

The Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society presents:

The 49th Annual Gravesend Model Railway Show



Northfleet School for Girls, Hall Road,
Northfleet, Kent. DA11 8AQ

Saturday and Sunday
2nd & 3rd November 2024

Programme - free

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

*Regular meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday and the second to last Thursday of each month. Meetings start at 7.45pm at:
Emmanuel Baptist Church Hall, Windmill Street, Gravesend, DA12 1BB*

Meetings Programme 2024

Tuesday 5th Nov	My life as a railwayman	Paul Hills
Thursday 21st Nov	Tunnel vision	Colin Brading
Tuesday 3rd Dec	[No meeting – replaced by Christmas meal]	

Meetings/Events Programme 2025

Tuesday 7th Jan	Railway video	
Thursday 23rd Jan	Social evening and quiz	
Tuesday 4th Feb	Solent Railway – part 3	Tony Riley
Thursday 20th Feb	[To be confirmed]	
Tuesday 4th March	[To be confirmed]	
Thursday 20th March	It's time for a PEP talk	George Marcar
Tuesday 1st April	Holiday in Australia	David Hanger
Thursday 17th April	[To be confirmed]	
Tuesday 6th May	[To be confirmed]	
Thursday 23rd May	[To be confirmed]	

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This will be our 50th Model Railway Show and will be bigger, with more layouts and stands

Check <https://www.gres.org.uk/gres-meetings-2025/> for updates.

GRAVESEND RAILWAY ENTHUSIASTS SOCIETY

www.gres.org.uk

Club Officers

*Chair: Elzbieta Marcar
Club Secretary: Brian Puxley
Club Treasurer: Ray Puddy*

Exhibition Officers

*Exhibition Manager: George Marcar
Exhibition Publicity: Elzbieta Marcar*

Introduction

Welcome to the 49th Gravesham Annual Model Railway Exhibition organised by the **Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society**, the eighth at Northfleet School for Girls. As always, our aim is to provide a friendly exhibition, plus we have a good selection of layouts to inspire both the enthusiast and newcomer alike; as well as activities to entertain children. In response to requests, we have a box against each layout and trader to allow you to tick which you have seen, or you may wish to mark your favourite layout for the competition.

Thank you to our guest exhibitors who have brought their models for your enjoyment and a warm welcome to the trade support who have much to offer. When you need a break, we also have hot and cold food and drinks, plus roast lunches on Sunday. A big thank you to Northfleet School for Girls for allowing us to hold our exhibition in 2024.

Please support the Society tombola, which has been helped by some major manufacturers and our guest traders who we thank for their kind donations.

If you live locally and have an interest in railways – real or model, you should consider joining our Society. See the details on the inside cover of this programme or speak to any of our members who will be pleased to assist you.

Please request permission from exhibitors before taking photographs, especially when using a flash be mindful of others. Please don't touch exhibits.

In the event of an emergency, speak to one of our stewards. Follow their instructions for evacuation as well as advice on if/when it is safe to return to the school.

Thank you for coming to our exhibition. We hope you enjoy your visit.

This exhibition is dedicated to the GRES members, friends and family we have lost over the past year.

THE EXHIBITION TEAM

Cover photo: The Gravesham Deputy Mayor and GRES Chair, Elzbieta Marcar, admire Gravesend West - a layout being further developed by GRES. See this at our exhibition (stand 5).

Foyer:

STAND 1: CYRIL KENNETT PRIVATE SALES
TRADE STAND



Private sale of previously owned model railway items - mainly OO gauge locomotives, coaches and wagons; but also, some N gauge and O gauge.

Main Hall:

STAND 2: GRES Stand
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Web: www.gres.org.uk



GRES was formed in 1970 by a group of enthusiasts with an interest in transport and railways in particular. The tradition carries on today, over 50 years later, with interests as diverse as shipping, buses and trams; plus, our two model railway layouts – Gravesend West and Windmill Hill.

We usually hold 20 meetings a year, at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Windmill Street Gravesend, with speakers on a wide range of transport related subjects. There is also the "GRES Journal", published ten times a year and an annual coach outing; plus, visits to other railway and transport sites. Further details appear on the inside cover of the programme.

