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FUNERAL OF ANDY COTTENHAM

Following the passing of Andy Cottenham of Kent Garden Railways on Saturday 29 March 2025, his funeral was held on Monday 12 May 2025 at 11:00am at the Eltham Crematorium, Falconwood.

As reported in the last Newsletter Andy helped start 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.

There was a large number of people at the Crematorium to see Andy off on his final journey including some members from the group and there were also some attendees from the wider society. Andy's mother and sister were both grateful to those who attended, for the kind words, condolences given and donations made to the Greenwich & Bexley Hospice in Andy's memory.



Part of the alterations that Jeff Fray has carried out to his garden railway. Photo taken after a committee meeting held on 04 May 2025.

G SCALE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY 07 JUNE 2025

The National G Scale Society Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held as part of the Llangollen Garden Railway Festival at 2PM on Saturday 07 June 2025. Admission to the festival is £14. The event and AGM are at Llangollen Pavilion, Abbey Road, Llangollen LL20 8SW. A double flier for the event can be found on page 6.

LB&L LINE TO ATTEND GRAVESEND RAILWAYS ENTHUSIAST SOCIETY'S FAMILY DAY SUNDAY 22 JUNE 2025

Jude, Phil and Ben Maskell will be attending with their Lehmann Bachmann & Lego(LB&L) Line layout the Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society(GRES) Family day on Sunday 22 June 2025 at the Higham Memorial Hall, School Lane, Higham, Rochester ME3 7JL which is open to all between 10AM – 4PM. Further details are on the flier on page 6.

DONATIONS ARE SORT FOR A REPLACEMENT OF GARDEN OF ENGLAND RAILWAY (GER)(2) GROUP LAYOUT

At the Committee meeting held on Saturday 04 May 2025 it was discussed and decided that with the age and increasing requirements for repairs to the GER(2) layout a replacement would start to be constructed starting with the layout boards. Although the track plan has not yet been agreed, it is intended that this incarnation of the groups layout will be using LGB/PIKO G Track. Requests for either monetary or track donations would be appreciated. Piko G R3 points will be used for crossovers and for entry/exiting of sidings. It is intended for the GER(2) to be present at Teynham in January 2026 as it has served the group very well over most of the group's 30 years existence.

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 few Garden Running Days which were 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



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ASHFORD INTERNATIONAL MODEL RAILWAY EDUCATION CENTRE(AIMREC) EVENT **SATURDAY 12th & SUNDAY 13th APRIL 2025**

The group attended the Ashford Festival of Railway Modelling over the weekend 12th & 13th April 2025 hosted by the AIMREC. This event this year was hosted over two locations with the main site being at Ashford College and the other site being a short distance away in the Elwick Club. The group attended with an information and display stand located in a classroom within the College. This was the first time for some time that the group have just provided an information and display stand. David Groves had his Springthorpe Valley Gravel Works loose lay layout in the Elwick Club. Due to additional space becoming available on the Sunday, we were able to expand our display which had also been changed about on the Saturday.



A 1:32 Scale Britannia Class Loco 70014 with a Pullman Third Class Brake Car 'No 80'



The information and display stand on Sunday 13th April 2025



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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.

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	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.

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
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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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 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
Wed 06 Aug 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 16 Aug 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 25 Aug 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 03 Sep 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 13 Sep 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 22 Sep 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
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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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LLANGOLLEN GARDEN RAILWAY FESTIVAL

www.lgrf.co.uk

Festival 2025



Saturday June 7 2025

10-4pm

Llangollen Pavilion, Abbey Road, Llangollen, LL20 8SW

**Adults
£14**
Accompanied
Children FREE

www.lgrf.co.uk

Llangollen Garden Railway Festival

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Showcasing the very latest releases and products for those with an interest in garden railways.

A range of large scale model layouts showing railways from different periods and countries.

Nearly 50 stalls with traders will be displaying and selling everything you would need for your garden model railway.

Advanced Tickets £14 (Accompanied children free) from the Llangollen Tourist Information Centre, who will post them out to you OR by calling 01978 860 828 (On the day tickets sales start at 10.00am)

www.lgrf.co.uk



GRES FAMILY OPEN DAY

SUNDAY, 22ND JUNE 2025
10 AM - 4 PM

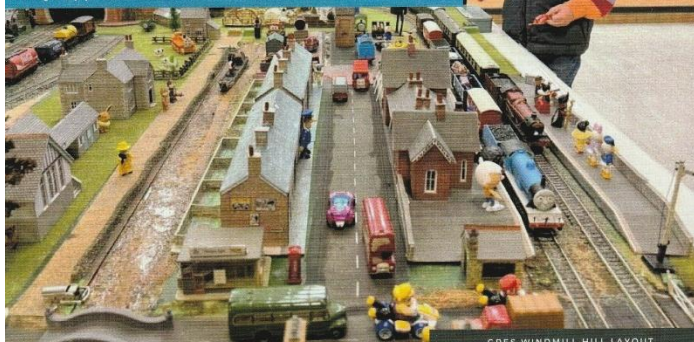
www.gres.org.uk

COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE THE JOY OF RAILWAYS WITH US!

Everyone, young and old, is invited to join us for an exciting day of railway-themed fun, including:

- Model Train Layouts, Demonstrations & Displays
- David Willis - Model Train Sales
- Bob Vine - Amazing Marble Machines
- Trainmaster, Train Themed Events & Party Hosts
- We Are Beams, Play Activities
- 4 Sub Association
- Loco DCC Chip fitting and onsite repairs
- LB&L Line Layout
- Snacks plus Hot & Cold Drinks available to purchase

This is a FREE event hosted by GRES, but donations are always appreciated!



**GRES - Gravesend Railway
Enthusiasts Society**

Find us on
Facebook

**HIGHAM MEMORIAL HALL, SCHOOL LANE,
HIGHAM, ROCHESTER, KENT,
ME3 7JL**

- Post Code: ME3 7JL
- What 3 words: //model.park.hungry
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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](https://www.facebook.com/GRES-Railway-Enthusiasts-Society)

MAIDSTONE & MID KENT MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Plus trade support



at
 Meadow 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