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KENT GROUP AUTUMN INDOOR RUNNING EVENT – SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2024

The Group will be holding its Autumn Indoor running event on Saturday 19 October 2024 at Christ Church & Hall, Luton, Chatham ME4 5BT. Doors open to the public 10:30am – 4:00pm. This event is free for members of the group and wider society, however, donations are always welcome, the admission for members of the public is Adults £5, Children £1.

This is the largest venue the group has hired and display space is over two floors. There are internal stairs between floors, however, for step free access between floors this involves going outside the venue building.

If any member of the group is willing or able to assist with running the event it is requested to give your name to Wayne for planning purposes.

We will have both Kent Garden Railways (KGR) and Chalk Garden Rail as the Traders at the event so if there is anything specific on their website or in store and you would like it why not ask them to bring it to the event which will save on postage. There is also Off_The_Rails who we first met at the K&ESR 50th Anniversary Gala weekend who sells printed items.

Remember to bring stock along to run on at the event either on the GER or large circles of track. Sadly live steam is not permitted at this venue.

Luton Christ Church and Hall G Scale Model Railway Show
Saturday 19 October 2024
10:30am - 4:00pm
Christ Church & Hall
Luton Road
Luton
Kent ME4 5BT
Car park entrance What3Words: chase.tinned.mailboxes

Various layouts (including an interactive layout) Refreshments Traders: Chalk Garden Rail Kent Garden Railways(KGR) On_The_Rails	Admission: Adults £5, Children £1, G Scale Society Members: Free
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KENT GROUPS YOU TUBE CHANNEL

As a reminder the group has a YouTube channel. Although so far only five films 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.

WITTERSHAM GARDEN RUNNING DAY

Alan Jones hosted his first garden running day of the season on Saturday 14 September in Wittersham. Alan has a large back garden. Alans garden layout lends itself to running long trains, although the station area only lends itself to having one long train running at a time with other shorter length trains so they can be passed. During the event the committee held a meeting discussing amongst other thing upcoming events. Alans garden railway first appeared in newsletter 5 with photographs so you can compare to see how the planting has established over time. The minutes of the committee meeting will appear on the group website once published. Although this event was announced after the last newsletter details and invite appeared on both the website and on the groups private Facebook page.



KENT GROUP EVENTS

The following events are correct at time of publication:

Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
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

The following article was first published in Newsletter 11 in 2020

ELECTRIC POINT MOTOR MAINTENANCE LGB (EPL)

Maintaining Point Motors for correct operation after the winter shut down Firstly, carry out an inspection of the points on the ground for any dirt or ballast that may cause the points switches from moving smoothly. Fine pieces of ballast can be particularly troublesome both outside, inside and around the drive linkage (Throw Rod (4) on diagram below) connecting the electric point motor to the switch blades. Next electrical issues for example inadequate power supply, check this by using a volt meter testing supply from the main output and checking the voltage reading at the point motor its self, you will need someone to operate the switch controlling the point motor to check this as it only a pulse. Any voltage drop could be a bad connections or damaged wiring. At this point wiring connection can be checked ((1) electrical terminal point) disconnect the wires and clean the wire to they a copper or silver colour depending on the wires used, then reconnect ensuring the wires are secure. Lubrication of mechanical parts of the switches on the ground. Use some LGB cleaning and smoke fluid to clean the areas circled in red, put a small amount of oil on the two front slide chairs and on the frog and check for smooth movement. If possible, use the LGB oil recommended LGB50019 or a fine oil.



THE SWITCH DRIVE (See diagram below) The switch driver, electric point motor (LGB EPL) can be disassembled carefully for cleaning by removing the 4 securing screws number (3) on the diagram that hold the cover (2) to the base (12) all this area can be checked and cleaned. After cleaning reassemble the drive carefully ensuring that the Throw Rod (4) is correctly positioned when the tab on the pinion gear (7) is pointing straight up and the Throw Rod is in the centre of its travel. Test the movement of the drive before connecting the Electric point motor via the Throw Rod to the required switch blade to drive the points in both directions when installation is complete.

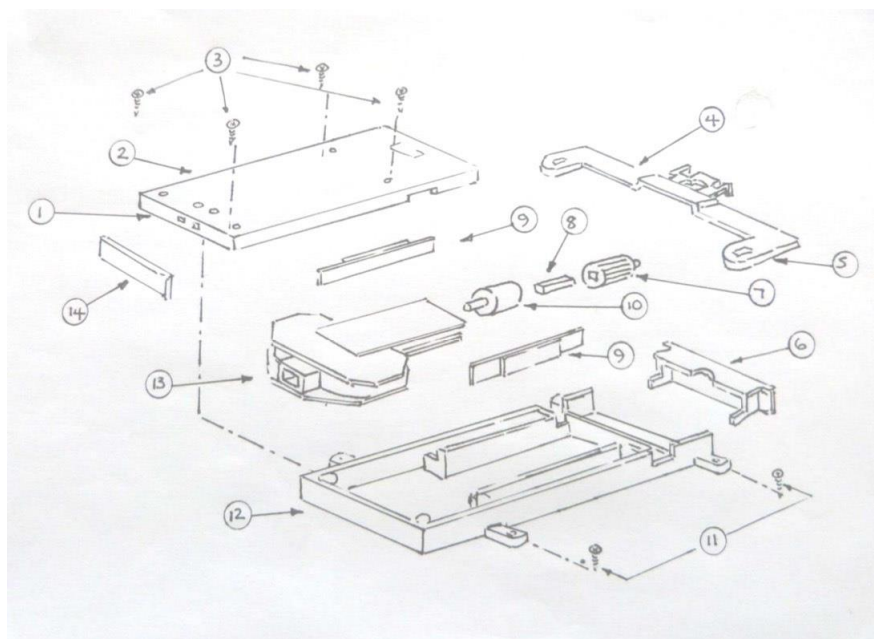


Diagram of disassembled (EPL)

1. Electrical termination
2. Top Lid
3. Fixing screws
4. Throw Rods
5. Throw Rod connecting point to switch blade
6. End part holding Throw Rod in position
7. Drive Gear connecting electric motor to Throw Rod
8. Mechanical drive shaft connecting drive gear to electric motor
9. Packing to hold electric motor in position
10. Electric Armature
11. Track fixing screws
12. Base case for all parts to fit
13. Motor assembly
14. End plate.

