

Newsletter

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The gap between newsletters has been much greater than planned and for that, my apologies. The original idea was to alter the publication dates to allow for our trip to Colorado and to issue one at some point in early September. This was not to be and I won't dwell in the past, instead we have a 'Exhibition Special' which is totally dedicated to our upcoming exhibition. If this idea is successful, then maybe we should have a dedicated newsletter to help promote our magnificent Exhibition. It's one of our main dates in the year and you could argue, it is the most important date in our calendar!

I always try to visit the local exhibitions. Because if we don't, there'll simply disappear and we will be left with the big monster and sometimes faceless exhibitions. I recently visited the Furness Model Railway Exhibition in Barrow. It's a good quality exhibition and it only costs five pounds to get in. It is about two thirds less in size than our exhibition, but has some quality exhibits including model boats and planes. But it highlights what is going on in modelling terms in the local area. To me this proves two points, firstly, what good value our exhibition is and secondly, how big and of quality our exhibition is. This is reinforced when you look at what we put on every year to the membership we have in the club. Our exhibition is a credit to all at Southport MRS.

Living in a remote location gives a different perspective to everyday life and model railways is the same. To go and buy things, then you have to put the miles in to get them. Yes, there's the internet and on-line shopping. That's fine and is handy, but recently whilst working on 'Bridge of Kyle', I ran out of rail joiners. I can hear you say, 'how did he let that happen'. But once I got over the shock of a procurement failure of such magnitude, I remembered that the local post office in Broughton doubled as a model railway shop. The postmaster was very helpful and he passed on the website details which includes a much bigger listing than can be fitted into the little post office. He service was warm and friendly, his prices competitive. So the moral of this tale is that even in the countryside, there's modelling opportunities and bargains to be had.

Next month, we will be back to normal with all the usual features. As some of us were lucky to have experienced our latest adventure, I'm sure that some of our tales from America will be featured in the coming months along the way.

Peter :Editor



Dear Visitors, Guests and Members,

Welcome to this our 42nd Annual Exhibition and our first to be held here at Greenbank High School. I hope you will agree this is a fine building. I feel we are very fortunate to be here for our Exhibition. I would like to extend my grateful thanks to Greenbank Governors and Staff, Premises Manger Ged Whittle and his colleagues and all others for their co-operation, assistance and support in the lead up to and in preparation for what you are about to see. Thanks must also go to our Exhibition team, those stalwart fellow members of Southport Model Railway Society who have once again answered the call to put together yet another fine Presentation.

As you will see, this year there is a distinct flavour of Colorado and Rockies style mountain railroads in the visiting layouts which serve to act as a reflection and reminder of our Expedition (sorry, holiday) which a number of SMRS members, including our Exhibition Manager Tony and myself experienced in September this year. I'll let Tony introduce these layouts to you in his address in the pages that follow. Now that our railway pilgrimage is behind us we will return to our regular slot in September and indeed we have already booked to return to Greenbank High School for the weekend 24th - 25th September 2016.

2014 Feedback from Trade and Exhibitors requested that that we observe Remembrance Sunday at 1100. With your support please we shall endeavour to do so.

Returning to the Club and it's activities we continue with ongoing improvements to our premises on Portland Street to ensure comfortable surroundings for our present Members and of course for any future members among you who may be considering joining us. Similarly we have been developing a programme of modelling projects where we might strive for a greater attainment in standards and practices. With such achievements being realised this will allow me to step down as Chairman confident in the knowledge that my successor can go forward with the continued success of the club being assured.

I would finally like to thank you for coming to the show today, for without you there is no show and for allowing me to share in your enjoyment of what we like to regard as one of the best shows in the North West.

Frank Parkinson
Chairman

WELCOME TO OUR 2015 EXHIBITION

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 07th and 08th NOVEMBER 2015

Since we last came together much has changed. This will be our 42nd Annual Exhibition and our first at Greenbank High School. Our trip to Colorado in September was eminently successful. In 2016 we revert to our traditional date of last full weekend in September. Our move to Greenbank opened up opportunities to refresh and reinvigorate. The Halls, their access and public circulation are new to us all so we have included a Schematic which shows the overall configuration and Fire Exits. Our catering mirrors previous years and with greater emphasis on hot food. This is a new location so please bear with us if any issues arise. Over the weekend we will be identifying areas to improve for 2016.

For your pleasure and entertainment we present in excess of twenty Layouts - from Fowey Newbury and Sutton Coldfield, Selby Accrington and Leek, Heysham and Askam-in-Furness, Blaenau Ffestiniog and Abergele as well as from across the North West - Bury, Bolton, Liverpool plus those closer to home in Burscough and Southport.