STAND 3: New Bridge Street – OO Gauge
River Model Railway Club



A busy locomotive shed somewhere in London with a selection of motive power waiting between duties undergoing light maintenance and refueling. Tube trains provide an intensive service at a lower level.

Track and point motors are from Peco; rolling stock is from a variety of manufacturers and kit suppliers.

STAND 4: Windmill Hill – OO Gauge
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Web: www.gres.org.uk



Model railways remain an interest of many of our members and has led to the building of our layout designed for operation by children, Windmill Hill.

STAND 5: Gravesend West – OO Gauge
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Web: www.gres.org.uk



A OO Gauge layout that depicts Gravesend West station and the surrounding area, including freight yard and sidings. It has provided a good starting point to improve and expand into a working layout depicting the second station in Gravesend that once boasted a named boat train from London before the Second World War. Closed to passengers in 1953 and finally to freight in 1968, nothing remains of the station or the extended line to the pier - except the pier itself which may be turned into a visitor attraction. A model of the pier has been constructed as part of the layout.

STAND 6: GRES Modelling Group - Sales Stand
Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society
Web: www.gres.org.uk



The GRES Modelling Group will be selling a number of items, much of it donated by members to generate funds for the modelling group.

STAND 7: SOUTHERN SCALE MODELSTrade stand – Tel: 07999 715887 or Email: Sales@southernscalemodels.co.uk

Southern Scale Models buy and sell all model railway items. We will purchase British, Continental and American railway items - any age, any gauge. We pride ourselves on excellent customer service and after sales care.

STAND 8: GRAVESEND MODEL MARINE & ENGINEERING SOCIETY
Display of Members Models

Gravesend Model Marine and Engineering Society encourage all aspects of model engineering, including model boats, clock and tool making and woodworking skills related to model making. We are pleased to show a selection of members' work comprising of 3.5" gauge and 5" gauge locomotives and rolling stock, as well as stationary engines and other little displays.

We welcome your questions and comments, and new members will be made very welcome at any time.

STAND 9: RON TOTEMS

Trade Stand – Ron Connor

Tel: 07901 731152 or Email: roncsigns@gmail.comWeb: www.modelrailsigns.co.uk/

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STAND 10: CAMBRIAN MODEL RAIL LIMITED

Trade stand - PO Box 85, Greenhithe, Kent, DA10 9DN

Tel: 07539791138 or Email: cmr@cambrianmodelrail.co.ukWeb: www.cambrianmodelrail.co.uk

Manufacturer of plastic injection moulded wagon kits in 4mm and 3mm scales. We stock Gibson Wheels in OO, EM P4/S4 and 3mm. We also mould a wide range of detailing parts for 16mm Narrow Gauge (1:19) and also have a few wagon kits in this scale. In addition to our plastic products we stock a wide range of metal materials. These include straight metal wire in Brass, Nickel Silver, Phosphor Bronze and Soft Iron. Brass profile in Flat, L, T, U, Half Round etc is also available as is thin strip in Brass, Nickel Silver and Phosphor Bronze.

STAND 11: KENT GARDEN RAILWAYSTrade Stand - Tel: 01689 891668 or Web: <http://kentgardenrailways.com/>

We are stockists of most leading brands and offer a worldwide mail order service. See our stand for the latest products.

STAND 12: MODELS U DRIVETrade stand – Tel: 020 8673 4381 or e-mail: tonymud@live.co.uk

Make sure you stop at the MUD stand where you will find plastic and metal profiles, paints, tools and many of those hard-to-find layout building items.



STAND 13: INVICTA MODELS
Trade Stand: 130 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent. DA5 7AB
E-mail: invictamodelrail@btconnect.com
Web: <http://www.invictamodelrail.com/>



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STAND 14: BROOKS MODELS LIMITED
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Web: www.brooksmodels.com



Supplier of Tools, Paints, Glues, Models and General Diorama Materials to Modellers and Model Train Enthusiasts.

