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# Surrey Signal

An occasional newsletter  
for the G1MRA Surrey Group



## Haywards Heath HH175

Haywards Heath received its first train in 1841, and the town has organised a weekend of events to celebrate the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September there will be a model railway event at the Dolphin Leisure Centre and the Surrey Oval will be centre stage. See <http://www.hh175th.co.uk/for-railway-enthusiasts/> for details of the other layouts attending.



This is a one day event, and setup will be on the Sunday morning. Peter will be leaving GMES very early, and we hope to be at the Dolphin Centre by about 7.30-8.00.

As well as the model show, the Bluebell have lent Stepney which will be on display at the station.

Our hosts have particularly requested Southern stock if possible, though engines of all flags are welcome. I have a currently non-running Terrier that I'll bring, along with the Q1 and a rather nice LBSC brake van that I acquired a couple of years ago,



## Mystery object competition (no prizes: answer on page 3)



## Alan's list

We had a very successful sale at the G1MRA Spring Meeting. Although it was an exhausting experience, we did manage to sell almost everything .

There are a few large items (such as this Aster Bulleid) remaining that I will be advertising in due course.



Many thanks to everybody who helped, but especially to Elizabeth Scott, Michael Wrottesley and Pauline Hulse who spent long hours on the stand.

## Ian the master modeller

Ian's beautifully turned out Midland good train is always one of the stars of our shows: the Palethorpe's sausage vans are particularly nice.

He has now turned his hand to scenic modelling for the Oval, starting with a low relief engine shed., complete with one end of a tender constructed mostly from Plastikard.

We hope it will have its first outing at Haywards Heath.



## ALSRM Reading Show



The ALSRM show was a (mostly) jolly affair, notwithstanding entry issues and an exciting moment or two in the steam up bay.

Our commitment there is nominally once every three years, so given that we have now been two years on the trot my guess it will

be a few years before we return.

Mike and Christine did their usual stalwart slot on the publications and membership table.



## A soggy day at the Hulses'

Unusually, our run at Pauline and Martin's was marred by quite a bit of rain, though not enough to stop Ken running his BR Standard.



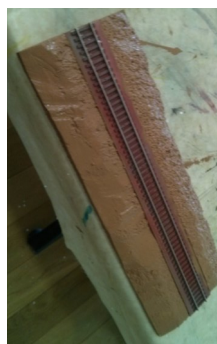
Michael brought this very nice engine which I believe is a Wordsell G5 built in the 1890's.



Should you fancy a G5 of your own, there is a 1:1 newbuild project, the details of which you can find at <http://www.g5locomotivelttd.co.uk/>

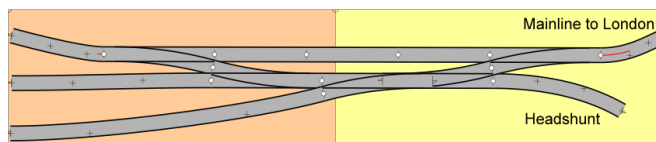
## More modelling

I've recently been exposed to the joys of scenic modelling, having been shown how to convert some track and a bit of polystyrene (left) into a rather nice 'photo plank' (right) suitable for posing locomotives on.



This has given a boost to my occasional attempts to design a minimal sized portable layout for shows that

can't take the full Oval. The idea is to combine an 'Inglenook Sidings' style 5-3-3 shunting puzzle with a terminus platform and a run-round loop:



The occasional arrival of a passenger train will add a little spice to the difficulty of shunting wagons.

## Sunny days at the Boormans'

After July rain, we had a lovely day at the Boormans' for our August meeting. A very appropriate early model circulated for our pleasure...



Brian brought some track and sundries that have been in storage since the 70's and offered them as gifts, including this very lovely Bond's track gauge. I left with a box of cast chairs.

## Upcoming Oval events

Apart from Haywards Heath, we have two other big events coming up: the AGM which this year returns to Woking on October 22nd, and in a new initiative, our Saturday run at Dorking on 12<sup>th</sup> November which we hope will attract passing members of the public. I have already collected a long list of volunteers for the AGM (thank you all). We hope that you'll all be able to come along and make the November event a big success.

## Weekend runs at Mike Hensor's

Mike Hensor is having a slow recovery, and as a result his runs are suspended until further notice. We're looking forward to seeing him back in action soon.

## Track open at Peter Kalinowski's

Peter has done some substantial rework on his track, and is opening for all on September 24<sup>th</sup> from 13.00 to 16.00. If you would like to go, could you please ring 0208 393 4194 or email in advance.

## A barrier for the Oval

When we have the paying public in, we need to rig up some sort of barrier to avoid Toasted Toddler Syndrome. At the Royal Holloway events we've been borrowing music stands and re-purposing the yellow webbing straps, but for Haywards Heath nothing was available. After some discussion with Peter, I have knocked out a design – a particular challenge is that the barrier needs to be very light because we are near the weight limit for the trailer.



The basic idea is to use Screwfix's very cheap wiring conduit (less than 50p per metre) with 3D printed joiners (see mystery object on page 1) and a 3D printed top with a slot in it. Total weight, about 200g each.



## Shed plates



As another 3D printing exercise, I've been playing with making shed plates. Here you see the rarely documented 70J shed plate for Ashford (Surrey) rendered lovingly in ABS.

### Frontpiece

Big yellow stuff at Penzance. A new siding is being put into Long Rock depot just outside of Penzance station: I watched this road/rail excavator pushing it's own little ballast truck along at quite a speed. Probably the shortest goods train ever.



## SURREY G1MRA GROUP

2016 fixture list as of 12/9/2016



**Surrey group meets second Tuesday afternoons**

**Please refer to your membership list for venues**

Tue 12 Jan	Sutton MEC	13.00	
Fri 15 Jan-Sun 17 Jan London Model Engineer Show: Invicta Track at Alexandra Palace			
Tue 9 Feb	Ken Lowes	13.00	
Sat 20 Feb Bacon Butty Bash, Durrington; Salisbury and Stonehenge Track			
Sat 5 Mar	Oval at Royal Holloway Science Festival	09.00-16.00;	setup Friday 17.00
Tue 8 Mar	GMES	13.00	
Tue 12 Apr	Michael Wrottesley	13.00	
Sat 30 Apr	Oval at G1MRA Spring meeting, Slough	All day;	setup early Saturday
Sat 7 May	Oval at ALSRM show, Reading	All day;	setup early Saturday
Tue 10 May	Martin Hulse	13.00	
Sun 15 May	SMEC 81 <sup>st</sup> exhibition	13.30	
Tue 14 Jun	Ken Lowes	13.00	
Sat 2-Sun 3 July GMES rally			
Set 2-Sun 3 July Gauge 1 South East at The Laurels, Staplehurst			
Tue 12 Jul	Martin Hulse	13.00	
Tue 9 Aug	Bob Boorman	13.00	
Tue 13 Sep	Peter Jackman	13.00	
Sat 24 Sep	Peter Kalinowski	13.00	
Sun 18 Sep	Oval at HH175, Haywards Heath	All day;	setup early Sunday
Tue 11 Oct	Guildford MES	13.00	
Sat 22 Oct	Oval at the G1MRA AGM, Woking	All day;	setup early Saturday
Tue 8 Nov	Sutton MEC	13.00	
Sat 12 Nov	Oval at Dorking	All day;	setup early Saturday
Tue 13 Dec	Bob Boorman	13.00	

### Forward dates for 2017

- Sat 2 June Oval at the G1MRA 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary event, The Fosse, 10.00-17.00  
Sat 14 Oct Oval at the G1MRA AGM, Wood Green Animal Centre *Provisional*