Our Star attractions are directly related to visiting Colorado – Bear Creek and Shasta. The former, although a fictitious location, is set in one of the many canyons typical of Colorado where mining and logging proliferated. Here you will be able to see fragile wooden trestle bridges curving round mountains, view soaring steel trestles crossing valleys and hear the sounds of steam engines roaring out of rock faced tunnels. Shasta is modern image in the Sacramento River Canyon with torturous curves of Union Pacific's former Espee line through the scenic Shasta sub division seeing long intermodal and merchandise trains

We welcome three new Traders from South Wales, Manchester and here in Southport. Others return from as far afield as Walsall, Durham, Nottinghamshire, Barrow in Furness, Todmorden and Northwich.

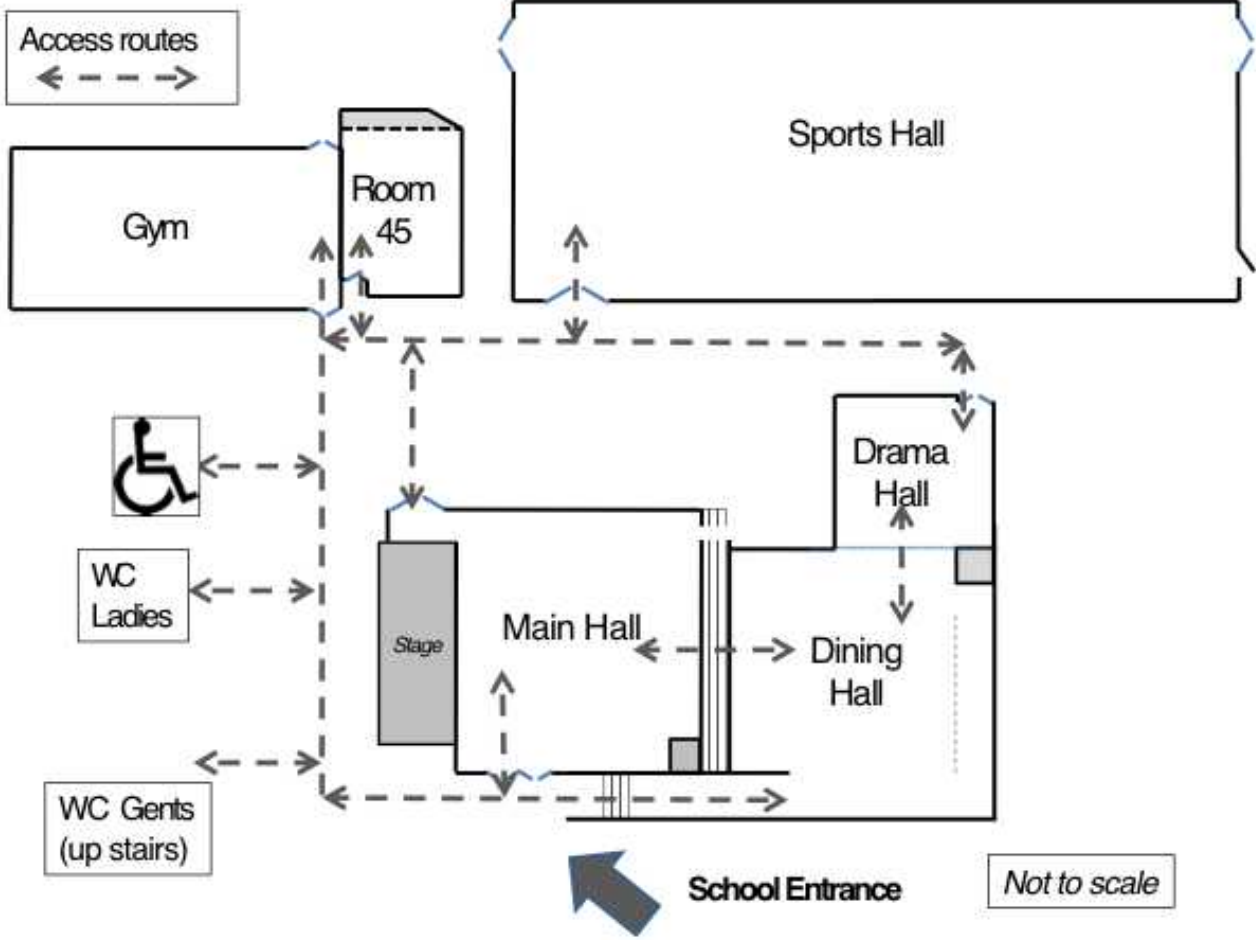
The presentation to you of a wide range of influences from outside the immediate area is our renewed commitment towards excellence and entertainment.

