



KENT GROUP

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KENT GROUP AUTUMN INDOOR RUNNING EVENT – SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 2025

The Kent G Scale Society(Kent Group) Autumn Indoor running event was held on Saturday 18 October 2025 at the Christ Church Hall, Luton, Chatham ME4 5BT. Doors opened to the public and it wasn't long before members of the public started to arrive. This event was free admission for everyone attending thanks to the hall hire being donated, however, additional donations are always welcome and yes, we received some donations. This event was the most popular Autumn Indoor event for many years with sixty-six people attending.

After the low numbers attending last year, it was decided to only utilize the hall as the extra logistics required did not warrant making use of the church upstairs, this will probably be the case going forward. The hall had a good vibe with those who attended society members and members of the public alike. Chalk Garden Rail were present as sole trader and made some sales.

A separate donation covered the initial cost of the purchase of the refreshments so all takings at the Buffet/café was profit and has helped increase the groups funds.

We would like to thank the donors for these generous donations and those who came and supported the event.



KENT GROUP AUTUMN INDOOR RUNNING EVENT – SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER 2025 – **Cont'd**

The following are some photos of the event.



Mini Modular layout being operated by some of the first attendees



Trains overtaking on the Garden of England Railway (GER) layout



One of Chris Worbys latest builds running on the GER



One of Chris Worbys latest builds on the Crib Lane layout



A panoramic photo of the hall





KENT GROUP ATTENDING EVENTS

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

Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
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
Sat 24 Jan 26	Erith Model Railway Society January Show	10:00-5:00	Harris Garrard Academy, Yarnton Way, Thamesmead, DA18 4DW. The LB&L Line will be attending this event
Sun 25 Jan 26	Erith Model Railway Society January Show	10:00-4:00	Harris Garrard Academy, Yarnton Way, Thamesmead, DA18 4DW. The LB&L Line will be attending this event
Sun 25 Jan 26	Kent G Scale Society Winter Indoor Meet	10:30-4:00	Teynham Village Hall, Belle Friday Close, ME9 9TU
Sat 21 Feb 26	Tenterden Model Railway Show	10:00-5:00	Homewood School, Tenterden, TN30 6LT
Sat 22 Feb 26	Tenterden Model Railway Show	10:00-4:00	Homewood School, Tenterden, TN30 6LT
Sun 21 Jun 26	Gravesend Railway Engineer Society Family Open Day	10:00-4:00	Higham Memorial Hall, School Lane, Higham, Rochester ME3 7 JI. The LB&L Line will be attending this event
Sat 18 Jul 26	Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show	10:00-5:00	The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY
Sun 19 Jul 26	Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show	10:00-4:00	The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY

DID YOU KNOW – TECHNICAL MANUAL

Did you know in the members page of the “Your membership” page of the G Scale Society website there is Members page option as you scroll down the screen with a view button on the right. Clicking on this opens the members home page and there is a few documents listed including a “Technical Manual” which some members may find of great use.

It was initially compiled in 2000 and recompiled in 2008. It consists of 163 pages which you may find it informative and of some use. Why not check it out.



LB&L LINE UPDATE

The Lehmann Bachmann & Lego (LB&L) Line layout attended the Gravesend Model Railway Enthusiasts Society (GRES) 50th Gravesend Model Railway Show over the weekend 1st & 2nd November 2025 which was held at the Northfleet School for Girls.

As usual the layout was well received by children and grown ups alike.



A non-stopping service passes through Shambles Station at the GRES event

Following this event Ben, Judith and Phillip Maskell were approached to see if they would attend the All Directions Christmas Fair that was held on Saturday 29th November 2025 at St Vincents Church Hall, Mallards Close, Dartford which they agree to attend. At the event there was a variety of Christmas activities and stalls to be explored. In preparation the LB&L Line even had a Christmas Make over to help attendees get in to the festive spirit. The efforts of Ben, Judith and Phillip were very much appreciated by the organisers and attendees alike.





LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026

Earlier in the Newsletter is the list of events that either the Kent Group will be attending with the Groups layout the Garden of England Railway (GER) or the replacement layout that is being constructed or members attending with either an exhibit, display or their own layout(s), (There is also another list of other area Groups events.)

The first of which the Group will be attending is the Maidstone & Mid Kent Model Railway Exhibition at Lockmeadow Market Hall in Maidstone over Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th December 2025. (The event poster is on page 5 for more details). So, if you are in need over the festive period for a model railway fix why not come along. This is the second time we will have attended this event which is located in the county town of Kent. If you are willing to assist on either of the days, please let us know in advance for planning and admin purposes, last year we were issued with meal and drinks vouchers for each day of the event.

At the Groups Winter Indoor meet at Teynham on Sunday 25th January 2026 we shall have Chalk Garden Rail as trader and there is a member's sales stall. Although cash is preferred, we will be able to accept credit/debit cards. Amongst other layouts Chris Worby will be attending with a variant of Crib Lane. If you intend on bringing any item(s) to sell, to save time the form that will require completing as required is attached along with the terms & conditions to this Newsletter on Pages 13 & 14. There will be the forms present on the day for items that do not have a pre-printed form. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will also take place within the meeting room during the event probably at 2pm or shortly afterwards. There is to be some constitutional changes and further details will be included when the calling notice is sent out to group members prior to the AGM. Hopfields 16mm Society Live Steam layout will be in the hall for the first time in a few years. For many years the 16mm Society attended the Teynham event and as this event marks the start of the Kent Groups 30th Anniversary it was deemed a pleasant nod to the groups past as it looks forward and plans for the future. We are looking for people to help set up and assist during the day. If you are able to help please let us know in advance.

Towards the end of February (21st & 22nd) the Group has been invited to attend the Ashford Model Railway Clubs Tenterden Model Railway Exhibition which is again to be held in the sports halls of the Homeward School, Tenterden TN30 6LT. This will be our third time attending and have previously been located near the Gauge 1 Society so a good opportunity to be surrounded by large scale trains. Last year there was very good interactions between the two groups. Again if you are willing to assist on either of the days, please let us know in advance for planning and admin purposes as have previously been issued with meal and drinks vouchers for each day of the event.

Over the weekend 18th & 19th July we are looking to attend the third Chatham & District Model Railway Clubs Chatham Dockyard Show. This will be our third time at the ever increasing in size event located within the Historic Chatham Dockyards covered slipway. This will be the first time we will have taken the new layout to the event.



MAIDSTONE & MID KENT MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Plus trade support



at
Lockmeadow Market Hall
Barker Road
Maidstone, Kent ME16 8LW

Monday 29 December 2025
10am-5pm &
Tuesday 30 December 2025
10am-4pm

Admission: Adults: £7 Children: £2
Family: £18



Kent G Scale Society 30th Anniversary Teynham Model Railway Event

Sunday 25th January 2026
10:30am-4:00pm

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

Car Park entrance –
What3Words dock.quoted.madder


Various layouts
(including a live steam 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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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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"Garden Railways in the Garden of England"





KENT G SCALE SOCIETY GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –
SUNDAY 25 JANUARY 2026

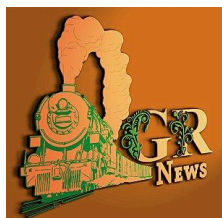
The Groups Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place during the Winter Indoor Meet within Teynham Village Hall. A calling notice will be sent out to Group members separately.

EVENT ASSISTANCE REQUEST

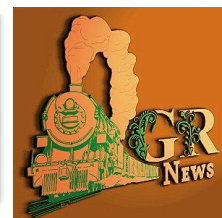
As usual, here is the call for assistance to help at the Groups Winter Indoor Meet on Sunday 25 January 2026. Help is needed not only to help run the GER layout but also running the event.

Within the 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.