**STAND 15: Queen Charlotte Dock & Display – O Gauge
The East Kent O Gauge Group**



Queen Elizabeth Dock is a Finescale O Gauge layout based on the London Docks railway system on the Isle of Dogs. It is a two-tier layout featuring a passenger line running on a viaduct through docklands with dockside sidings and warehouses below.

The layout is DCC and can represent any period during the 20th century until closure of the London Docks in the late 1960s.

STAND 16: CARRIAGE & WAGONS
Trade stand - Tel: 01233 633295 or Email: carriagew@yahoo.co.uk
Web: <http://www.carriageandwagonmodels.co.uk/>



Custom made locomotives, renumbered & weathered Bulleids, Schools, S15s and some LMS, GWR and BR classes. Limited edition wagons exclusive to Carriage & Wagon Models by Dapol. Brand new Hornby, including Skaledale. Pre-owned makes including Bachmann and diecast vehicles

STAND 17: DOUG'S MODEL TOOLS
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Web: <https://www.ebay.co.uk/str/dougsmodeltrainshop>



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Happy to post to most places in the world. If I don't have it, please let me know and I may be able to get it for you.

Outside the Main Hall:

STAND 18: SUPERCAST
Trade Stand – Mike Pett
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Web: www.modelrailwayfigures00.co.uk



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hibitions, etc.

STAND 19: Heathcote Lane (for Heathcote barracks) – N Gauge
Beckenham & West Wickham Model Railway Club



Region: Midland/Western/Southern Interregional

Period: BR; late 1950s - 2000

Locality: Central England, part Warwickshire into Buckinghamshire / Berkshire / Wiltshire

The layout will feature a town or suburb on the left side and a country setting with a MOD Military barracks (Army based) with rail access on the right. This is a prominent feature in the Oxfordshire region and around Salisbury Plain (example - Ludgershall).



STAND 20: SITTINGBOURNE & KEMSLEY RAILWAY
Sales & Publicity Stand - Margaret & Iain Embleton



Web: www.sklr.net

The Sittingbourne & Kemsley Railway is a two-mile remaining section of a former industrial line which used to link the paper mills at Sittingbourne and latterly Kemsley with the docks at Ridham on the Swale estuary, and it was used in conjunction with the papermaking industry.

Trains are usually steam hauled and run every Sunday plus selected Bank Holiday Saturdays and Mondays between Easter and the end of September and on Wednesdays in August. We operate a variety of special events throughout the year. Please visit our stand or see our leaflets or website www.sklr.net for more information. Our staff on the stand will be happy to answer your questions.

