

THE DISTANT SIGNAL

EAST ANGLIAN GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

Hi,

Leading on from Richards last newsletter, I have volunteered to breach the gap for the foreseeable future.

My name is Glen Brooks, some of you may have seen me at Bressingham from time to time and I hope to make your further acquaintance in the future. I moved to the area some 4 years ago and luckily quite literally stumbled upon the railway at Bressingham by accident, not at first realising that it was upstairs at all.

I then attended the Garden railway show event and I was hooked, not being a club member type of person I was relieved to enjoy the freestyle that exists in the group, many thanks to Richard Copperwheat and Keith Froom for their encouragement and cake. I started as many do I guess with my first engine a Ragleth, and had a lot of fun; I am now in the position where I can build and modify engines which is an added dimension to the hobby.

My main running time is spent at Bressingham and happily the Sundays are typically very well attended, interestingly I had a chance to run on a Saturday recently and was surprised at the level of interest and volume of general public which came on that day. Many were season ticket holders with children and commented that they came most weeks but rarely see the layout working, so perhaps there's a thought to us as a group, if you get the opportunity do try running on Saturdays also.

I hope you will all agree with me that the Facility at Bressingham is exceptional for the group to have a permanent layout to use whenever the museum is open. So I do encourage people to make the most of it, There are some simple guidelines for the layout attached so please do come and entertain the public and of course enjoy yourselves.

Just a reminder that the Anglia Garden Railway show is on 13th August at Bressingham, and there will be a time slot board operating to ensure smooth running on the day, so if you intend running please place your equipment in the lobby area just inside the layout side door so as to not clutter up the working area, and put your name down, hope to see you there.

One last thing if you do put your name down to run, please do so as we have had no shows previously which disrupts the event.

So there we are, I hope to include some info. on events / happenings etc. and the odd photo if submitted, nothing elaborate just to add a bit of interest and a short note on the Garden Railway show in August, quickly followed by the Middy Steam Gala, where we are running on a sectional layout loaned by my son Tim,

Happy steaming....

Open Meetings

Dates of open meetings and other relevant events in our area follow, please remember to ring a few days before the event to check it's still on and to confirm your attendance. If you are thinking about hosting an open meeting can you please let me know the date(s) even if they are only tentative.

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Sun 24th July – Selby Gunning at Dereham- 01362 692453 – 2pm to 5pm

SAT 30th July – Philip Burkill at Reydon – 01502 723152 – noon to 5pm

This is a charity steaming in aid of the Southwold Lifeboat

Sun 7th Aug – Steve Kite at Shipdam - 01362 820847 – 2pm to 5pm

Sat 13th Aug – East Anglian Garden Railway Show at Bressingham

10th & 11th Sept – Mid Suffolk Light Railway Gala

Sun 25th Sept – Mike Thorpe at Diss (45mm gauge) - 01379 650657 - 11am – 5pm

Sun 9th Oct – Eddie Bull at Brinkley – 01638 507495 – 1pm to 4pm

Garden meetings are a large part of our group and are the occasions at which we gather with our like-minded friends. The host will go to a lot of time and trouble to hold a garden meeting so it's only fair to bear a couple of things in mind:

- Please phone (before the day of the event) to check that it's still on and say that you're going. It's very difficult for the lady of the house to cater for people if she has no idea how many are going to turn up
- Offer a sensible donation to the host for refreshments – say £1 as a minimum? Where else can you get that much fun for £1? Some hosts pass these donations to a charity of their choice.

Suffolk and Borders Light Railway at Bressingham

If this is your first visit, you are most welcome; if a return, then good to see you again. Thanks for your support.

Bressingham ask us to sign in at the office behind the café, presumably so that they know who is on site in the event of an emergency. If you have not yet done so, please pop across the way in order to sign in as soon as you can. We also have our own book, kept above the tunnel, so that we know (and have the evidence) as to how much the circuit is used. Please enter your name whenever you attend. Thank you.

The steaming up area for the outside track is at the rear of the layout, for the inside track both at the rear and next to the locoshed. Anyone working there, steaming up, servicing a loco or just running a train, is encouraged to speak to members of the public, in fact we all are, to try to encourage more to join the hobby and to increase public awareness of the 16mm Association.

When running, please be considerate of others i.e. it is your responsibility to ensure that your train does not collide with another, to remove your rolling stock if it is in the way, and so on. Common sense really. You are more than welcome to use the slate wagons resident at the layout.

Finally, there is no funding for the layout, its maintenance or development, other than is contributed by those using it. If therefore you have enjoyed steaming your train here, please consider making a small donation. There is a tin lid under the circuit, roughly under the rear steaming area. Thank you.

Above all, have a good time!

For Sale

Swift Sixteen, Tin Turtle with battery and Timdon radio control £135.

Tanker £20. Bogie Wagon £20. Gunpowder Wagon £10. Open Wagon (with coal) £8.

Anyone interested to contact me. TEL 01362 692453 or email me on sellin40@btinternet.com

I will be attending Bressingham on the 13th so could bring along if that's okay.