If you require further details or are able to assist at either or both of these events, please contact Wayne at eventsyscalekent@gmail.com



Garden Railroading News



GR News is a **FREE** Bi-Monthly Digital magazine produced by Garden Railroaders for Garden Railroaders. Click on the logos above which are links to: www.grnews.org

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.



UPCOMING KNOWN OTHER NEIGHBOURING AREA GROUP EVENTS

The following events are correct at time of publication with information provided (At time of publishing the East Sussex Group Meets at Redcoats Orchard had not been published for 2026 other than for Sat 03 Jan 2026):

Date	Event	Times	Venue/Additional comments
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
Sat 03 Jan 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 10 Jan 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 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
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
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

KENT GROUP PHOTOS FROM THE WEST SUSSEX GROUP EVENT ON 30 NOVEMBER 2025



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"Garden Railways in the Garden of England"



IT'S A CRACKER – CRACKER STYLE JOKES

The following are some Cracker style jokes we have seen which may bring a smirk, smile or laughter or a groan! I apologise in advance



Q. What is the best Christmas present for a train?

A. A Play Station!

Q. What do you get when you cross a deer and a steam train?

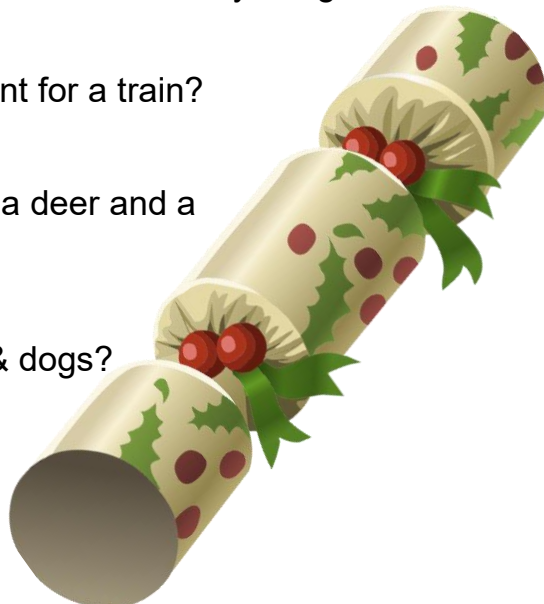
A. A train-deer!

Q. Who brings presents to pet cats & dogs?

A. Santa-Paws!

Q. What did Santa do when he went speed dating?

A. He pulled a Cracker!

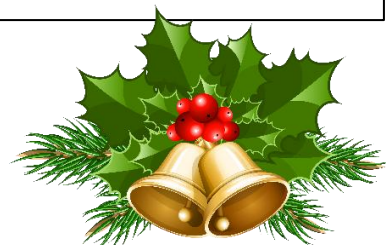
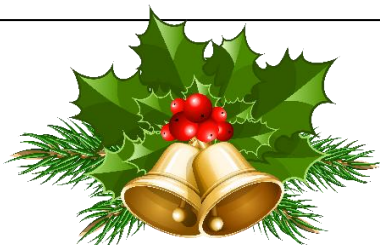


KENTISH G SCALE RETAILERS – NEW & PRE-LOVED

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.



COPING TIPS DURING CHRISTMAS

Despite all that we are led to believe in that Christmas time having to be perfect, a happy and jolly joyful time of the year, for some people for different reasons it can be a sad lonely, difficult and/or stressful time of year.

Different things can help us at different times depending on our situation and how we are feeling.

Be gentle and patient with yourself, it might help to think what is best for your wellbeing during the Christmas, and prioritise what you need.

Remind yourself that it won't last forever. You could set a start and finish time for what you count as Christmas.

Try and say No to things that aren't helpful to you.

Getting Support

If you're struggling over the Christmas period or any other time of year, you may want to find support for your mental health. There are a few ways that you can do this:

Call Samaritans on 116 123 (Freephone). Their English language line is always open.

