

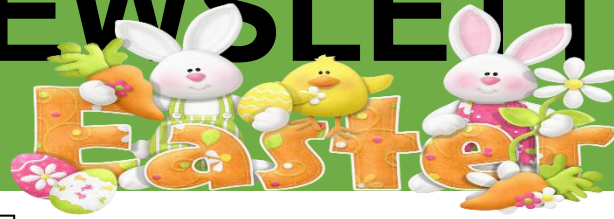


KENT GROUP

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FOUR INDOOR RUNNING DAYS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

The Kent Group has been given and accepted the opportunity for the use of the Events Marquee on the Kent & East Sussex Railway (K&ESR) at their Tenterden Railways Station over the period Friday 03 – Monday 06 April 2026 inclusive which is the Easter weekend.

The Group layout (Still to be named) will be set up for members to come along and run their rolling stock, meet other like-minded people and have fun. The marquee will also be open so visitors to the railway can come in and see out layout and display(s) and banners.

Access to Tenterden Station over this weekend period will be free to all G Scale Society members on production of their Society membership card. If members wish to travel on the 1:1 scale train services that will be running over the long weekend then tickets are required to be purchased before travel. **There is 10% discount for tickets purchased online before Friday 03 April 2026 for over the Easter Weekend. The discount Code is: gscale26**

The committee wishes to thank the K&ESR for the use of the marquee & the discounted tickets over the Easter weekend so we can hold running days which help celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Kent Group. Thank you.

KENT GROUP ATTENDS TENTERDEN HOMEWOOD SCHOOL WEEKEND EVENT

The Group attended the Ashford Model Railway Clubs Tenterden Model Railway Exhibition held at Homewood School in Tenterden over the weekend 21st & 22nd February 2026 with the groups new layout. The layout was set up early on the Saturday morning before the event opened to the public at 10am saving the volunteers an additional trip on the Friday evening. The used members control system due to the Massoth Control system the group purchased in 2024 has developed a fault. Although out of warranty Massoth are helping the group get the fault rectified and the affected part is currently in Germany.

This is the third year the group has attended this event and the first with the new layout which went down very well with the public and other exhibitors. It was good to see fellow members turn up some bringing stock to test which were purchased at the event.



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JOINT RUNNING DAY AND BBQ – SATURDAY 23 MAY 2026

Members and their families have been invited to a joint running day and BBQ with the East Sussex Group at their Redcoats site on Saturday 23 May 2026 with the site being open 10am – 4pm with the BBQ being probably around 1pm. However, for planning purposes it is requested that if you intend on attending the BBQ please let eventskentgscale@gmail.com know by Saturday 10 May 2026 along with any special dietary requirements and numbers attending for planning purposes.

The Redcoats site is located 1 mile from Catsfield Post Office or 2.7 miles from Battle Post Office. The post code for Redcoats (Horns Corner, Battle) is TN33 9DU or What3words: waffle.tunnel.pupils

A FEBRUARY WEEKEND WORK PARTY ON THE NEW LAYOUT

The groups new layout was set up in the events marquee at Tenterden Station on the Kent & East Sussex Railway over the weekend Friday 06 – Sunday 08 February 2026 so work could be carried out to get it closer to being ready for its first public outing at Homewood School, Tenterden at the Ashford Model Railway Clubs Tenterden Model Railway Exhibition over the weekend 21 & 22 February 2026. Many thanks to those members who came along and helped out, it is very much appreciated and your efforts have gone a long way in getting the layout ready. These are photos taken on the first two days of the three days of activities:



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KENT GROUP ATTENDING EVENTS

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

| Date | Event | Times | Venue/Additional comments |
|---------------|---|------------|--|
| Fri 03 Apr 26 | Kent G Scale Indoor running at the Kent & East Sussex Railway | 10:00-5:00 | Events Marquee, Tenterden Stations, Station Road, Tenterden TN30 6HE |
| Sat 04 Apr 26 | Kent G Scale Indoor running at the Kent & East Sussex Railway | 10:00-5:00 | Events Marquee, Tenterden Stations, Station Road, Tenterden TN30 6HE |
| Sun 05 Apr 26 | Kent G Scale Indoor running at the Kent & East Sussex Railway | 10:00-5:00 | Events Marquee, Tenterden Stations, Station Road, Tenterden TN30 6HE |
| Mon 06 Apr 26 | Kent G Scale Indoor running at the Kent & East Sussex Railway | 10:00-5:00 | Events Marquee, Tenterden Stations, Station Road, Tenterden TN30 6HE |
| Sat 19 Jul 26 | Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show | 10:00-5:00 | The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY |
| Sun 20 Jul 26 | Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show | 10:00-4:00 | The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY |
| Tue 29 Dec 26 | Maidstone & Mid Kent Model Railway Exhibition | 10:00-4:00 | Lockmeadow Market Hall, Barker Road, Maidstone, ME16 8LW |
| Wed 30 Dec 26 | Maidstone & Mid Kent Model Railway Exhibition | 10:00-4:00 | Lockmeadow Market Hall, Barker Road, Maidstone, ME16 8LW |
| Sun 31 Jan 27 | Winter Indoor Meet | 10:30-4:00 | Teynham Village Hall, Belle Friday Close, ME9 9TU |

