

KENT NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 9

Winter 2019

PRATTS BOTTOM SHOW 2019

Sorry to say that the Kent members failed again to turn up for this meeting and the juniors that turned up help all day and showed the interest we need for the future and as a group we would like to thank them. Also, thanks to all the other G Scalers that turned up from other counties with special thanks to Chris Worby from Essex with his India Sagor exhibition layout, if you get the chance have a chat with Chris he really goes into the history of the place he is modelling and always has a write up on the area plus he has some great tips for modelling. The day went well with several the public asking questions about our hobby and for some young children the chance to control some trains on the loose lay track supplied by John Morgan. Norman and Glyn from East Sussex turned up with some interesting rolling stock (battery operated) and one of our Juniors with a self-built box car see next article. The day was supported by Peter and Nick of Chalk Garden Rail with a great range of G Scale items for sale plus technical help and thanks to them for the main raffle prize. Again, at this show with made a good profit from the hard work undertaken by the ladies in the kitchen, Gill, Rachel, Elizabeth and Sue, thankyou from all of us.



James Dean preparing the rolling stock



Andrew Wilder Checking the MTS scheme is OK

Later, in the day after a slow start with the rain by 12.30 the rain moved away, and the numbers improved, and I was good to see lots of people enjoying a day out. It was also good to see Josie and Andy Sauder from the surrey group as Josie had been ill at the beginning of the year and as in the past years they have always supported our open days it was good to see she had made a full recovery. The East Sussex Group Norman and Glyn would like all to know about the Catfield indoor group layout close to Battle, I took a visit and put an article in the summer newsletter so please look out for information on your emails as all are welcome to bring trains to run for a small £2 charge to help with running costs.



Check the Elephants on the bridge



Sagor station with good and passengers waiting

As you can see from the pictures above Chris does all his own modelling even down to the figures. The trains and rolling stock are coloured with a removable paint which can be washed off if you wish to change the look of your stock.



John Morgan's Loose lay being put to good use



GER with onlookers and Chalk Garden on the left

With GER as a group are trying to improve it to a more exhibition looking layout and not just a board and track so we are looking for a engine shed that will stand at the end of one of the siding roads, as can be seen in the photo above siding doing nothing so if anyone has a unwanted engine shed we would be interested.

Kent G Scale - members 14 – relations-10 – children, 3 = total 27

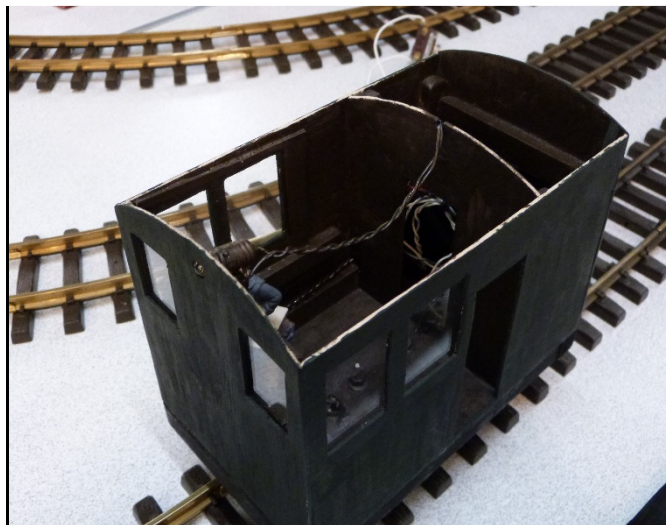
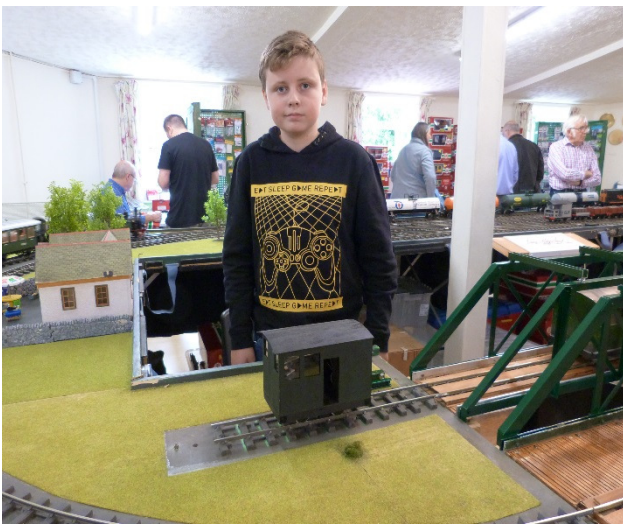
Public – adults-33 – children--8 = total 41

Grand total 68

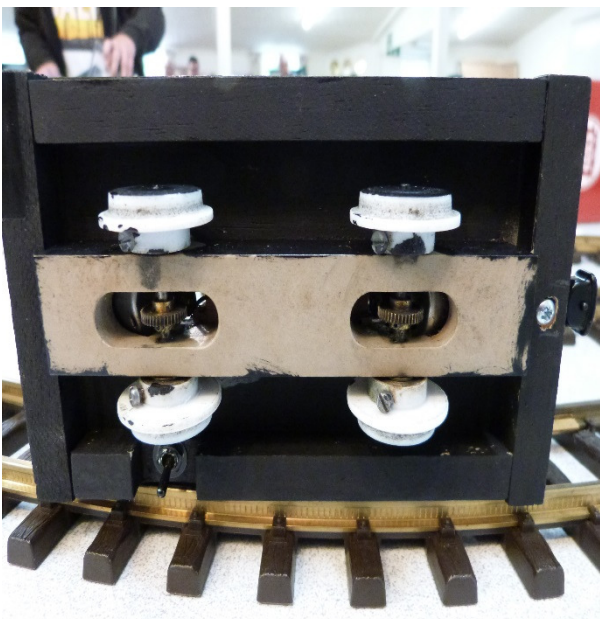
It looks good on the Junior front

As you will be aware from the Summer Newsletter, we did ask about a Junior section, but we got no response, but the good news is we still have our Juniors present with they parents which is great to see.

At the last meeting at Pratt's Bottom one of the Juniors turn up with a self-built box car, following his dads skills John, James Dean has made a nice small battery-operated box car, remembering Dad won the National scratch-built G Scale 2018 with his hasting Unit. James explained how he constructed it by first putting some ideas down on paper and working out what materials he was going to use. James explained that he used wood for the under carriage to hold the two motors and drives wheels and the top section the body he made from bowlster wood which made it easier for him to cut out. He fitted and wired up the two motors, Batteries and cab light, and finished it off with a driver. After test running and getting it working ok, he finished it off with a coat of paint.



James standing with his self-built Box Car Roof off you can see the wiring and the well cut out windows and door



The underside you can see the 2 axles and gears



One of the motors fitted in the floor of the cab