



## Christmas 2024

Welcome all to the Christmas edition of the GRail. Yet again, another year approaches its conclusion with 2025 just around the bend.

Thanks must go out to you all for supporting our group during the past year and indeed for making the Christmas meet/buffet on the 14 December such a success. Needless to say, plenty of Christmas trains were run with plenty of seasonal bites along the way. I never had the chance to thank you all for helping to leave the hall exactly as we found it on the day....So Thank You All.

### **2025 Club meet dates**

Here are the dates for the new Year as they stand at this time. If there are any changes I will of course let you all know in advance:

Saturday 11 January  
Saturday 8 February  
Saturday 8 March  
Saturday 12 April  
Saturday 10 May  
Saturday 14 June  
Saturday 12 July  
Saturday 9 August  
Saturday 13 September  
Saturday 11 October  
Saturday 8 November  
Saturday 13 December

### **Information**

As most of you are no doubt aware, a donation of LGB track was made to the club by Pat Byng a few months ago, which now means we have a significant amount of track to allow us to start the new layout build. I am the first to put my hand up and to say that this build is well behind schedule, something that I hope to rectify in the New Year. Our present layout has done a Stirling job since its construction many years ago by Mike and Steve Thornhill, but sadly its days are somewhat numbered I fear. At least with the amount of track we now have, we can do the new build, and still use the present layout while construction is underway. The club funds are looking good, so the purchase of the remaining wood etc to complete the project, will not be a problem.

### **Future Events for 2025**

If I may be so bold to ask, but if anyone would like to have an open day during the following year, please do let me know so I may let everyone know in advance. The club meets are great fun, but you cannot beat seeing other members creations for real. Sadly at this moment in time I do not have my own garden railway to run, but the first big dig has started....so watch this space!

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# Festival 2025



Saturday June 7 2025  
10-4pm

Llangollen Pavilion, Abbey Road, Llangollen, LL20 8SW

Adults  
**£14**  
Accompanied  
Children FREE

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## December/Christmas meet 2024 Pictures

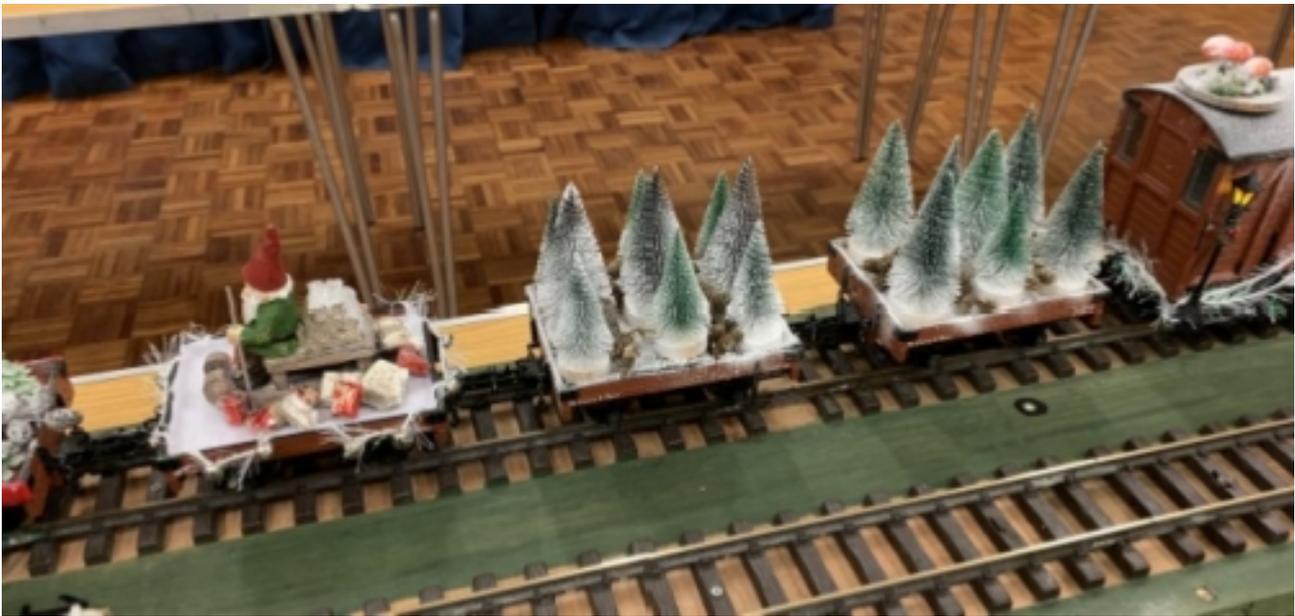
I would like to start off this section of the GRail by sharing a picture of Tony's garden railway. As you are all aware, Tony will no longer be able to join us running trains again. Tony always planned to have an open day, so I am sure he will not mind me showing you his own personal world he constructed before it is dismantled.

