Text SHOUT to 85258 This is a free 24/7 Crisis text service run by Shout.

Visit Mind UK Useful contacts page for a list of organisations who can support your mental health or help with practical problems. If viewing this online or on a smartphone/tablet double click within this article to be taken to the Mind UK Contacts page. Alternatively search online 'Mind and mental health'



SAMARITANS

2026 NEWSLETTERS

In 2026 it is intended to publish the Kent Group Newsletters in the months of:
February, April, June, August, October, December

If you have something you would like others to see regarding our hobby why not send it to
socialwebkentgscale@gmail.com



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THE HOME OF GARDEN RAILWAYS

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Until a few years ago membership of the G Scale Society ran January to December instead of how it is now when it runs for twelve months from the date you joined.

For those members who were members before the change came in, your membership will be due for renewal. This can be done online by visiting the society website gscalesociety.com and clicking on the membership tab. Current prices are listed on that page as well.

The G Scale Society is one of the UK's large communities dedicated to G Scale Model Railways – be they indoor or outdoor.

Members receive 4 high-quality [journals](#) each year filled with articles, tips, advice and news about the G Scale hobby.

Alongside the journal, our members have access to any of our [more than 25 local area groups](#) – regional communities running regular meets to share expertise and run trains.

All new members receive a membership card and enamel pin

Wishing all members of the group all the very best for

2026



**It's starting
To look a lot like ...**



KENT GROUP

Celebrating

30
Years

G Scale Society - Local Area Group
Members' Sales Stand

Name _____

G Scale Number and Area Group _____

Item Description	Lot No.	Price £	Sold Tick	Sold £ If Different	Card
	1				
	2				
	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
	7				
	8				
	9				
	10				
Monies received	Total				
Minus Commission	Less 10%				
Monies due to vendor					

The above items are my property and are offered for sale in accordance with the conditions laid out overleaf. All items are displayed, handled and offered for sale at the owner's risk.

Signed _____

Willing to receive cheques YES / NO

Any stipulation (G Scale number, address, etc.)

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Unsold items returned and cash due received

Signed _____

Members' Sales Stand - Rules and Instructions

1. Selling items on the Members' Sales stand is a service provided only to G Scale Members. Members may be asked to produce membership cards when booking items in.
2. The Members' Sales stand is for private sales only, and not for use by traders.
3. Items will be accepted for sale at the discretion of the stand manager. Bulky, low value items, such as spare parts or magazines may only be accepted once there is more room on the stand or may be placed at the back.
4. The stewards on the stand will take every reasonable care, but all items are displayed, handled and offered for sale at the owner's risk.
5. It is the vendor's responsibility to double check that each item for sale has a label securely attached, showing the name, item number and the price. A variety of label types are available on the stand.
6. Items for sale must be listed on this form, using a separate line for each lot, e.g. if you are selling five identical items you should specify each item separately, unless you are selling them as a set of five when they should be listed as a single item.
7. It is the seller's responsibility to identify any items that are incomplete, damaged or not in running order.
8. Please complete columns 1 and 3 overleaf for each lot. Please do not enter anything into the shaded columns overleaf as these are for administrative use.
9. 10% of the sale price of all items sold by the member will be taken as commission and donated to the Local Area Group. Commission will be deducted before payment is made to the vendor.
10. Buyers may pay by cash or credit/debit card. Cheque payments will only be accepted if the vendor so indicates on the front of the form. Where payments are made by card the vendor may not receive payment of their sales proceeds until after the event, such payment being made by Cheque from the Group account or by bank transfer if the vendor is content to provide their bank details.
11. Sale proceeds in cash must be collected at the latest by 4pm together with any unsold items. Any uncollected items may be disposed of for the benefit of the G Scale Local Area Group.
12. Completion of the form overleaf and offering the goods for sale is taken as acceptance of the above conditions.
13. Be aware bank payments may take up to two(2) working days to be transferred to your bank account.