**STAND 21: SOUTHERN ELECTRIC GROUP/
4SUB ASSOCIATION**
Sales & Publicity Stand - John Piper/James Pickering/Chris Hurst



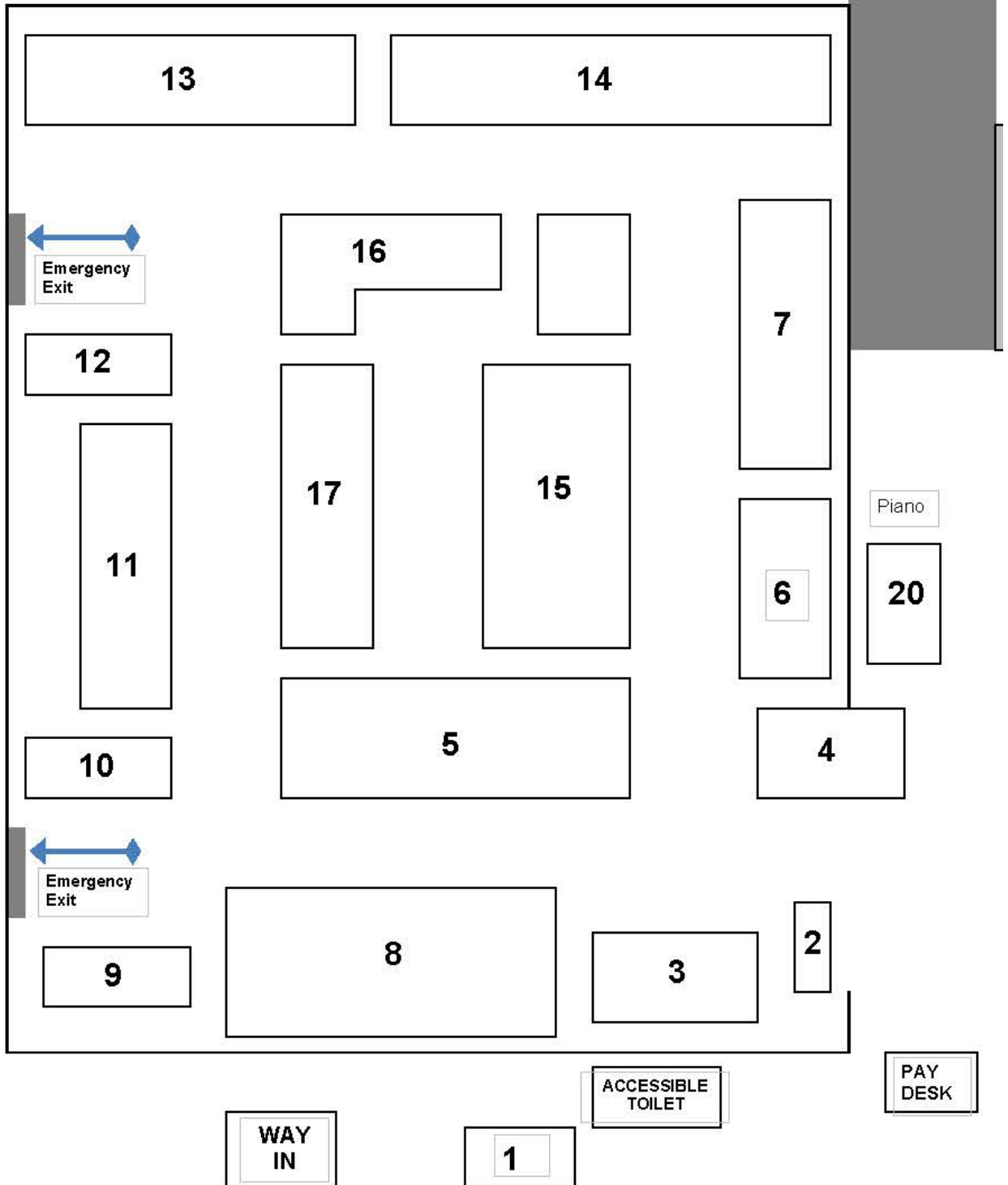
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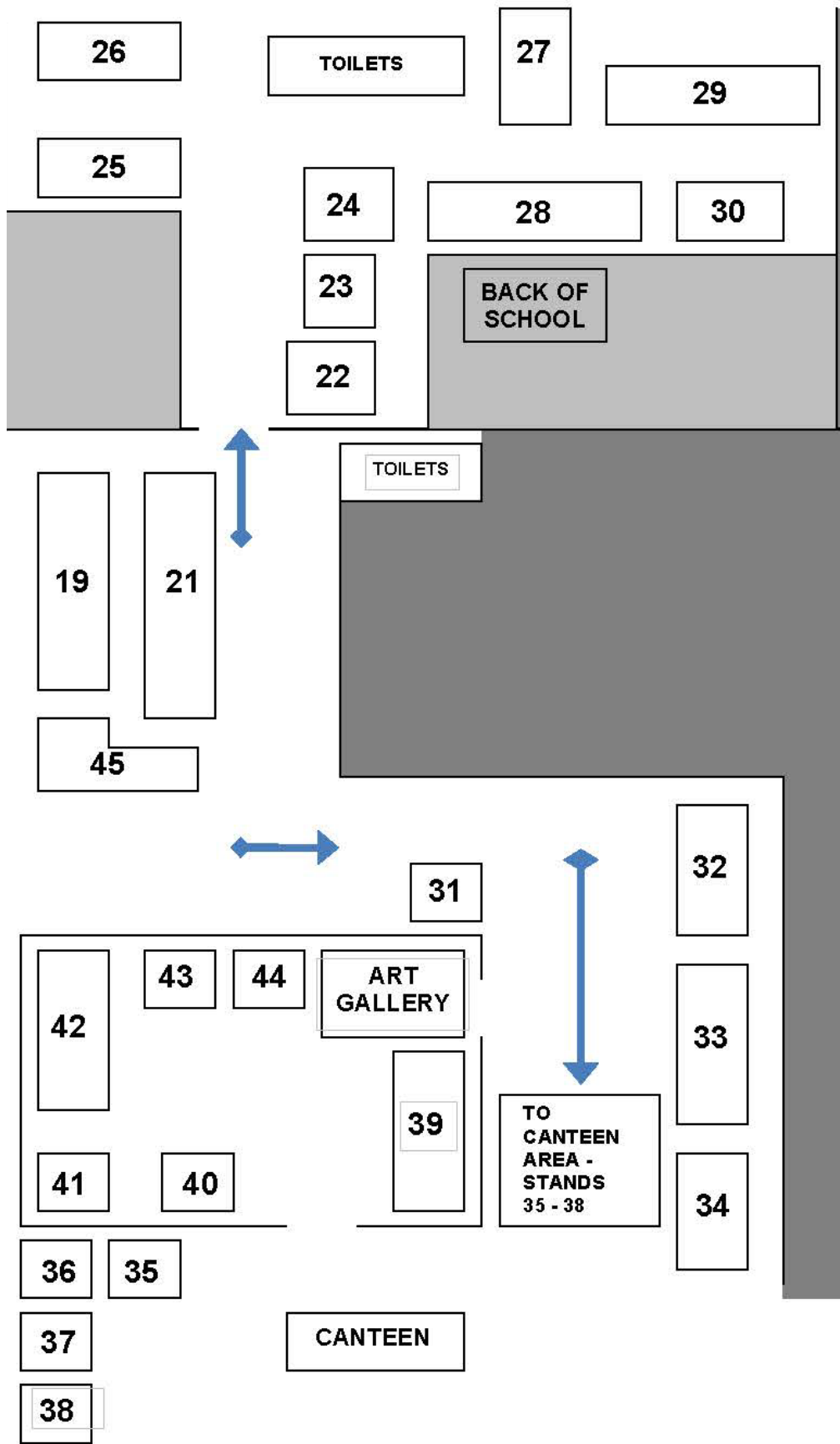
Formed in May 1970, the Southern Electric Group is a UK based, non-profit making organisation for enthusiasts, historians and preservationists of the Southern Electric railway system. The group also has in preservation the only complete, privately owned, express multiple unit train in the UK, 4COR unit number 3142. Visit the website for details.

