at time of publication:

Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
Sun 01 Sep 24	Charity Open Garden - Bromley	2:00-5:00	Bromley contact Jason jjwayle@googlemail.com
Sat 19 Oct 24	Autumn Indoor Meet	10:30-4:00	Christ Church & Hall, Luton, ME4 5BT
Sat 28 Dec 24	Maidstone & Mid Kent Model Railway Exhibition	10:00-5:00	Lockmeadow Market Hall, ME16 8LW
Sun 29 Dec 24	Maidstone & Mid Kent Model Railway Exhibition	10:00-4:00	Lockmeadow Market Hall, ME16 8LW
Sun 26 Jan 25	Winter Indoor Meet & AGM	10:30-4:00	Teynham Village Hall ME6 9TU
Sat 22 Feb 25	Tenterden Model Railway Show	10:00-5:00	Homewood School, TN30 6LT
Sun 23 Feb 25	Tenterden Model Railway Show	10:00-4:00	Homewood School, TN30 6LT
Sat 19 Jul 25	Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show	10:00-5:00	The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY
Sun 20 Jul 25	Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show	10:00-4:00	The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY
Sat 20 Sep 25	Spa Valley Railway Model Railway Weekend	10:00-5:00	Spa Valley Railway- LB&L Railway layout will be attending this event
Sun 21 Sep 25	Spa Valley Railway Model Railway Weekend	10:00-5:00	Spa Valley Railway- LB&L Railway layout will be attending this event

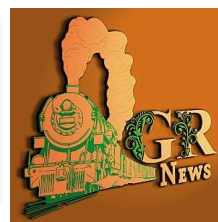
2024 KENT GARDEN RUNNING DAYS

At the time of publishing this newsletter there has already been a few Garden Running days advertised on the website (gscalekent.co.uk/events_diary.htm). There have also been others arranged between members which has been good to share our hobby across the county and further afield.

If you are planning on hosting an event why not open it up to all members, it is your layout and you decree numbers attending and what is ran on your layout. The committee can potentially assist you in a number of ways to host and run the event. Please let Wayne know so the website can be updated events@gscale@gmail.com



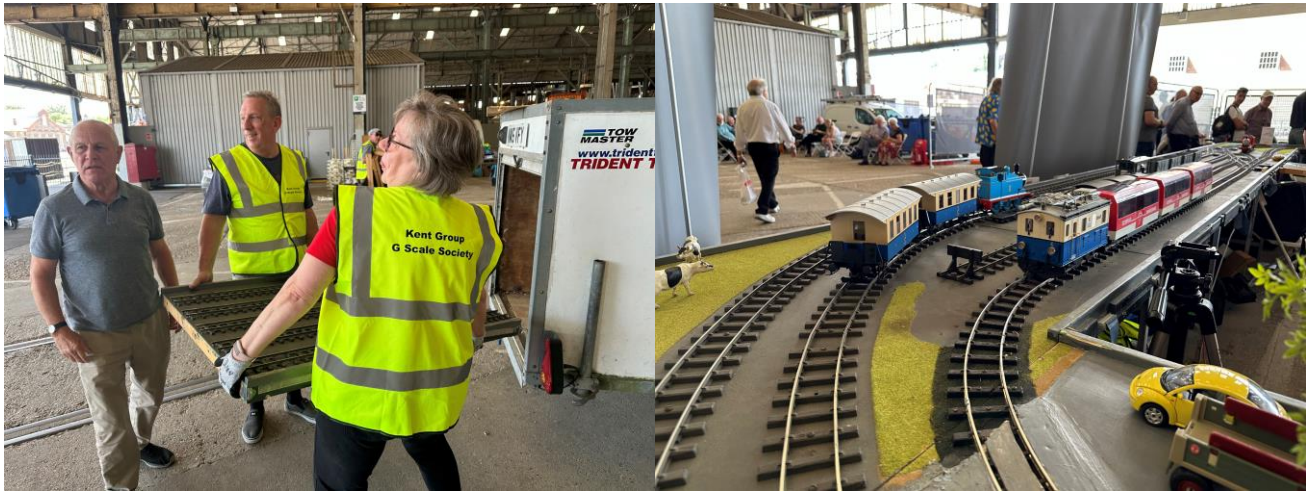
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ATTENDANCE AT THE HISTORIC CHATHAM DOCKYARD MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Over the weekend of 20 & 21 July the group attended the Chatham and District Model Railway Club (C&DMRC) event within the historic Chatham Dockyard. The Garden of England Railway(GER) layout along with the pop up banners and information table were set up on the afternoon of Friday 19th July 2024.