Other events are in the planning stages and confirmation is still awaited. This includes the Groups Autumn indoor meet is pending confirmation that the venue will be available.

KENT GARDEN RUNNING DAYS

At the time of publishing this newsletter there are a no Garden Running days advertised on the website (gscalekent.co.uk/events_diary.htm). There will be those arranged between members which have 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 eventsqscale@gmail.com

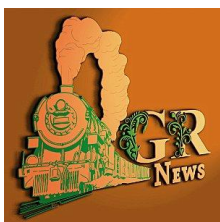
FREE ENTRY TO MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITIONS

If you would like Free entry to a Model Railway Exhibition that the Group is attending then why not volunteer to assist with the group layout. As a result, you will get at least free entry to the exhibition and will have the opportunity to explore the venue and layouts. If you are interested please drop Wayne an email in advance at: eventskentqscale@gmail.com

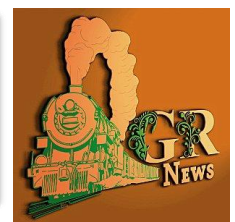
UPCOMING KNOWN OTHER NEIGHBOURING AREA GROUP EVENTS

The following events are correct at time of publication with information provided:

| Date | Event | Times | Venue/Additional comments |
|---------------|--|------------|---|
| Mon 06 Apr 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Wed 15 Apr 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Sat 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 |
| Sat 25 Apr 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Mon 04 May 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Wed 13 May 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Sat 23 May 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Mon 01 Jun 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Wed 10 Jun 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Sat 20 Jun 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Mon 29 Jun 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Wed 08 Jul 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Sat 18 Jul 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Mon 27 Jul 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Wed 05 Aug 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Sat 15 Aug 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |
| Mon 24 Aug 26 | East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard | 10:00-4:00 | Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3 |



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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.

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)

MAIDSTONE & MID KENT MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Plus trade support



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

Tuesday 29th December 2026
&
Wednesday 30th December 2026
10am - 4pm
Admission
Adults £8.00 - Children £2.00