Web: www.4sub4732.co.uk

The 4-SUB Association (4SA) was formed to promote the project to restore unit 4732. In conjunction with the Heritage Electric Trains Trust, the owners and project managers of 4732, the 4SA's role is to provide support in fundraising, promotion and 'hands on' assistance.

NSFG Main Hall





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- 4 WINDMILL HILL [G]
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Back of the School:

STAND 22: **Jongreg – OO9 Gauge**
Paul King



Jongreg is named after my Dad who originally built the layout. I have decided that its history is that of a small village with just a halt style shelter and a cattle dock. Two lines enter the halt from a tunnel, the line changes to single line and goes round behind the scenery. There is a siding for the wood yard and an engine shed for a loco. Built almost to the same principles of Colonel Stephens, has allowed me to run an eclectic range of stock. There is no set year for this but probably late 1940s/early 1950s.

STAND 23: **Japan in bloom – N Gauge**
Tomohiro Oxborrow



Set in the late 1980's - early 1990's Japanese countryside in spring, this layout has cherry blossoms, mini shrines, rice fields, bamboo bushes, a thatched water wheel, traditional tile-roofed houses etc: all the nostalgic elements you could expect from the era are packed into a small space of 50 x 90cm. I started designing and creating this layout when I was 7 years old with the help of my parents and it took me about three years to finish. It does not represent any particular village but is loosely based on the area where my grandparents live: Yamanashi Prefecture, where Mt Fuji is. The ridge with cherry blossoms is inspired by the very famous trainspotting location in the area where many train fans come to take pictures from across Japan. The train on the layout (キハ 110 形 100 番台) is exactly the same model as the ones that ran and are still running on the Koumi Line which goes to the point of highest elevation in the whole Japanese Railway network. From my grandparents' house in Japan, I can always see these trains passing by. Operation-wise, trains can be moved around with a standard controller or if you fancy pretending to be an actual driver, you could try my very realistic controller with a brake handle, an accelerator, a pressure gauge, a speed meter and even a horn. So please come to my stand and "See it, Savour it, Sorted!"