## Members Pictures & Projects

Holiday pictures from Andy & Catherine whilst in Switzerland:











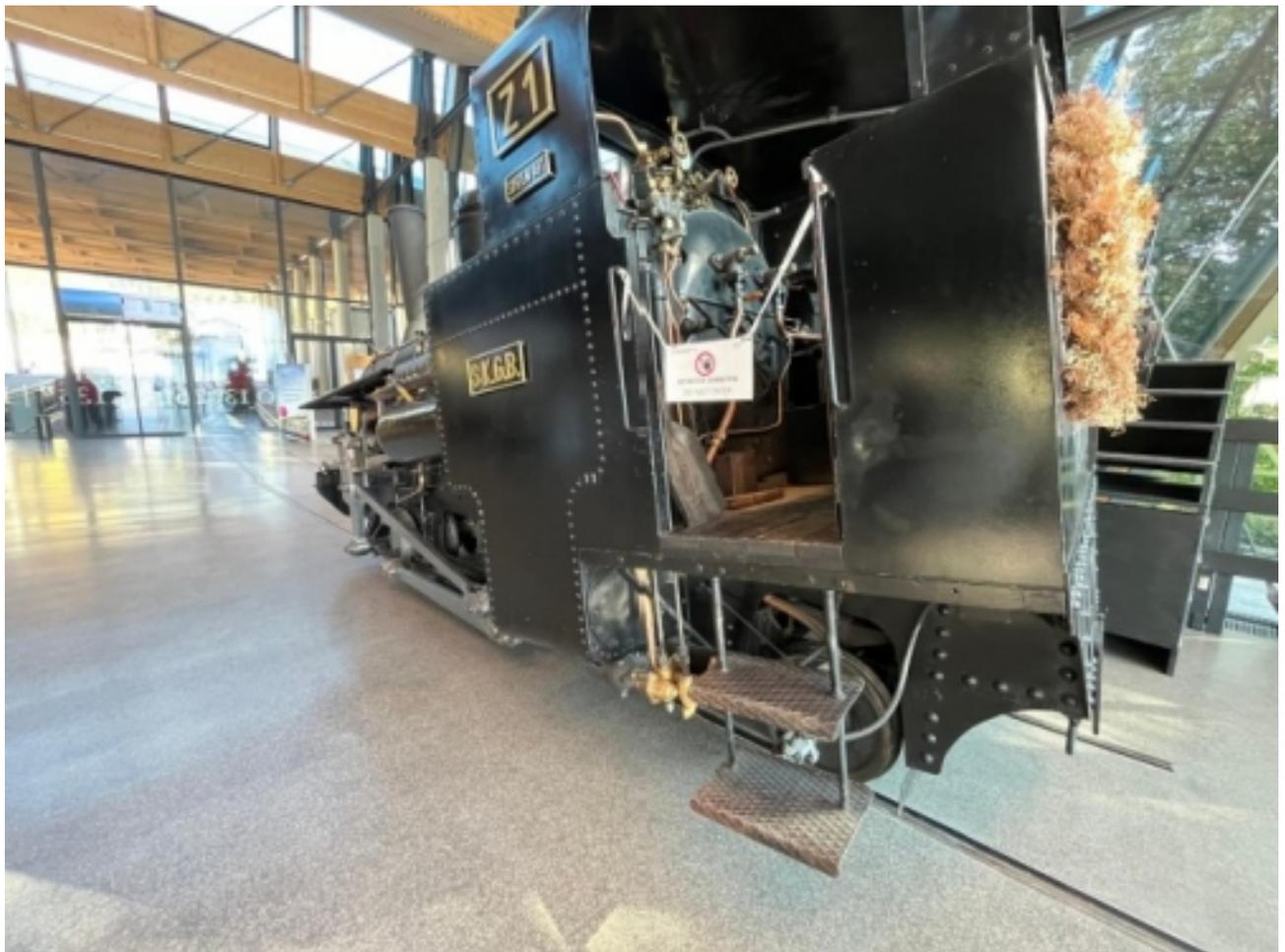


In the last GRail we showed the construction of Andy & Catherine's new garden railway....here it receives its first cover of snow!

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Next up with Holiday pictures from Alister & Family while on holiday in Austria/Southern Germany last summer:



























The following pictures are from Steve's recent train running sessions:



Running session, testing the battery power van. This loco has Radio Control, Manual Control, and now has the ability to power the track directly. Oh yes....all eventualities covered!



A scratch built Shay. A basic externally gas fired loco, usually a tricky thing to do but works well, very smooth running. Also a brand new van, built in the morning, and out on the track after lunch!



1977 ELSA, she was 45mm but after some messing about has been reduced back to 32mm. Some might say 'shame'!!!! Lovely hard wood coaches. These are vintage and have been a lot of work to repair/replace bogies, remove the ancient non working couplings and fit new. Some paint damage yet to repair and possible parts upgrade to do.

Thank you all for some great pictures. If any member has any holiday snaps with a train theme, or any projects that they are willing to share , please let me know and I will get them in the next GRail. As they say, a picture paints a thousand words....and we all love train pictures!

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Recently Steve sent me a picture of what his Uncle has in his loft. With the uncles permission here is what he has in his loft:



**WOW!**

That is the only word that came to mind when I first saw the pictures. So it got me to thinking what other folk have in their Loft or Spare room. SO....if anyone has anything of railway(any gauge) interest in their loft or spare room etc, and they are willing to share, please let me know so we may be able to keep this thread going. I have nothing at all like what Steve's uncle has in his loft, but what I have I am more than willing to start the ball rolling so to speak.....to say I love LGB is an understatement!!



So don't be shy folks...lets have a look!!

## 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 still 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: 07747148585

### 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: 07747148585 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 :

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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.**

And Finally.....



Look at you - folding laundry. And last night it was doing the dishes. Just exactly what part of, "No you're not buying another kit" don't you understand?





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