



KENT GROUP

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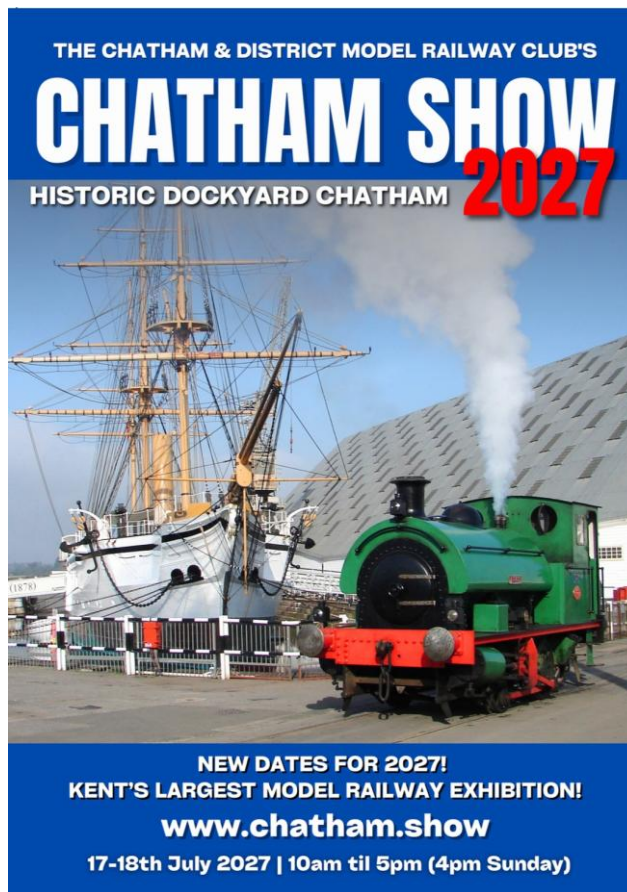
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The group attended the Chatham & District Model Railway Club's Chatham Dockyard Model Railway over the weekend 18th & 19 July 2026 along with over 60 other layouts, societies and traders. The event within the historic dockyard has become one of the largest model railway shows in the South East of England celebrating all things model railways and model engineering. More work on the layout had been carried out improving its appearance from when it was at Tenterden Station on the Kent & East Sussex Railway over the father's day weekend in June.

Although planning has not yet started for their 2027 event, early indications suggest that the group will again be invited to attend this event. Many thanks go to the organisers and their support team for an excellent and event support was second to none.

The dates for the 2027 event are Saturday 17th July 10am – 5pm & Sunday 18th July 2026 10am – 4pm.

Show early entry at 09:30 is often at a surcharge.



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CHARITY OPEN GARDEN AND GARDEN RAILWAY EVENT

Jason Workman & Ruby have again this year opened their garden with garden railway and telecommunications exhibits opened up to members of the general public to raise money for a local hospice as they have in previous years. Their first event was held on Sunday 26 July 2026 and their next will be on Sunday 30th August 2025 between 2-5PM. They live in the Bromley area.

If you are interested and wish to go along to see their garden, garden railway and telephone memorabilia please contact Jason by email jjwayle@googlemail.com

Jason and Ruby thank those who have already visited and help raise £647.10 and they look forward to welcoming members of the group to their garden.



Photo Courtesy of Jason Workman



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KENT GROUP LAYOUT CATCH UP

Contrary to the last Snoozeletter front page, the group was in fact approached after the June newsletter was published by the Kent & East Sussex Railway (K&ESR) to see if the group would like to utilise their events marquee over the whole of the Fathers Day weekend (20/21 June 2026) and would be advertised on their website as an additional activity for their visitors to the railway to see. This approach was accepted and the weekend proved invaluable for running trains and making final tweaks and yet further enhancements to the groups layout.

With the setting up and taking downs practiced at the Tenterden Station events marquee, when it came to setting up and dismantling at the Chatham Dockyard show, the take down was within 30 minutes from running trains to them being packed away along with all the scenery, the layout dismantled and stowed away in the trailer along with members rolling stock being packed in their cars.

AUTUMN INDOOR MEET - 2026

As you may/may not be aware the group usually holds indoor meets, In January (last Sunday of the month) the group holds an indoor meet and running day at Teynham village hall and 2027 will make 30 years of the group booking the venue although Covid restrictions prevented one year. The group until 2023 held an Autumn event in October in the Pratts Bottom village hall, which over the last few years there was more committee members attending than members of the group. It was thought that it may be the location especially with the enlargement of the Transport for London ULEZ area. Then the following two years the October event was held in the Christ Church and its hall in Luton, Chatham. Although there were more members of the public than committee members, committee members still outnumbered members. As a result no venue has been booked for this year and the committee is vote at its next committee meeting as to whether to hold an Autumn event in 2026 due to lack of interest of members.