STAND 24: **Hawin Doorey – OO9 Gauge**
East Grinstead Model Railway Club Juniors



Hawin Doorey lies at the end of a fictional spur branching off of the narrow gauge Skarloey Railway on the Isle of Sodor and takes its name from the nearby river, which itself was given the name Hawin Doorey (Black River) due to the slate that forms its bed.

The spur is located at the beginning of the Skarloey Valley and leaves the main route of the railway between Glennock and Rheneas just after it crosses over the Hawin Doorey river for a second time before it enters a tunnel. The spur heads off north-east to reach the foot of the hills to serve a slate quarry where it then curves right, forming a horseshoe or U shape, to reach the station.

The station was originally just sidings for the empty and full slate trucks and an engine shed but due to workers cottages built nearby a limited passenger service was offered and once locals and tourists started to use it to visit the surrounding hills and woodlands the site was rebuilt with a station which retained the engine shed at its southern end.

As the station is located before the rise into the hills a long scenic road connection was built from the nearest built-up town of Ballahoo which then gave tourists crossing from the mainland by car, or on coach trips, at Vicarstown a route to visit the valley



STAND 25: HARRISON-BROWN MODELS
Trade Stand: E-mail: harrisonbrownmodels@yahoo.co.uk
Web: <http://www.harrisonbrownmodels.co.uk/>



You will find new and second-hand rolling stock, vehicles, kits, scenic items and a wealth of other collectables.

STAND 26: M.R.D.
Trade Stand – Mob: 07803 229235 or e-mail: davidwills@hotmail.co.uk



On this stand you will find a good selection of quality pre-enjoyed model railway items, including diecast toys.

STAND 27: EUROSCALE MODELS
Trade Stand – Tel: 01843 834540 or e-mail: euroscalemodels@gmail.com
Web: www.euroscalemodels.co.uk



Our enthusiastic staff, who are modellers themselves, will be pleased to discuss your requirements and offer advice. Our prices are competitive and we appreciate your interest in our products. We hope to see you at the stand or we can be contacted as above. We accept cash, all major credit cards or PayPal for payment. Goods can be collected from us by prior arrangement.

We stock (or can quickly obtain) Antex, Atlas, Busch, DCCConcepts, Deluxe Materials, Faller, Fleischmann, Gaugemaster, Herpa, Hobbytrain, Hornby International, Jagendorfer, Kato, Kibri, Lemke, Lenz, Mehano, Noch, Oxford Diecast, Piko, Pola, Preiser, Roco, Seuthe, Tillig, TrainSave, TrainTech, Viessmann, Vollmer & Wiking.

STAND 28: Plant City – HO Gauge
Andrew Browne



The City of PLANT CITY is located in central Florida, USA, the potato spur is located just to the west of the City, near the airport, on the CSX Corporation main line to Tampa. This spur serves, the Florida Potato and Onion Company, which receives reefer cars of potatoes and onions for distribution by road, the second rail served customer is Builders First Source, who receive car loads of timber for their engineered wood products business, the third customer is Triest Irrigation, which receives tank cars of pesticides for distribution by road, there is also a secure railroad car storage compound for off spot tank cars.

The model is built to HO scale 1/87, and is set between 2008, when Incryo Systems facility opened and 2015 when Triest Irrigation stopped receiving tank cars, their siding now looks out of use. I have tried to model this location as accurately as possible, based mainly on Google street view and a video. The width is scale but the length has been reduced by 40%, with some selected cutting out.