CHARITY OPEN GARDEN EVENT

Jason Workman held Open Garden events on Sunday 21 July & Sunday 01 September 2024 where the events have raised over £820 for a local hospice.

He thanks all those who attended and those who helped make it all possible. Congratulations and well done to Jason and Ruby for your charitable efforts.

KENT GARDEN RUNNING DAYS

At the time of publishing this newsletter there has already been a some 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.co.uk

REQUEST FOR EVENT ASSISTANCE

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.

We will also need assistance to help at the Groups Winter Indoor Meet & Annual General Meeting on Sunday 26 January 2025. Help will be needed not only to help run the GER layout but also running the event.

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.



KENT GROUP
“Garden Railways in the Garden of England”



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



Garden Railroading News



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IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS – HAVE YOUR SAY

The Group is here primarily here 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 could 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**



LUTON CHRIST CHURCH AND HALL Model Railway Show

**SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2024
10:30am-4:00pm**

**Christ Church & Hall
Luton Road,
Luton, Kent
ME4 5BT**

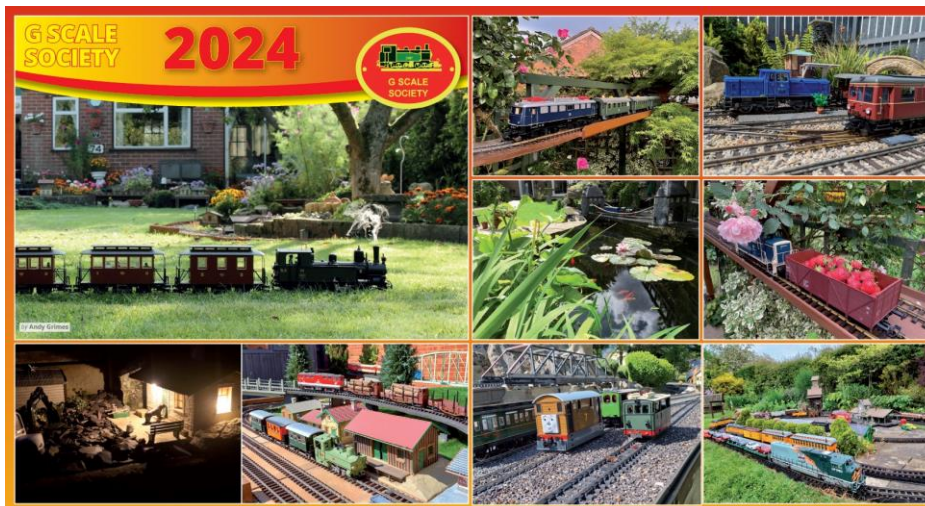
Car Park entrance –
What3Words: chase.tinned.mailboxes

Various layouts
(including an interactive layout)
Refreshments

Traders: Chalk Garden Rail, Kent Garden Railways(KGR) &
On_The_Rails
will be attending

Admission: Adults £5, Children £1,
G Scale Society Members: Free

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G SCALE SOCIETY 2025 CALENDAR COMPETITION

The 2025 Calendar Competition is open! Now is the perfect time to dig through your photo collection or get snapping and produce some suitable G-Scale railway images. Preference will be given to seasonal images that evoke Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. The calendar will be included with the Winter Journal.

Entries, and any questions, should be submitted to andrew.moorhouse@gmail.com with the subject line: '**G-Scale Calendar 2025**'.

All members of the Society are eligible and can submit as many entries as they like. Photos should be sent as email attachments, titled, for example, your name or railway, and be the highest resolution for printing. They may be cropped or rotated but not digitally enhanced.

The closing date is 13 October 2024.

THE END OF UK SUMMER TIME FOR ANOTHER YEAR – CLOCKS GO BACK 1 HOUR

As a reminder that UK Summer time comes to an end on the last Sunday of October. This year it is Sunday 27 October 2024 at 02:00am.



**LUTON CHRIST CHURCH AND HALL
Model Railway Show**

SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 2024
10:30am-4:00pm

Christ Church & Hall
Luton Road,
Luton, Kent
ME4 5BT

Car Park entrance –
What3Words: chase.tinned.mailboxes

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KENT GROUP

"Garden Railways in the Garden of England"



**Teynham
Model Railway Show
and
G Scale Society Kent AGM**

Sunday 26th January 2025
10:30am-4:00pm

Teynham Village Hall
Belle Friday Close
Teynham, Kent
ME9 9TU

Car Park entrance –
What3Words dock.quoted.madder

Various layouts
(including an interactive layout)
Refreshments
Members Sales Stall
Chalk Garden Rail will be attending as Sole Trader

Admission: Adults £5, Children £1,
Family: (2A+2C) £10,
G Scale Society Members: Free



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“Garden Railways in the Garden of England”