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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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**Although February is well known
for Valentine's day, we can also love
our trains & hobby as well!**

***"Celebrating 30 years of Garden Railways
in the Garden of England"***



GER(2) HAS BEEN SOLD

The Garden of England Railway (GER)(2) layout has been sold. The sale was concluded at the end of the Kent Groups Winter Indoor Meet at Teynham Village Hall held on Sunday 25 January 2026, where the new owners took the layout away following the event. The new owners were present throughout the event at Teynham to see how to easily assembly and dismantle the layout. Included in the sale was the station and some of other scenery items along with the three Swiss & Welsh carriages that came with the layout. The committee wishes the new owners all the very best and hope the layout gives them many hours of enjoyment like it has given the Kent Group. Thank-You

KENT GROUP WINTER INDOOR RUNNING EVENT – SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2026

The Group held its Winter Indoor Meet at Teynham Village Hall on Sunday 25 January 2026. This event commenced the start of the 30th Anniversary of the Kent Group. This year's event had a traditional feel to it by having the 16mm Society Hopfield layout in the hall which was a regular attendee for several years. This year at the event a raffle/tombola was held for the first time since 2019 bringing in additional funds to the group. Many thanks to those who donated raffle prizes. The member's sales stand was very well stocked this year and was given a larger area in the hall as items had been donated to the group to be sold with the monies taken going towards the group's new layout. Many thanks to Eleanor and Peter Fox from the Sussex group for again running the members sales stand. Many thanks also to Chris Worby from the Essex Group bought his Crib lane display layout and to Nic and Jackie from Chalk Garden Rail for their support at the event. Finally, many thanks to Sue, Gill and Sammy who looked after us during the event with their catering support. Thanks also go to those who helped with the setting up, during the day or the take down at the end of the show. We covered our costs and have been able to add to the bank account with the donated items for sale in aide of the new layout. The hall has already been booked for the next two years events which will be held on Sunday 31 January 2027 10:30AM – 4:00PM and on Sunday 30 January 2027 (Timings To Be Confirmed) both subject to pandemics and lockdowns.



LB&L LINE WEEKEND EXHIBITION

The Lehmann Bachmann & Lego (LB&L) Line attended the Erith Model Railway Society (EMRS) Model Railway Exhibition at Harris Garrard Academy, Thamesmead, Erith over the weekend 24 & 25 January 2026. Jude, Phil & Ben Maskell set up the layout on the Friday. Again, the layout was well received by the public and organisers alike. They have already been invited back for their event next year. Thomas & Friends always goes down well with the younger visitors.



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NEW GROUP LAYOUT - WORK PARTY

In order to ensure the new layout is ready for its first official outing at the Tenterden Model Railway Show over the weekend 21 & 22 February 2026, we have been granted use of the events marque at Tenterden Station on the Kent & East Sussex Railway over the period Thursday 05 – Sunday 09 February 2026 inclusive for jobs such as laying Ballast, painting, scenery, checking power and alignment around the layout, programming and testing digital point motors. To name a few If you are able to assist, we will be starting at 10am daily. Please let us know in advance by emailing eventskentgscale@gmail.com

KENT GROUP ATTENDING EVENTS

The following events are where the group will be attending with the groups layout unless otherwise indicated. Details are correct at time of publication:

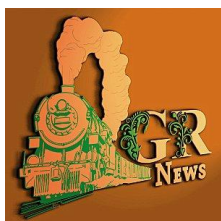
Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
Sat 21 Feb 26	Tenterden Model Railway Show	10:00-5:00	Homewood School, TN30 6LT
Sun 22 Feb 26	Tenterden Model Railway Show	10:00-4:00	Homewood School, TN30 6LT
Sat 19 Jul 26	Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show	10:00-5:00	The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY
Sun 20 Jul 26	Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show	10:00-4:00	The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY
Sun 31 Jan 27	Winter Indoor Meet	10:30-4:00	Teynham Village Hall, Belle Friday Close, ME9 9TU

Other events are in the planning stages and confirmation is still awaited. This includes the Groups Autumn indoor meet is pending confirmation that the venue will be available.

KENT GARDEN RUNNING DAYS

At the time of publishing this newsletter there are a no Garden Running days advertised on the website (gscalekent.co.uk/events_diary.htm). There will be those arranged between members which have 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 eventsqscale@gmail.com



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UPCOMING KNOWN OTHER NEIGHBOURING AREA GROUP EVENTS

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

Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
Sat 07 Feb 26	Essex Group, Salcott Village Hall,	10:00-4:00	£5 (towards hall hire & refreshments), Salcott Village Hall, Essex CM9 8HL, Live Steam, Battery Radio Control, DCC and DC Analogue
Mon 09 Feb 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 18 Feb 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 28 Feb 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 09 Mar 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 14 Mar 26	Essex Group, Salcott Village Hall,	10:00-4:00	£5 (towards hall hire & refreshments), Salcott Village Hall, Essex CM9 8HL, Live Steam, Battery Radio Control, DCC and DC Analogue
Wed 18 Mar 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 28 Mar 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 06 Apr 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 15 Apr 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 18 Apr 26	Essex Group, Salcott Village Hall,	10:00-4:00	£5 (towards hall hire & refreshments), Salcott Village Hall, Essex CM9 8HL, Live Steam, Battery Radio Control, DCC and DC Analogue
Sat 25 Apr 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 04 May 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 13 May 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 23 May 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 01 Jun 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 10 Jun 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 20 Jun 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 29 Jun 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3



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	On ebay as seller: Kentmodelexchange
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.

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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

THE CHATHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAYS CLUB'S

CHATHAM SHOW

HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM **2026**



NEW DATES FOR 2026!
BACK FOR THE THIRD YEAR! SAME GREAT VENUE!
www.chatham.show
18-19th July 2026 | 10am til 5pm (4pm Sunday)

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PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE WINTER INDOOR MEET 25 JANUARY 2026

Here are more photographs from the Winter indoor meet which was held on 25 January 2026.



16mm Hopfields



16mm Hopfields station area



Entrance area of the Village Hall



The Main Hall

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE WINTER INDOOR MEET 25 JANUARY 2026 (Cont'd)

Here are more photographs from the Winter indoor meet which was held on 25 January 2026.



Two children at play with the mini modular



Scratch built Hastings Unit on the GER(2)



A final photo of GER(2) which has served the Kent Group very well over the years