There were over 100 layouts, displays, demonstrators and trade outlets present at this event. This was the first C&DMRC event for six years and their first at the historic Dockyard in twelve years. The Saturday was by far the busier day with visitors including some celebrities who are known for their enjoyment of model railways and came and looked at the GER. There has been a lot of interest online with positive comments regarding the event. The GER looked at home in the vast expanse of the covered slip also being located just inside the entrance on the right.



Due to the dockyard still being an active industrial site, there was a requirement for the members of the group who helped to set up and run the GER layout to wear yellow high visibility vest/jacket when walking around the slip and wider dockyard prior to the event opening, they were also required when in areas away from the public, hence why in some of the images some members are still wearing them. These vests belong to the group and have for future events when there is the requirement.

Planning had already begun by the C&DMRC before the event this year for the 2025 event which will be over the weekend 19 & 20 July 2025. The Kent Group of the Society has already been approached to attend.

KENTISH G SCALE RETAILERS – NEW & PRE-LOVED

Where do members purchase their items located within the county if anywhere? The Committee is aware of the following establishments that sell G Scale items new and/or old within Kent, which appear on the weblink page of the website, however, not everyone is aware of them or may know of other outlets that could do with support from a wider audience:

<i>Retailers listed in alphabetical order</i>			
Trader	Address	Telephone No	Website
Chalk Garden Rail	4 Brewhouse Yard Gravesend DA12 2EJ	01474 351672	chalkgardenrail.co.uk
Dream Steam Ltd	Unit 9 Lake Road Aylesford ME20 7TQ	01622 793700	dreamsteam.co.uk
Kent Garden Railways (KGR)	68 High Street St Marys Cray BR5 3NH	01689 891668	kgrmodels.com
Kent Model Exchange	106 High Street Hythe CT21 5LE	01303 762456	
Southern Scale Models	Online – Ebay Online – Facebook	07999 715887 07875 563507	SouthernScaleModels.co.uk

If you know of a different outlet why not let others know by letting us know so the website can be updated and members reminded periodically through the newsletter. We do not receive payment for this but like to support local businesses where practical.

REQUEST FOR EVENT ASSISTANCE – YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

As you have probably seen time and time again the requests for assistance to help out at one event or another!

Firstly, We need assistance to help at the Groups Autumn Indoor Meet on Saturday 19 October 2024. Help is needed not only to help run the GER layout but also running the event.

In this newsletter there is the event poster for a two multi-day event, between Christmas and the New Year at the Maidstone & Mid Kent Model Railway Exhibition. For this event assistance is required to help set up, operate and take down the Garden of England Railway layout during the event.

If you are able to assist at all at either of or both of these events, please contact Wayne at eventsgscalekent@gmail.com



There are now two Facebook pages for the Kent Group.

G Scale Society Kent – is a private page and need to be a member of the society to join. This page had garden events and photos, a secure site

G Scale Society, Kent Group (The Kent Public group) – is a public page with photos and details of events and exhibitions the group is attending.

CHARITY OPEN GARDEN EVENT

Congratulations go to Jason Workman for his Open Garden event on Sunday 21 July 2024 where the event raised over £600 for a local hospice.

He thanks all those who attended and those who helped make it all possible. Jason's next Open Garden event for charity will be on Sunday 01 September 2024.

IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS – HAVE YOUR SAY

The Group is here primarily for its members then to increase the awareness of the Society to the wider community within Kent although we can attend events outside of the County.

If you have any ideas and/or suggestions that the group should be doing, why not let the committee know for consultation and consideration. We all want to enjoy our hobby!

This includes any suggestions or ideas we can look at to improve our existing events.

**MAIDSTONE & MID KENT
MODEL
RAILWAY EXHIBITION**

Plus trade support

at
Lockmeadow Market Hall
Barker Road
Maidstone, Kent ME16 8LW

**Saturday 28 December 2024
&
Sunday 29 December 2024
10am – 4pm**

**G SCALE
SOCIETY**

KENT GROUP

“Garden Railways in the Garden of England”