



KENT GROUP

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**Although February is well known
for Valentine's day, can we not also love
our trains & hobby as well!**

***"Garden Railways in the Garden of
England"***



KENT GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2025

The Group held its Annual General Meeting during the Winter Indoor meet at Teynham Village Hall. A good turnout with Thirteen members in attendance. John Morgan who had been on the Committee for 10 years didn't stand for re-election. A vote of thanks was voted on and unanimously passed. He along with Andrew Lloyd and Roger Alan were given Honorary member status for service to the group.

Due to the introduction of some bank charges the treasurer is to look at other banks to see what options are available. Enquiries will be made with other groups similar to ours to ascertain if their banks are introducing similar charges.

Alex Evans-Addy announced he was prepared to stand for election as the Groups Secretary, his nomination was formally proposed, seconded and was voted upon which was unanimously passed & carried.

During the AGM it was suggested about connecting with younger members of society by utilizing social media platforms such as TikTok. This is to be looked at and trials undertaken.

Draft minutes of the AGM will be published on the website and voted upon at the AGM which is likely to be held at Teynham Village Hall on Sunday 25 January 2026 at the groups next Winter indoor meet.

KENT GROUP WINTER INDOOR RUNNING EVENT – SUNDAY 26 JANUARY 2025

The Group held its Winter Indoor Meet at Teynham Village Hall on Sunday 26 January 2025. This was the first event of the Group has attended and ran in 2025. Numbers of those attending were on par with last year despite a change of advertising approach, the day started off well with visitors, but as the weather front of storm Herminia approached the weather outside the hall turned quite inclement and the numbers of people venturing out reduced quite considerably. Total society members attending including those running the event was Thirty-Three (33). Non-members attending were Thirty-Two (32) Adults and eight (8) children. This year within the hall we had the Garden of England Railway in the middle of the hall similar to recent years. Chris Worby attended with his Sagor variant of the Crib Lane layout which is the first time this has attended for several years but with some changes to its previous incarnation. The Lehmann(LGB), Bachmann & Lego(LB&L) Line was set at the far end of the hall and Stuart Guy was at the buffet end with his turning triangle display. This was beside a television showing short film footage and photographs of members gardens within Kent. There was a members second hand stall present which did good trade and was popular. Nick and Peter were in attendance across the hall with Chalk Garden Rail as the sole trader. Many thanks to those bringing their layouts, displays and stalls for which the committee is very much appreciated and to those keeping us all fed and watered with the refreshments. 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. Hopfield 16mm society layout has already been confirmed to attend the Teynham event in 2026 which marks the start of our groups 30th Anniversary year and will be on Sunday 25 January 2026 10:30AM – 4:00PM.





MEMBERS GARDEN RUNNING DAYS 2025

During the Annual General Meeting 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.

Although the newsletter was drafted in January, we have already had two running days announced for the Summer:

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

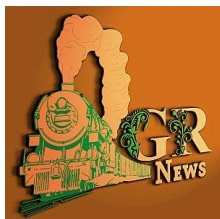
CHALK GARDEN RAIL RELOCATED TO THE VILLAGE OF CHALK

After twenty-two years in their former premises within Gravesend town centre, Chalk Garden Rail relocated to the village of Chalk which is located on the outskirts of Gravesend. The move took place over the New Year period 2024/2025 closing the shutters to the public on Saturday 28 December 2024 at the old shop and opened the new shop to the public on Thursday 02 January 2025. The shop is to the rear of 55 Lower Higham Road, Chalk, Gravesend DA12 2NQ. The telephone number changed with the move and is 01474 332038.

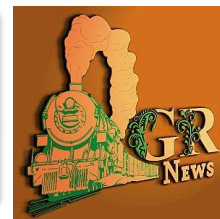
We wish Chalk Garden Rail along with all other traders of G Scale in the County of Kent all the very best for the future.

LIFE BEGINS AT 40

This is the 40th edition of the groups Newsletters and has covered a number of gardens and topics since the first edition in September 2017. If you have any suggestions or feedback, please get in touch by emailing socialwebkentgscale@gmail.com
many thanks in advance.



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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 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 29 Mar 25	Beckenham and West Wickham Model Railway Club	10:00-4:30	Forest Hill Boys School, Dacres Road, Forest Hill, SE23 2XN The LB&L Railway Layout will be attending this event.
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
Sun 13 Apr 25	AIMREC Ashford Festival of Model Railway Modelling	09:30-4:00	
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
Sat 18 Oct 25	Autumn Indoor Meet	10:30-4:00	Christ Church & Hall, Luton Road, Luton, Chatham ME5BT
Sun 25 Jan 26	Winter Indoor Meet	10:30-4:00	Teynham Village Hall, Belle Friday Close, ME9 9TU

KENT GARDEN RUNNING DAYS

At the time of publishing this newsletter there are a few Garden Running days advertised on the website (gscalekent.co.uk/events_diary.htm). There will also be 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



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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.

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:

Retailers listed in alphabetical order

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 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 and possible.



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UPCOMING KNOWN OTHER AREA GROUP EVENTS

The G Scale Society Website events page only goes as far as 05 Jan 2024. 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
Sat 01 Feb 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 10 Feb 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 19 Feb	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 01 Mar 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sun 09 Mar 25	Surrey Group East Horsley Indoor Meet	11:00-4:00	East Horsley Village Hall, Kingston Avenue, East Horsley KT24 6QT
Mon 10 Mar 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 19 Mar 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 29 Mar 25	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
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
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

ITEM FOR SALE

The editor has been informed of the following item for sale. *It should be noted the group is not liable for the item nor the accuracy of the description and the newsletter only means of informing members of a person-to-person sale. The group does not benefit from the potential sale of the item which sold on a first come first serve basis:*

PIKO G BR218 Diesel locomotive – This is an analogue track powered with original box Price is £265.00 Contact Alan for more information on 02084676213 or email: alesie4073@gmail.com



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2025
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 22nd February 2025 10am - 5pm
 Sunday 23rd February 2025 10am - 4pm

Disability Access Refreshments and Free Parking

Admission: Adults £6.00 Children 5-4 £3.00
 Concessions £5.00 Family of Four £15.00
 Children under 5 FREE



Beckenham and West
Wickham Model Railway Club



MODEL RAILWAY SHOW

Forest Hill Boys School, Dacres Road, Forest Hill,
 London SE23 2XN

Staple & Ash
 As seen in Hornby Magazine



SCAN ME



Saturday 29th March 2025 10:00 – 16:30

Up to 20 Layouts – Trade – Refreshments

£10.00 per Adult - Children (up to 16) accompanied by an adult **FREE.**
 Card Payments Available - Fully accessible to hand powered wheelchairs.

SAVE £2.00 on Purchase Ticket Early
www.bwwmrc.co.uk

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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.

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PLUS SPECIAL EXHIBITION

ASHFORD'S RAILWAY LEGACY

ASHFORD GATEWAY PLUS TN23 1AS

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