



KENT GROUP

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ANDY COTTENHAM
29 MARCH 2025

It is with deep regret and much sorrow that it is reported that Andy Cottenham of Kent Garden Railways(KGR) passed away on Saturday 29th March 2025 in hospital. Andy had been ill for quite a while.

Andy started a localized group of likeminded people interested in G Scale Railways. Then in 1996 this group of likeminded people became what is now known as the Kent G Scale Society/Kent Group of the G Scale Society although Andy did not want to chair this new group.

Andy has been a keen supporter of many exhibitions over the years and has supported our group over the years.

Andy will be sorely missed and his passing is a great loss to our hobby. On behalf of the committee and group membership we pass on our sincere condolences to Andys family and friends alike

Rest In Peace Andy

2025 TENTERDEN MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION 22 & 23 FEBRUARY 2025

The Ashford Model Railway Club hosted the Tenterden Model Railway Exhibition at the Homeward School, Tenterden over the weekend 22nd & 23rd February 2025 within two sports halls. This year it was decided to set up the Garden of England Railway (GER) layout on the Saturday morning prior to the show opening to the public, although could have set up on the Friday evening not doing so saved on a return journey by those running the layout at the event. The event was well attended by members of the public, it was good to see members of the group and wider Society who also bought some stock to run and others to check that their pre-loved purchases at the show worked, thankfully there was no disappointments. The group has been invited to attend the same show next year which will be held over the weekend 21st & 22nd February 2026 at the Homewood School in Tenterden with the entrance to the event being beside the Fire station. This was also the first outing for the society new national banner.



“Garden Railways in the Garden of England”



LEHMANN (LGB), BACHMANN & LEGO (LB&L) LINE LAYOUT ATTENDED THE BECKENHAM & WEST WICKHAM MODEL RAILWAY CLUB EVENT 29 MARCH 2025

The LB&L Line layout attended the Beckenham & West Wickham Model Railway Clubs event held at Forest Hill Boys School; Forest Hill held on Saturday 29th March 2025 between 10:00am & 4:30pm. The layout was one of 38 layouts on display. Jude, Phillip and Ben Maskell flying the flag for G Scale. They were located just inside the main hall as you entered which meant many younger attendees were pleased to see at least Two Thomas characters going round at any one time. They will next be displaying the LB&L Line at the Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society (GRES) Family Day 2025 which will be held in the Higham Memorial Hall, Rochester School Lane, Higham ME3 7JL which will be held on Saturday 22 June 2025 between 10:00-4:00.



MEMBERS GARDEN RUNNING DAYS 2025

During the Annual General Meeting in January, it was asked if catering expectations put members off from holding running events. In short it is down to the host. Some members offer a cup of tea/coffee, others tea/coffee & biscuits, others tea/coffee biscuits cake & or savoury bites.

The main purpose of a garden running event is having fun enjoying our hobby and running trains.

If you have further questions regarding the event, feel free to contact the host with details given or ask via the groups Facebook page. (Membership of the G Scale Society will permit membership of the "G Scale Society Kent" private Facebook page.

There has already been a Garden Running Day which was announced a few days before the event and once the attendees numbers were reached was deleted to prevent confusion.

Date	Member	Generic Area	Refreshments	Comments
Sun 06 Jul 25 12:00-17:00	Richard Barton	Herne Bay	Tea/Coffee Biscuits & Cake	Barton18@btinternet.com
Sun 03 Aug 25 13:00-17:00	Jeff Fray	Chatham	Tea/Coffee Biscuits & Cake	Jeff.fray@gmail.com

facebook

There are 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 Public – is a public page mainly with photos/videos and details of events and exhibitions the group is attending.

KENTISH G SCALE RETAILERS – NEW & PRE-LOVED

The editor 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	55 Lower Higham Road, Chalk, Gravesend DA12 2NQ	01474 332038	chalkgardenrail.co.uk
Dream Steam Ltd	Unit 9 Lake Road Aylesford ME20 7TQ	01622 793700	dreamsteam.co.uk
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 and possible.

KENT GROUP ATTENDING EVENTS

The following events are where the group is attending with GER unless otherwise indicated.
Details are correct at time of publication:

Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
Sat 12 Apr 25	AIMREC Ashford Festival of Model Railway Modelling	10:00-5:00	Ashford College (TN23 1NN) & The Elwick Club (TN23 1RD). The Group will be attending with a display & Info stand in the College. There is a G Scale presence in the Elwick Club
Sun 13 Apr 25	AIMREC Ashford Festival of Model Railway Modelling	09:30-4:00	
Sun 22 Jun 25	GRES Family Day 2025	10:00-4:00	The LB&L Line will be attending this event at Higham Memorial Hall, ME3 7JL
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, Tunbridge Wells TN2 5QY - LB&L Railway layout will be attending this event
Sun 21 Sep 25	Spa Valley Railway Model Railway Weekend	10:00-5:00	
Sat 18 Oct 25	Autumn Indoor Meet	10:30-4:00	Christ Church & Hall, Luton Road, Luton, Chatham ME5BT
Sat 01 Nov 25	Gravesend Model Railway Show	10:00-5:00	The LB&L Line will be attending this event at Northfleet School for girls, Hall Road Northfleet. DA11 8AQ
Sun 02 Nov 25	Gravesend Model Railway Show	10:00-4:00	
Mon 29 Dec 25	Maidstone & Mid Kent Model Railway Exhibition	10:00-4:00	Lockmeadow Market Hall, Barker Road, Maidstone, ME16 8LW
Tue 30 Dec 25	Maidstone & Mid Kent Model Railway Exhibition	10:00-4:00	Lockmeadow Market Hall, Barker Road, Maidstone, ME16 8LW
Sun 25 Jan 26	Winter Indoor Meet	10:30-4:00	Teynham Village Hall, Belle Friday Close, ME9 9TU
Sat Feb 26	Tenterden Model Railway Show	10:00-5:00	Homewood School, Tenterden, TN30 6LT
Sat Feb 26	Tenterden Model Railway Show	10:00-4:00	Homewood School, Tenterden, TN30 6LT



