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Seasons greetings
From the G Scale Society



The Society for Garden Railways

**Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas
and a very happy New Year.**

THE WINTER MEETINGS

Report on Pratts Bottom Meeting October 2017

A great day - we had a good turn out with members coming in during the day bringing they own trains to run and to meet others from Kent and adjacent local area groups. The committee would like to thank the Surrey Group for the support on the day with Andy, Josie Saulter, and Roy operating the loose lay track with some great examples of rolling stock and also for Josie helping out with the Raffle.



Roy from the Surrey Group running some great trains

GER at Pratts Bottom.

Thanks for all the helpers in setting up GER and also taking it down at the end of the day, this is hard work if you are low on numbers so please remember when the group holds these days to come along and help out - more hands make light work - is the saying. Both this meeting and Teynham are carried out during the winter so that the Kent members have the chance to run some trains and keep in touch. Two new additions to GER are a small P Way cabin and a new signal box constructed by Roy Lloyd which makes it look more like a railway, so thanks to him for his work and matching the colours with the station.



Signal Box for GER - a great addition



Martin Piper checking all is working ok on GER ready for members to use



GER up and running with Chris from Essex Group running one of his scratch built BR trains and wagons he will also be at Teynham with some more great models. You can see in the front the new signal box looking good.

The Kitchen

Many thanks again to the Kitchen staff Elizabeth, Gill and Sue for the work put in to keep us feed and watered. This is an important part of these days as it gives us all a chance to sit, have something to eat and chat to others about what going on with their garden railway and life generally.



The Chairman checking out the kitchen and being told by Sue that he cannot have Burger and chips and Gill getting ready to cook an egg for those great Egg and Bacon rolls. Well done to the Ladies in the kitchen.

John Morgan's Loose lay

This was something new from John Morgan, a loose lay track that could be changed around during the day which people showed a lot of interest in from all parts and also gave members and others the chance to have a go at controlling some trains and getting involved

Support by Chalk Garden Rail Gravesend as our Trader

Peter Skinner and his Grandson came with both new and second-hand items for sale and of course advice on any problems and any enquiries members may have. This also gave members the chance to see new products and ideas for the New Year.



Members checking out Chalk Garden Rail new stock



GER, a little bit busy, as you can see, lots of members trains ready to run so at these meeting bring some rolling stock and join in.



GER up and running ready for members to use, in the back ground you can see the G Scale Society President Paul Felton who with his wife joined us for the day. Paul over the years has always attended our meeting in support.

Crampton Tower visit

For the second time this year the 'Willow tramway and Funfair' attended this delightful museum in Broadstairs on 24 September, this time in support of their Mini Steam fair. Unfortunately, no steam was raised on the day as the main attractions had to cancel through technical problems – the street organ's bellows split the week before! The hall was filled with a couple of traders and 3 other layouts and a steady stream of visitors enjoyed what was on show and the excellent tea and coffee. The Herne Bay Lloyds – Andrew and Roy – not related – spent the day promoting the Society and by the end of the day were a little tired of the fairground music.....but which was enjoyed by the visitors.



Willow Tramway and Funfair at Crampton Tower Museum



A busy day in the sunshine at Crampton Tower Museum

Reminders

31 December 2017 – Unless you joined the Society after 1st November this year, your membership expires on this day.....you can renew it **NOW** and by doing so reduce the load of renewals that come in with the New Year.....which is a great help to the Membership Secretary. To renew on line, go to www.gscalesociety.com and click on 'Membership' and follow the instructions.

28 January 2018 – The Big Winter Meet at Teynham Village Hall including our AGM. Always a well attended event with several running tracks including live steam, so do bring something to run. The formal notice of the AGM and supporting paper will be sent you shortly with the Annual Report and Accounts following in early January. Remember we do not charge an entry fee for members and their family, so all are very welcome.

17th February. Kent 16mm Group - Diary Note -- Following the successful link-up with the Kent area group of the 16mm Association last autumn we will be doing the same on 17th February 2018 at the Memorial Hall, Higham. GER will be set-up and members are invited to come along and run their stock. Further details will be circulated