STAND 29: Gravesdown South – OO Gauge
Brian Tamplin



In the past the layout has been exhibited in the Kent and Home Counties with the area portrayed the Bristol area in the Diesel Hydraulic era however, by way of a change will be exhibited this time in the Network South East and BR Southern Era, using appropriate Locomotives and Non Third Rail rolling stock The layout provides light servicing, fuelling and turn-around facilities for a larger station and freight yard further up the line, and a small station provides a transport link for the local community. The locomotives and DMU's are DCC controlled using NCE equipment, with points operated by usual methods

STAND 30: EUROSCALE MODELSTrade Stand – Tel: 01843 834540 or e-mail: euroscalemodels@gmail.comWeb: www.euroscalemodels.co.uk

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Approach to Canteen:**STAND 31: GRES TOMBOLA**

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The Society's tombola has many varied prizes to suit all members of the family from railway goodies to timely Christmas presents, some of which have been kindly donated by our traders and the following major companies: Hornby Hobbies, Middleton Press, Royal Engineers' Museum (Gillingham) and TY. Proceeds go towards the promotion and preservation of items of railway interest.

STAND 32: ANDY LYNCH**TRADE STAND - Tel: 01634 573326**

A good range of previously enjoyed model railway items for sale, in various makes and gauges. Your surplus items, sets and collections always wanted. Home visits arranged.

STAND 33: K & C Trains**Keith & Chris Porter**

Stephenson's Rocket, 1/8th F1 cars, 1/32nd scale Aircraft, Science Fiction models

Canteen Area:**STAND 34: DOUBLE O GAUGE ASSOCIATION**

Colin Snowdon & Paul Jupp



We are the organisation catering for both new and veteran railway modellers working in 4mm scale using a track gauge of 16.5mm – the most common for models of UK prototypes. Our objectives are:

- To welcome all modellers with an interest in OO
- Demonstrate that OO is a viable gauge for serious modellers
- Promote and advance common standards with OO
- Liaise with manufacturers to achieve our aims
- Promote closer ties with all railway modellers
- Have fun with model railways

As well as our quarterly magazine, joining DOGA gives you access to a member-only, SPAM free email discussion forum.

STANDS 35/38: Display & Sales

Southwark & District Model Railway Club



Southwark & District MRC have a display of some of the models built by their members and may be able to demonstrate some building techniques. They also have some stock for sale, much of it donated by their members to generate funds for the club.

STAND 36: Shillingstone – N Gauge

Richard Marley, Southwark & District Model Railway Club



The layout is designed as a tribute to Shillingstone station in Dorset, the North Dorset Railway Trust (who restored it) and the Somerset & Dorset Joint Railway. It incorporates scale models of the station buildings and other railway related buildings at Shillingstone. There are two main track circuits with passing loops behind the backscene. There are also sidings for a goods yard, cattle dock and coal yard. The associated scenery depicts a village with a church and neighbouring farm. Unlike the real S&DJR, my railway continued to operate under the Southern Region and carried on into the diesel era.

STAND 37: Locomotive Graveyard – OO Gauge

Steve Rogers, Southwark & District Model Railway Club



Loco Graveyard is a modern image scrap yard of older diesel and electric locomotives that have come to the end of their working lives. The scrap yard also deals with old coaching stock and goods wagon stock, with some small old rail cutting service.

Art Gallery:**STAND 39: Aquarium to Blackrock (Volks Electric Railway) – OO9 Gauge**

Noel Dolimore & Kevin Trump



Situated on the beach alongside Brighton's Madeira Drive, is the oldest operating electric railway in the world, built by Magnus Volk and opened in 1883 and still running to this day. The route is approximately one mile long, with three stations along its length. The Layout is intended to convey the flavour of the railway, with sections showing it as it was from the 1970's to 2016, when the layout was completed, and shows most of its features to that date. The 'trains' running on the layout show examples from the 1800's through to the present day, all designed by Derek Smith and 3D printed. They are all powered by the popular Kato 103/104 chassis. The layout being fully battery operated, each controller containing 4 AA batteries.

STAND 40: The Locomotive Doctor

Perry Osborne



Got a problem with your model locomotive? Let Perry take a look to see if it can be fixed.

STAND 41: Card kit building and pictures to colour-in

Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society



While taking a break, have a go at building a card kit – kindly donated by Metcalfe Models – and children can colour-in a picture. Prizes will be awarded for the best pictures.

