

# MERG South Hampshire Area Group



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## Who are the leaders of the group?



Chris Barker - Leader  
Stuart Burgess - Deputy Leader

## Would you like to join today?



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## How do you meet?

Whilst restrictions are in place, we are using Zoom video calls.

Previously we met at the Southampton Model Railway Society (SMRS). Meeting Venue: Unit 1b, Kemps Quay, Quayside Road, Southampton, SO18 1BZ.

Evening meetings took place on the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Workshop days normally take place on the 3rd Saturday of each month, unless we are representing MERG at an exhibition.

The club room is well equipped with several work benches, an open area with a 50" screen that can be used for presentations and discussions, plus catering and toilet facilities.



It is situated on the first floor of an industrial unit. Access is by stairs but unfortunately there is no lift.

The meetings are flexible: You can build, test and fault find your electronic modules. Chris can assist you in developing your soldering skills. We can program the PICs used in MERG designs and have some basic test facilities for CBUS modules and DCC loco decoders and accessories. Presentations are welcome, and advice and guidance always available.

We are assisting in rebuilding one of the Southampton MRS exhibition layouts to enhance its operational capabilities and possibly add some animations.

The layout is being controlled by MERG CBUS and DCC modules. It will be controlled using route selection from a single control panel and one or two CANCEBs will be used for loco control.

## And the Next Meeting?

Date	Event	Description	Location	Link
19:30 16-May	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
09:30 18-May	09:30 BST South Hants Saturday Workshop		Southampton Model Railway Society clubroom	
19:30 23-May	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
19:30 30-May	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
19:30 06-Jun	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
19:30 13-Jun	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
19:30 13-Jun	19:30 BST South Hants AG Merg Live Meet.		Southampton Model Railway Society clubroom	
10:00 15-Jun	Southampton Model Railway Society Open Day		Kemps Quay	
19:30 20-Jun	19:30 BST South Hants AG Zoom Call		Online Zoom Meeting	
09:30 22-Jun	09:30 BST South Hants Saturday Workshop		Southampton Model Railway Society clubroom	

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We just missed the Southampton show, despite an extra session working on the control system. The scenic section is a complicated layout with three interconnected reversing loops using DCC unfriendly points, so accurate timing and sequencing is required to avoid shorts.

## Scheduled meetings

### All meetings cancelled until further notice

The **July 2020** meetings will be on:

The evening of Thursday 9th July starting at 7.30pm. The club will be open from 7pm.

The all day workshop will be on Saturday 18th July. The club will be open from 09.45am.

The **August 2020** meetings will be on:

The evening of Thursday 13th August starting at 7.30pm. The club will be open from 7pm.

The all day workshop will be on Saturday 15th August. The club will be open from 09.45am.

## Exhibitions

If you cannot get to the meetings, you can come and meet us at one of the following exhibitions where we will be manning the MERG stand.

### Portsmouth Model Railway Exhibition - **Postponed**

Saturday 4th April 10:30 - 18:00 and Sunday 5th April 10:30 - 16:30

At Mountbatten Leisure Centre, Portsmouth, Hampshire, PO2 9QA

### expoEM Spring 2020 - **Cancelled**

Saturday 16th May 10:30 - 17:30 and Sunday 17th May 10:00 - 16:30

At Bracknell Leisure Centre, Bagshot Road, Bracknell, RG12 9SE.

### Fareham and District MRC Annual Exhibition **CANCELLED**

Saturday 3rd October 10:30 - 17:00 and Sunday 4th October 10:00 - 16:00

At Fareham Leisure Centre, Park Lane, Fareham, PO16 7JU.

### Farnham and District MRC Annual Exhibition **CANCELLED**

Saturday 10th October 10:30 – 17:00 and Sunday 11th October 10:00 – 16:00  
At Alderwood Leisure Centre, Tongham Road, Aldershot, GU12 4AS.

## Contacts

Contact Chris for more information [via profile page](#)

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For more information on the Southampton MRS, go to their Web site [SMRS website](#)

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