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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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KGR **KENT GARDEN RAILWAYS** **OUTSTANDING ORDERS** **UPDATE**

It has been reported online (rmweb.co.uk) that the solicitors handling Andy Cotterham estate are:

T.G. Baynes Solicitors, Downe House 303 High Street
Orpington BR6 0NJ, telephone 01689 886000

All the stock has been moved into safe storage until probate has cleared then all orders where possible completed, However, this will only happen if the solicitors are informed of the outstanding order details/order confirmation.

Once that is complete the remaining stock will go to auction. Therefore, any customers with any outstanding orders are urged to contact the solicitors as a matter of urgency.



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STEVE WILLIAMS AGED 69

It is with regret to announce the passing of another former member of the Kent Group, Steve Williams (Member 4802) who passed away in March 2025 aged 69 after a battle with Leukemia. Steve was a keen modeler, when he was no longer able to enjoy his garden railway last year he sold his vast collection of LGB rolling stock. Sue his wife said he had so much she wouldn't have been surprised if he one of almost everything LGB had produced. Sue has generously donated some of Steves other items to the group to go towards its new group layout.

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

You may be aware that it has been decided to build a replacement group layout to replace the Garden of England Railway (GER)(2) which has served the group very well over the majority of the groups existent. It is intended to start producing the layout boards during August 2025. Although the track plan has not yet been finalised, 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. Many thanks go to those who have come forward with donations and offers of track, it is regretted that some track donations are outstanding. This is hopefully be rectified shortly.

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 03 Aug 25 13:00-17:00	Jeff Fray	Chatham	Tea/Coffee Biscuits & Cake	Jeff.fray@gmail.com



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HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM MODEL RAILWAY SHOW 2025

The group attended the Chatham & District Model Railway Club's Chatham show which was held over the weekend 19th & 20th July 2025 in the historic Chatham Dockyard. Unlike last year where we set up on the Friday afternoon, it was agreed that we would set up the Garden of England Railway(GER) layout on the Saturday morning which thankfully paid dividends as the weather turned overnight and where it had been planned for the layout to be was under a leaking water drainage pipe so damage to the boards was avoided.

We had a lot of interest and it was good to catch up with fellow exhibitors and traders alike. All of the traders who sell G Scale in Kent were present even if not selling G Scale items at the show. Those traders that did had sales from those running the layout. We also let people who purchased pre-loved items test their purchases on the GER so they left knowing their purchases worked as expected.



LEHMANN BACHMANN & LEGO (LB&L) LINE LAYOUT AT THE ALL DIRECTIONS SUMMER FAIR – SATURDAY 26 JULY 2025

Ben, Jude & Phil Maskell attended the All Directions Summer Fair with their LB&L Line layout held at Hubert House in Dartford on Saturday 26 July 2025. Despite the event running for only three hours the layout was well received and visitors were good including the Mayor and Mayoress of Dartford. All Directions is a charity helping adults with learning and physical disabilities. The LB&L Line will next be at the Spa Valley Railway Model weekend over the weekend 20th & 21st September 2025.



The Mayoress has a go at the controls of the LB&L Line Layout whilst the Mayor looks on.



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:

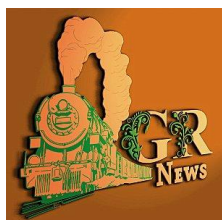
<i>Retailers listed in alphabetical order</i>			
Trader	Address	Telephone No	Website
Chalk Garden Rail	55 Lower Higham Road, Chalk, Gravesend DA12 2NQ	01474 332038	chalkgardenrail.co.uk
Dream Steam Ltd	Unit 9 Lake Road Aylesford ME20 7TQ	01622 793700	dreamsteam.co.uk
Kent Model Exchange	106 High Street 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.

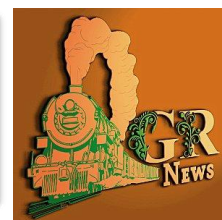
KENT GROUP ATTENDING EVENTS

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
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 had suspended charging but the duration of the suspension is unknown)

Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
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
Wed 01 Oct 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 11 Oct 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 20 Oct 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 29 Oct 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 08 Nov 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 17 Nov 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 26 Nov 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 06 Dec 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 15 Dec 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 24 Dec 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3



KENT GROUPS YOU TUBE CHANNEL

As a reminder the group has a YouTube channel.

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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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 [GRES – Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society](https://www.facebook.com/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

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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