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KENT G SCALE SOCIETY 30th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

2026 marks the 30th (Pearl) Anniversary of the G Scale Society Kent (Kent Group). It is intended to mark the occasion in different ways. There are already a few ideas, but we are looking for more, more the merrier. Celebrations will be start at the Winter indoor meet to be held on Sunday 25 January 2026.



If you have any suggestions or feedback, please get in touch by emailing

eventskentgscale@gmail.com

many thanks in advance.



Ideas and suggestions so far include:

Anniversary Cake being cut at the Teynham event by a local dignitary or celebrity with local media being invited along.

Have a video montage of members today talking about how and or why they got started.
Use photos from the "Remembering happy memories" pop-up banner to create a video montage with the gardens over the years.

The group attend or hold 30 events in one form or another in the year.

UPCOMING KNOWN OTHER NEIGHBOURING AREA GROUP EVENTS

The following events are correct at time of publication with information provided: :

(It is to be noted at the time of going to press that the East Sussex group has suspended charging but the duration of the suspension is unknown)

Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
Mon 07 Apr 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 16 Apr 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 26 Apr 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 26 Apr 25	Essex Group Meet Salcott Village Hall	10:00-4:00	£5, Analog, DCC, Battery RC, Live Steam. Salcott Village Hall, Essex CM9 8HL
Mon 05 May 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 15 May 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 24 May 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 02 Jun 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 11 Jun 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 21 Jun 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 30 Jun 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 09 Jul 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 19 Jul 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 28 Jul 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3

AIMREC PRESENTS:

ASHFORD FESTIVAL OF RAILWAY MODELLING 12TH / 13TH APRIL 2025



**ASHFORD COLLEGE TN23 1NN
AND ELWICK CLUB TN23 1RD
SAT 10-5. SUN 9.30*-4**

* 9.30-10.30 QUIET HOUR FOR CARERS AND VISITORS NEEDING
ACCESSIBILITY AND DISABILITY SUPPORT

**30 + LAYOUTS. TRADE AND SOCIETY STANDS.
FULL DETAILS & UPDATES AT WWW.AIMREC.CO.UK/EVENTS**

PLUS SPECIAL EXHIBITION

ASHFORD'S RAILWAY LEGACY

ASHFORD GATEWAY PLUS TN23 1AS

MARCH 30 - APRIL 31 2025



THE CHATHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAYS CLUB'S

CHATHAM SHOW

HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM **2025**



**NEW DATES FOR 2025!
SAME GREAT VENUE, SAME GREAT SHOW!**

www.chatham.show

19-20th July 2025 | 10am til 5pm (4pm Sunday)



MODEL RAILWAY WEEKEND 2025!



**SATURDAY 20TH &
SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER**
WWW.SPAVALLEYRAILWAY.CO.UK

The 50th Gravesend Model Railway Show



ON

Sat 1st November 2025 - 10am to 5pm

Sun 2nd November 2025 - 10am to 4pm

AT

Northfleet School for Girls

Hall Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8AQ



Photo taken by Bryan Benn - September 2024

- Larger exhibition with more exhibits and traders
- Fully accessible venue
- Close to A2 & Bluewater
- Free parking on site
- Hot & Cold food/drinks
- Roast dinner on Sunday
- Linked by local bus services, serving Gravesend/Ebbsfleet

Standard rate (cash or card*): £6.00

Accompanied children under 16: Free

*Please note we are unable to accept payment using American Express cards

Organised by the Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society (GRES)

For more information, contact George Marcar: 07821 254232

For more information about GRES, visit: WWW.GRES.ORG.UK or our new Facebook page [f: GRES - Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society](#)

MAIDSTONE & MID KENT MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Plus trade support



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

**Monday 29 December 2025
&
Tuesday 30 December 2025
10am-4pm**

Admission: Adults: £7 Children: £2

2026 TENTERDEN MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Presented by
Ashford Model Railway Club
At Homewood School, TN30 6LT
(Next to Fire Station)
Two Halls of Quality Layouts and Trade stands



Saturday 21st February 2026 10am - 5pm
Sunday 22nd February 2026 10am - 4pm

Disability Access Refreshments and Free Parking

Admission: Adults £7.00 Children 5-14 £3.00
Concessions £5.00 Family of Four £17.00
Children under 5 FREE



KENT GROUPS YOU TUBE CHANNEL

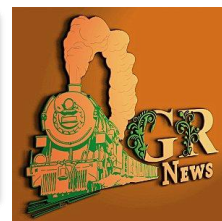
As a reminder the group has a YouTube channel. There is now eleven films that have been uploaded it is intended for more content to be uploaded.

Would members like "How to" featurettes be made and posted, if so, it is requested for topics to be submitted.

It is planned for footage obtained from Garden Running days to be made in to films and added to the channel.



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