



Christmas 2022

Welcome to the Christmas edition of the GRail. With a blink of an eye summer has passed us by and here I am putting finger to keyboard following our December/Christmas meet last Saturday(10 December). Firstly I would like to thank everyone who came and joined in the festivities on Saturday despite the weather, as I know some of you had to endure the years first snow. Sadly some members were unable to attend due to family and other commitments, but we still had a great turn out. Lots of trains were run, including some Christmas trains to add to the atmosphere leading up to what can only be called a magnificent feast of delights laid on by Chris Milichamp and Marion Turner. A buffet including curry, salmon, turkey with all the trimmings followed by scrumptious deserts of all varieties, made the day just perfect. Not only was the day enjoyed by everyone present, but your donations on the day including a raffle raised the magnificent sum of £240 for 'Chris's charity...The Alzheimer's Society'. After our meet Chris messaged me and asked that I pass on her Thanks to you all for your donations on the day which helped

Chris give the charity a total of £400 including recent donations to a cake stall Chris ran at a charity fete.

So again....THANK you CHRIS and MARION for making our day a special one....and THANK YOU ALL for making our last meet of 2022 a memorable one.

2023 Club meet dates

Saturday 14 January

Saturday 11 February

Saturday 11 March

Saturday 8 April

Saturday 13 May (Llangollen Garden Railway festival) Possible date change due to show?

Saturday 10 June

Saturday 8 July

Saturday 12 August

Saturday 9 September

Saturday 14 October

Saturday 11 November

Saturday 9 December

Information

New club layout

Unfortunately since the last edition of the GRail there are no further updates on progress of the new layout as we are unable to confirm as yet to the status of the New Store room. Roy has sent the following pictures of the boards that have been constructed so far:



Future Events 2023

LLANGOLLEN
GARDEN RAILWAY FESTIVAL
www.lgrf.co.uk

THE 2023 FESTIVAL
May 13th - 10am till 4.30pm

Building on from the success of last year's festival we are delighted to announce that we're doing it all again.

So why not come and join us and enjoy your day looking at all the stands and layouts using different scales & gauges within garden railways.

We have got together one of the largest selection of traders available so you should be able to find that something special you were looking for.

BUY YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO GAIN EARLY ACCESS FROM 10AM
(on the day tickets sales start at 10.30am)



Llangollen Pavilion, Abbey Road, Llangollen, LL20 8SW
www.lgrf.co.uk

As this event falls on the same day as our May club meet I will speak to Tony and see if we can rearrange our May date so there is no date conflict....watch this space.