The questions that come to mind is have these venues been too far to travel by members and where would members like an indoor meet to be held. Naturally venues have to be paid for and until now entry has been free to members of the society as costs have been covered by refreshments and members of the public attending. Looking at the geographics of members locations these have not been too badly located although members in the south of the county have missed out.

If you would like an Autumn 2026 indoor meet in either October/November please let the committee know by email along with which part of the county you would like it to take place. Please email eventskentgscale@gmail.com by 15 August 2026. The committee is here for you!

The Teynham village hall event is booked and confirmed for Sunday 31 January 2027. This will also be the first event of the G Scale Society 40th Anniversary celebrations.



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ALL DIRECTION EVENT – 25 July 2026

Jude, Phil and Ben Maskell were out with the LB&L Line at the All Directions Summer Fair on Saturday 25 July 2026. All directions is a welcoming day center supporting adults with disabilities to thrive with supportive daytime provision in the Dartford area with structured activities, community connections and person-centered support for adults with disabilities.

The Mayor of Dartford attended this event saying there was a fantastic atmosphere with plenty of smiles, laughter and activities bringing everyone together and that it is lovely to see the great work that All Directions does to support and include people within the Dartford Community. The Mayor went on to give a huge thank you to everyone involved with organising the fair and to all those who attended making it such an enjoyable occasion. .

More information can be found at www.alldirections.org.uk



Photo Courtesy of Mayor of Dartford Facebook page



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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
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
Sat 17 Jul 27	Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show	10:00-5:00	<i>(Indicated that will be invited)</i> The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY
Sun 18 Jul 27	Chatham & District Model Railway Club Chatham Dockyard Show	10:00-4:00	<i>(Indicated that will be invited)</i> The Historic Dockyard Chatham, ME4 4TY

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.

NEW TEMPORARY KENTISH G SCALE RETAILERS – PRE-LOVED

The editor has been contacted by the following retailers who have recently received G Scale items for sale including buildings and track. These do not usually stock G Scale so when the items are gone that's it!:

<i>Retailers listed in alphabetical order</i>			
Trader	Address	Telephone No	Comments
Minis Bay	8-10 Station Approach,	07724626073	Apparently mainly American
Hidden Treasure	Birchington CT79RD		outline rolling stock
Invicta Models	130 Station Road,	02083027774	Store Closed 01-15 Aug
	Sidcup DA157AB		2026 (Staff Holidays)

ITEM FOR SALE – Secondhand Starter set as new

LGB Starter steam passenger set (78302) used four or five times and is about 6 years old. Also included is a box of LGB straight track, one extra curve and point section of track. - £200 for further details contact: Contact martin25kent@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
Wed 05 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
Wed 02 Sep 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 12 Sep 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 21 Sep 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 30 Sep 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 10 Oct 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 17 Oct 26	Essex Group Indoor Meet, Salcott Village Hall	10:00-4:00	£5 towards Hall hire and refreshments. CM98HL
Mon 19 Oct 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Wed 28 Oct 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 07 Nov 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Mon 16 Nov 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sun 22 Nov 26	Essex Group Indoor Meet, Salcott Village Hall	10:00-4:00	£5 towards Hall hire and refreshments. CM98HL
Wed 25 Nov 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 05 Dec 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3
Sat 12 Dec 26	Essex Group Indoor Meet, Salcott Village Hall	10:00-4:00	£5 towards Hall hire and refreshments. CM98HL
Mon 14 Dec 26	East Sussex Group Meet Redcoats Orchard	10:00-4:00	Redcoats Orchard, Battle TN33 9DU £3

KENT GARDEN RUNNING DAYS

At the time of publishing this newsletter there has only been one Garden Running day 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.

Members have announced and chatted on the Groups private Facebook Page regarding short notice running days so may be worth you joining the groups page if interested.



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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	12 Broader Court, New Romney TN28 8GN	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.

**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

THE CHATHAM & DISTRICT MODEL RAILWAY CLUB'S

CHATHAM SHOW 2027

HISTORIC DOCKYARD CHATHAM



NEW DATES FOR 2027!
KENT'S LARGEST MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION!
www.chatham.show
17-18th July 2027 | 10am til 5pm (4pm Sunday)



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EDWARD COOK FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS - FRIDAY 14 AUGUST 2026

Edward Cook was the Essex Group Leader until his untimely passing whilst at work on Friday 19th June 2026. His funeral will be held on Friday 14 August 2026 at 10:30am at St Marys Church, Bocking, CM7 5SR.

There will be a wake following his burial, the Wake will be held at: The Bell, Kynaston Road, Panfield CM7 5AQ.

Attire is NO Suits, smart casual, Ipswich town FC top, G Scale society top. No flowers, donations to the Essex Air Ambulance



PHOTOS OF THE GROUP LAYOUT AT CHATHAM DOCKYARD