The significant scope and size of our Exhibition does not bear comparison with our very modest number of Members. We like to think that what we lack in quantity we make up for in quality. Our website at www.southportmodelrailway.org.uk includes full listings, views of Club House at 57A Portland Street (which is Grade2 listed) and our weekly activities. We welcome visitors on our Tuesday and Friday Club nights from 7.30pm. Refreshments chat and modelling are always available but please ring [07885 435542](tel:07885435542) in advance so we can be ready to receive you.

Tony Kuivala
Honorary Exhibition Manager

October 2015

Exhibition Floor Plan



Layout listings

Alltwyllt	5.5mm Association	5.5mm quarry shunting on Talylyn
Bear Creek	Sutton Coldfield	HO/HO3 American Narrow Gauge
Black Road	Selby	O Gauge 7mm Live Steam
Delyn-Y-Coed	Leek	3mm 1950's BR
Festive Lane	Accrington	2mm 1980'2 BR
Flossil Quay	Southport	009 Narrow Gauge
Heatherley	Leyland	N Gauge
Hugh Barker	Southport	4mm 1930's LMS/GWR Finescale
Jewel Line	Bolton	00 Gauge 1960's BR
Llanroc	Liverpool	N Gauge 1950's BR
Middleforth	West Lancs Light Railway	16mm Live Steam
Museum of Transport	Heysham	4mm
Namur	Southport	009 1930's Urban Tramway
Railways of the World	Burscough	G Scale
Sandside	Blaenau Ffestiniog	N Gauge Modern Image
Schull	Fowey	4mm OOn3 Irish Narrow Gauge
Shasta	Cumbria	Z Gauge American
Tom's Boatyard	Newbury	5.5mm Narrow Gauge
Trix Twin Mark3	Abergele	OO Original Twix Twin
Wedgewood	Southport	OO Gauge 1960's BR
West Lancs O Gauge	Crosby	O Gauge Test Track
Windmill Farm	Burscough	On30
Yellowthreads Treat	Bury	OO Scale Hong Kong Trams

Trade Listings

5.5mm Association	5.5mm	Cheshire
Barret Steam Models	Gauge 1 Steam	Walsall
Bespoke Signs & Prints	Signs while you wait	St Helens
Country Park Models	Spares & Secondhand	Rhonda
Crafty Hobbies	New & Secondhand	Barrow
Dave's Railway Films	DVD's	Malpass
Direct Train Spares	Rolling Roads & DCC Harnesses	Burnley
Durham Trains of Stanley	New & Secondhand	Stanley
Help for Heroes	Via Southport Hobby Scene	Southport
Laurence Madden	HO Trucks, Cars, G Scale	Manchester
Mad About Trains	New & Secondhand	Workshop
Mega Points Controllers	Point Motors	Northwich
Merseyside Transport Trust	Heritage Buses etc	Burscough
Southport Hobby Scene	Hobby Shop	Southport
Southport MRS	Club Stand	Southport
The Locoshed	New & Secondhand	Todmorden
Trains, Books & Coaches	Books, Loco's Rollingstock	Southport
World in Motion	New & Secondhand	Birkenhead
Society Listings		

5.5mm Association

5.5 mm

Malcolm Savage, Wirral

Society & Demonstration Listings

Brian Davis
The Dem Team
EM Gauge Society
Friends of 502 Group
Friends of Meols Cop
Chris Hewitt
John Ireland
Peter Leyland
L&Y Railway Society
Merseyside Transport Trust
Modellers Clinic
Bob & Gareth Rowlands
OPSTA
Scenic Diaramas
Scenery by Recycling
Southport Model Engineers
Southport Model Railway Society
Tallylyn Railway Society
West Lancs Light Railway
Wigan Exhibition
Windmill Farm Minature Railway

Demonstration
Demonstration
Display/Publicity
Display/Publicity
Display/Publicity
Demonstration
Demonstration
Model/Display
Display/Publicity
Publicity
Show You How
Card Kits & Weathering
Publicity etc
Demonstration
Demonstration
Display, Demonstration & Train Rides
Display/Publicity
Display/Publicity
Display/Publicity
Display/Publicity
Display/Publicity

Wagonloads
John Holden, Fylde
Chris Hewitt, Liverpool
Paul Gorton, Litherland
Alan Fantom, Southport
Liverpool
Stockport
St Helens
Todmorden
Burscough
Dave Greenwood
From Liverpool MRS
Alan Fantom, Southport
John Parkinson
George Nutter
Paul
Mark Churchill, Southport
Tarleton
Wigan
Austin Moss, Burscough