December/Christmas Meet 2022 Pictures





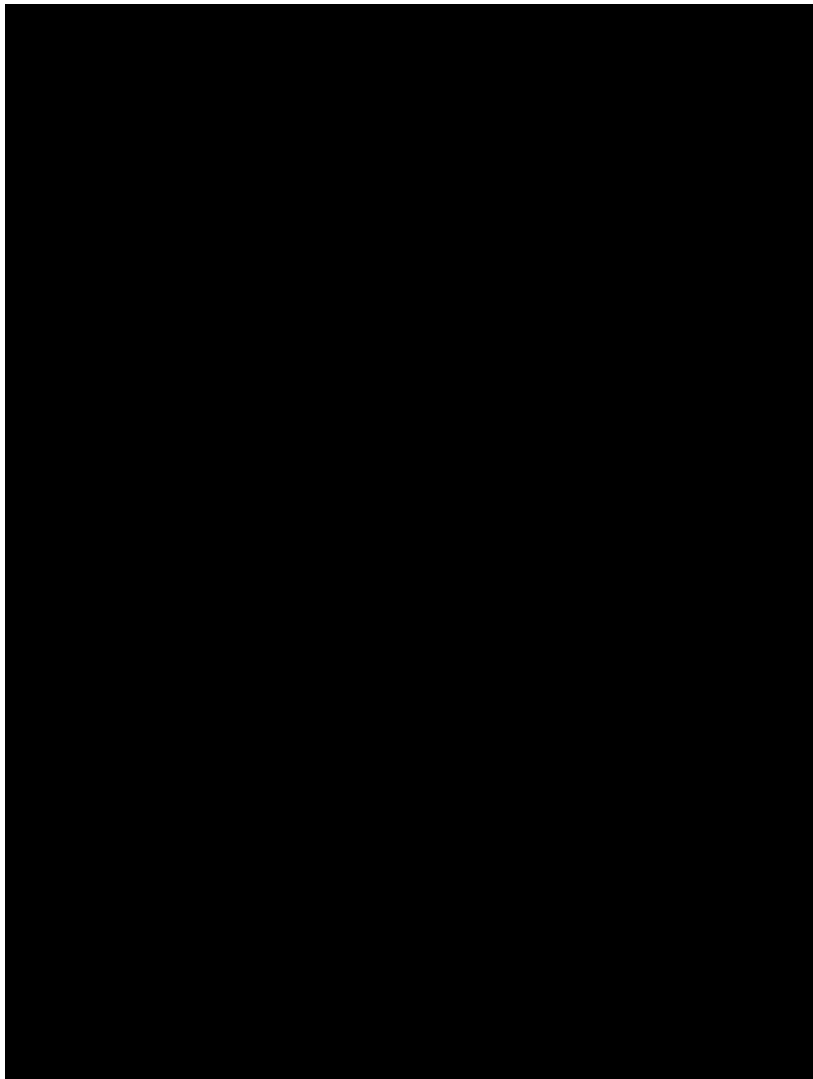
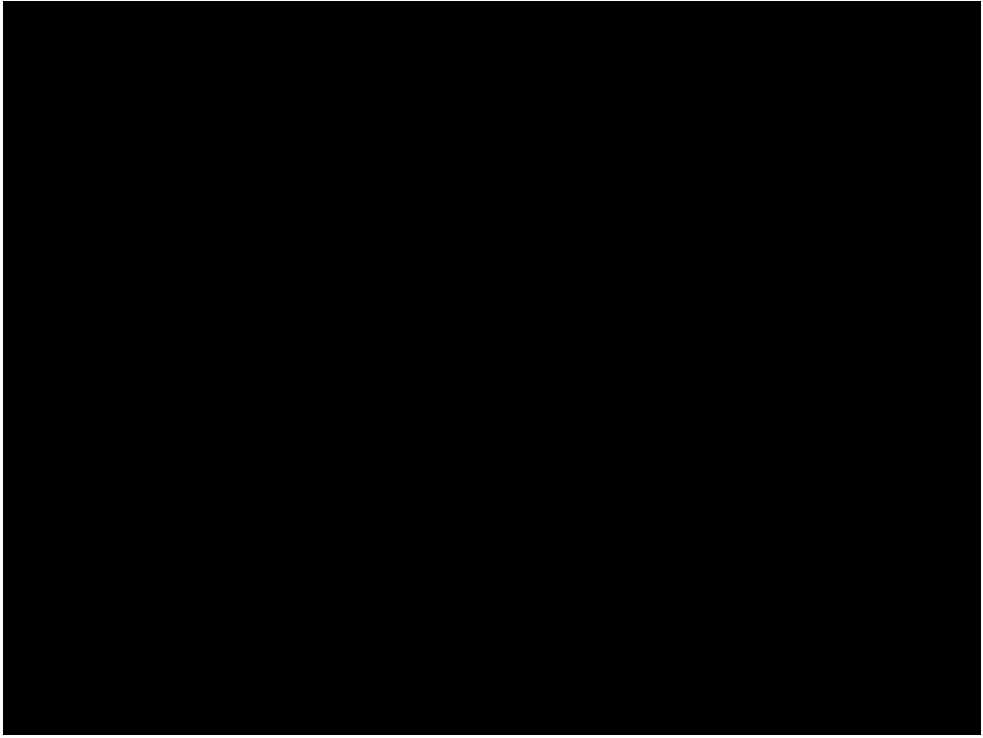












Members Pictures & Projects

Pictures sent in from Colin (swampy)



Sweeping the leaves up this morning only for the peace to be shattered by the sound of 20 cylinders at work .



Signal Maintainer 40 stopped MR 356 after having concerns over the height off the load off logs from Hilditch Lumber Corp who have been pushing for more and more movement of Lumber to the front room fire .