STAND 42: A load of balls

Bob Vine



Useless but amusing mechanical contraptions for the appreciation of the mechanically minded

STAND 43: Ballyconnell Road – 3mm gauge
Stephen Moor



Welcome to the Irish Riviera. County Sligo with its wonderful beaches, Atlantic rollers and the barytes mining operations brought the railway to this part of Ireland in 1866. Now it's 1955 and the few tourists and remnants of the barytes industry barely justify continued operation of this distant outpost of the international Great Northern Railway of Ireland,

Our circular baseboard is cut from 9mm ply with ply bracing and supported on 1 "xl" legs. The circle comprises 6 separate units that bolt, with end boards, into 3 pairs for transport in two cars. With Train control (DC), point motors (Tortoise), Electromagnetic uncouplers (Seep) and servo drivers (Merg) for signal operation there is a lot of wire underneath, using 25-way connectors across the joints. Scenery is built on usual plaster base with Woodland Scenics detail. The roadway incorporates a modified "Faller" road system. Buildings are scratchbuilt in plastic sheet or Das covered ply. Locomotives and stock are either scratchbuilt or modified kits and use B&B couplings. Track is mainly typical British bullhead using 3mm society rail, plastic chairs and wooden sleepers - all quite suitable for Irish 5'3" gauge.

All this in 3mm: 1 foot (1:101.6) scale, on 15.75mm gauge (no, not "00") and presented to you by Andrew Shillito, Mick Rawlings, Stephen Moor and Laurence Hendry.



STAND 44: A day at the circus – 1/50th Scale
Tony Rowe



A 1/50th scale model of a typical 1960s circus, including sound and light effects. Corgi collection and scratch-built vehicles.

STAND 45: THE BRITISH 1:87 SCALE SOCIETY
David Alexander



For over twenty-five years our Society has been supporting members modelling British and Irish railways in the world's most popular scale, using 16.5mm track gauge and 1:87 scale (3.5mm/ft).

An internet group forum is available for all members to discuss ideas. Join the Society for free via our website: www.british-ho.com

All information is correct at the time of going to press. However, the organisers cannot be held responsible for unforeseen changes in the format of the exhibition.



Gravesend Railway Enthusiasts Society

Membership of the Society costs £20.00 a year. For your subscription you get:

- 20 meetings per year with guest speakers and social events.
- Ten issues per year of our magazine "GRES Journal"
- Free entry to the GRES Model Railway Exhibition
- Visits to places of Railway Interest*
- Annual coach outing*
- Annual Christmas/New Year Travelcard day out*
- Access to the GRES railway modelling group*

* at small additional cost.

Past meetings have included the following topics:

- Railway curiosities
- SER Main line from Charing Cross to Dover
- Disused London Underground Stations
- How the railways changed our lives

Previous events have included:

- A Travelcard day out
- Participation in the Pratts Bottom (Orpington) Model Railway Exhibition
- Coach Outing to the Foxley Railway Museum (the late Bill McAlpine collection)

Please fill in the details below if you would like to join us, and our membership secretary will be in touch. Please post to: Ella Marcar, GRES Chairman, 127 Gordon Road, Strood, Rochester, Kent. ME2 3HH

Alternatively, select the following link: <https://www.gres.org.uk/become-a-member/>

Membership fee becomes due after attending the first society meeting

Name

Address

E-Mail

Phone No.

Age (if under 16)

The 50th Gravesend Model Railway Show



ON

Sat 1st November 2025 - 10am to 5pm

Sun 2nd November 2025 - 10am to 4pm

AT

Northfleet School for Girls

Hall Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8AQ

Windmill Hill – Children's layout owned by GRES



- **Fully accessible venue**
- **Close to A2 & Bluewater**
- **Free parking on site**
- **Greater variety of exhibits and traders**
- **Hot & Cold food/drinks**
- **Roast dinner on Sunday**
- **Linked by local bus services, serving Gravesend/Ebbsfleet**

Standard rate (cash or card*): £6.00

Accompanied children under 16: Free

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