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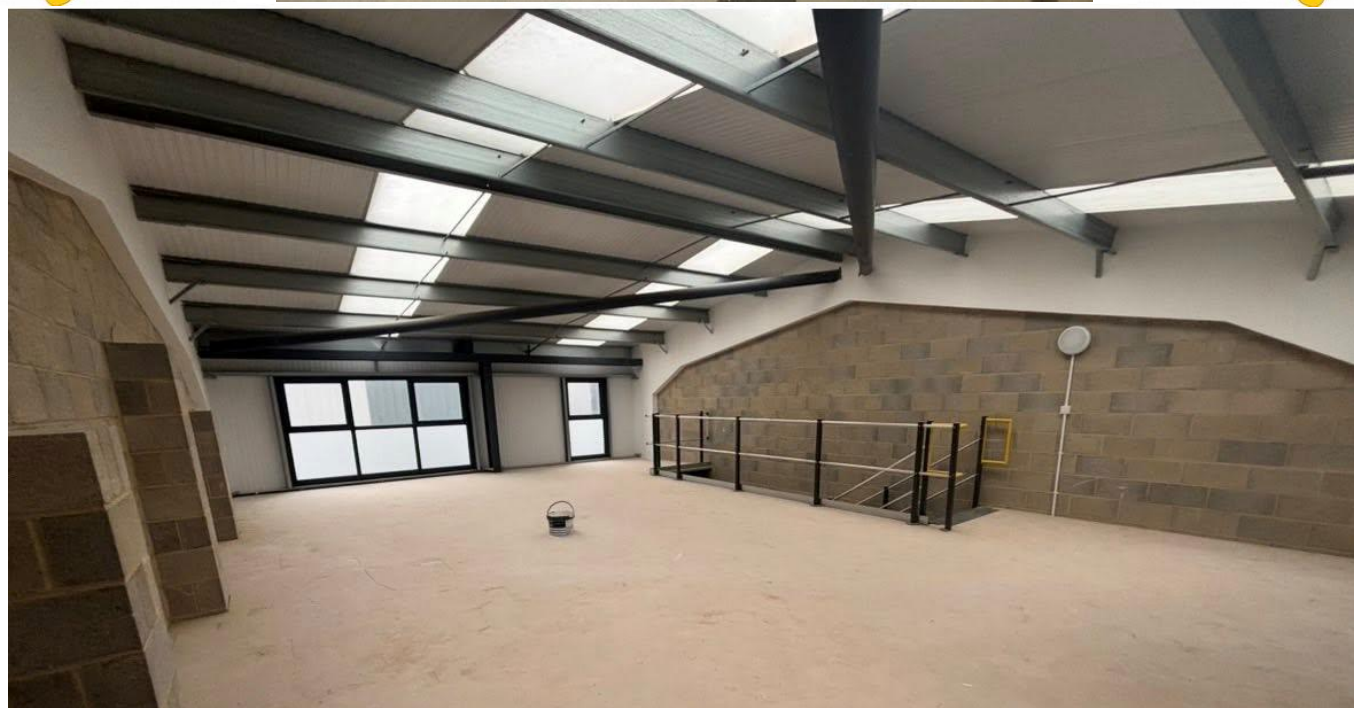
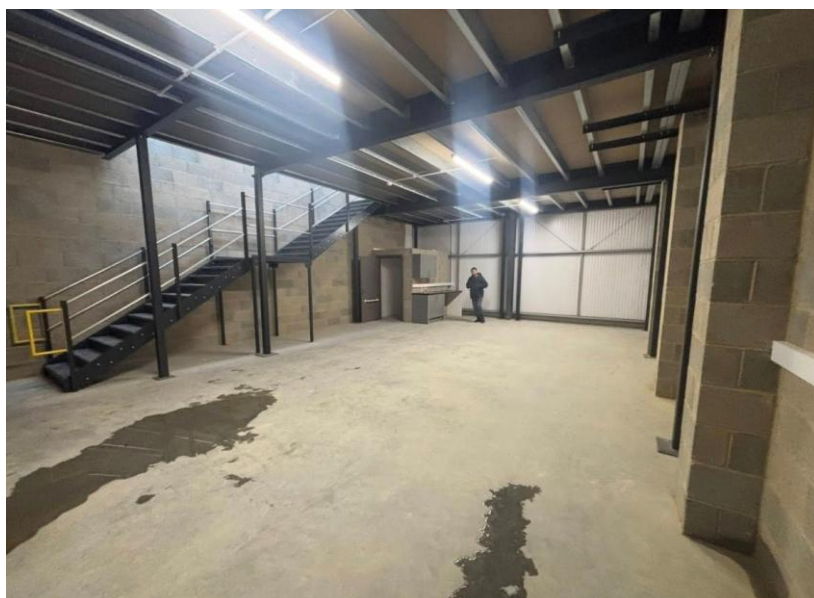


KENT MODEL EXCHANGE IS ON THE MOVE TO NEW PREMISES

Kent Model Exchange are incredibly proud to say that, all being well, that they will be moving into their brand new 3,000sq ft superstore within the next month.

At present the carpets are being laid both upstairs and downstairs a clear sign that after years of hard work, this next chapter is finally becoming a reality. What makes this moment even more special is where it all began. From just a few shelves in a sweet shop which we quickly outgrew to taking on a premises that once felt enormous when we picked up the keys four years ago... and now, even that space is no longer big enough, that tells its own story. Despite that around 70% of their sales are now online, they have and continue to believe that nothing replaces a physical shop. A place where you can see, touch, and truly experience what you are buying.

A place where advice is real, conversations matter, and passion is shared face-to-face. Our new superstore will take that to the next level, featuring working layouts where you can test, experience, and buy not just shop, but immerse yourself in the hobby. Kent Model Exchange deals in various scales in model railways. Although the address of the new store is still to be made public, it is in New Romney near the Romney Hythe & Dymchurch Railway. Photos Courtesy of David Wimble.



Have a great
Spring time!