After much discussion it was decided to call out a couple of Smurfs from the Pacific Electric Line Crew to monitor the train through the lowest sections of the Overhead Line . Dispatch told the Train to proceed with the Engineer in constant Communication with the Linemen who were riding the train forward . It seemed initial concerns were indeed justified



and the train was halted again , Now being a Saturday and Unable to raise any management at PE office and also unable to get any off the Snedding Crew who were no doubt playing cards in the Mess Room on the horn to bring a chainsaw the Smurfs came through by climbing on the load and pulling the Wire to one side with there insulated poles while Engineer Kowalscy eased the train clear .

Bit Risky but it was job and knock and they needed to get back to the Pub for Happy Hour. The Train left the Turkey Creek Subdivision to the comment that it was alright when it left us .

So much for renewable s that thing did 6 gallons an hour in while they were playing cards in the Caboose , I ask Ya !



BN 4087 running around its train before taking forward to our front room. Will the ageing Alco have what it takes to shift this lot especially around Copper Beech Curve ?



I like this shot from the office window. One of my favorites this loco. I got the paint just right .



Assistance was indeed required ,a much cleaner GE demonstrator 2501 pushes from the rear to make the climb to Joan's Junction , The plus side of the rear helper was there was now need for complex switching before the return trip ,so two loads were squeezed into one day .

Christmas at the Mission



Pictures from Steve T:

One man's cancellation is another's early Xmas present, only just arrived. It has a number of parts that have to be fitted. Despite the fine weather not been on the track as yet.





Yes finally a photo on the rails! No video as yet though, need a second pair of hands for that. As can be imagined she runs well but light engine, reacts to the bends. Weather not consistent enough to get any stock out yet.



Sales and Wants

Just a reminder that if anyone has any train items for sale, or are looking for a particular item, please do let me know so I can let all our members know, either here in our GRail or via one off emails etc within our group.

Wants

I am personally looking for the outer case for the LGB Jumbo 10 amp transformer. Sadly mine was damaged while in the post a few years ago. If anyone can help please get in touch:

Webmasters Report

Our website is at : <http://gscalesociety-mwmgroup.co.uk/> Ian, our webmaster has added a new link to the Home page to make it easier to find back copies of the GRail. Quite a number of back copies have been added lately but we are still missing some. If you have any copies of the GRail, either in paper or electronic form, dating before October 2013 apart from December 2012, October 2012 and July 2012 , could you please contact Ian either at the email address below or possibly at the clubroom.

As we have a number of new members can I suggest that they take the time to visit the site which is there for MW&M group members to use as they wish to promote the G Scale cause and our group. We need more content on the site. This can be anything on the subject such as photos (with descriptions), articles about railways, railway tours or construction, ideas for railways, stock modifications, advice or experiences on any related subject etc. The possibilities are limitless. In the past a "For Sale" page has been suggested - would any of you be interested in that? The site

can be easily expanded to accommodate anything you would like to see included or offer for publication. 12 Sales & Wants Just a reminder that if anyone has any train items for sale, or are looking for a particular item, please do let me know so I can let all our members know, either here in our GRail or via one off emails etc within our group. Wants I am personally looking for the outer case for the LGB Jumbo 10 amp transformer. Sadly mine was damaged while in the post a few years ago. If anyone can help please get in touch: If there is anyone who wants to have a complete site dedicated to them and their railway that's possible within the site as well. Any submissions or ideas for expanding and improving the site will be gratefully accepted. Feel free to comment on what's there already as well – It's your site. Submissions in any format can be used. If you need any assistance getting material ready just ask. Please don't include personal details such as phone numbers or addresses. Use the site email address and any messages can be forwarded to you. Alternatively, a new email address can be easily created for your personal use. Ian Payne is the coordinator and can be contacted from the website or direct at :

The 'GRail' is for all of our members to hopefully enjoy and contribute towards, so if anyone has anything relating to our club, hobby or has articles of ongoing projects relating to Garden Railways please let me know. As long as we have items of interest I am more than willing to put out the GRail on a regular basis for us all to enjoy.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas. It is a time for celebration and to remember those past members who sadly are no longer playing trains with us.

Kev Pullen....on behalf of the Mid Wales & Marches area group of the G Scale Society.

And Finally.....



"I understand the chap next door is keen on model trains."