

# THE GRAIL

The Newsletter of the Mid Wales  
and Marches Group of  
`G` Scale Society  
December 2012



The impressive four road entrance to the shed on Cyril Asprey's Garden Railway in Tywyn

## **SCALE SOCIETY MID WALES & MARCHES 2012 CHRISTMAS DINNER**

What a wonderful time we had ! We started off with a jolly good steam up on the Talyllyn Railway's own garden railway "Llechfan". Steve Thornhill brought along a lovely Merlin Hunslet which he has tidied up for Laurie Weeks who sadly could not join us because he is still rather poorly although he is now out of hospital and back home. We were joined by Kes Jones ( Peter Jones' daughter ) who now works in the shop at Wharf station and who had kindly swept all the leaves off the track prior to our arrival. Her partner Steve was there as well and he brought along some lovely heritage steam engines. Another young man called Jack also joined us with his Edrig.

Some of us then managed a tour around the Talyllyn Railway Museum which is always worth a visit before we settled down for dinner. Despite being in a wheelchair following an operation on her foot Gilly Brightwell was able to join us and the staff at the station made sure that Hughie could bring her right to the door. They then allowed him VIP parking next to the track at Wharf station !

Following a very enjoyable dinner with lots of banter and planning of open days for 2013 we left the Talyllyn Railway and walked across the road to Cyril & Mary Asprey's house where Cyril proudly showed us how he has progressed on the building of his Garden Railway. Indeed, proud he can justly be, because his railway is most impressive and is still not yet fully complete. In addition to a tremendous amount of work outside Cyril has planned his railway so that the return loop for the journey around the garden is at waist height inside a very large shed/garage attached to his house. This means that he can operate the railway from the comfort of this building in the knowledge that every train is going to pass in front of him for adjustments etc.. in every circuit.

If you have any articles, letters, items for sale or wanted or you have a tale to tell please let Dave Dowling know so that he can put it in the next issue of the Grail.

Dave Dowling |

## **Mid Wales & Marches Open Days 2013**

|                                   |                 |                     |             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May        | Dave Dowling    | Llanfair Caereinion | 11am – 5pm  |
| Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May     | John Wenlock    | Wrexham             | 1pm onwards |
| Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> June     | Martin Howard   | Kington             | 2pm - 6pm   |
| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> June     | Mike Thornhill  | Leominster          | 2pm onwards |
| Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June      | Dave Plummer    | Bilston             | 11am – 5pm  |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June    | Laurie Poole    | Whitchurch          | 11am – 5pm  |
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July       | Tony Hayward    | Market Drayton      | 11am – 5pm  |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July      | Ivan Byng       | Newbridge on Wye    | 11am – 5pm  |
| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August     | Mel Turbutt     | Bewdley             | 11am – 5pm  |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August    | Steve Thornhill | Hereford            | 2pm onwards |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August    | Dave Dowling    | Llanfair Caereinion | 11am – 5pm  |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September  | Cyril Asprey    | Tywyn               | 11am – 5pm  |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September | Alan Millichamp | Llandre             | 11am – 5pm  |
| Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October   | Hugh Brightwell | Ellesmere Port      | 11am – 5pm  |

Further details of these events will be issued next year. At the moment please make a note of the dates.

### Other Important dates

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013 Telford Garden Railway Market Grays Hotel Telford

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March `G Scale Gathering` ( G Scale Society Show ) Stafford County Showground

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July Telford garden Railway Show

Sat/Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Aug/1<sup>st</sup> Sept Garden Railway Show Llanfair Caereinion





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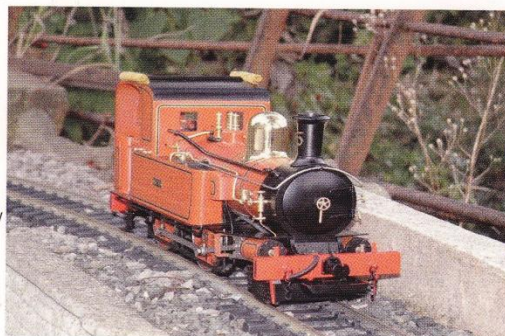
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This Regner Lumberjack is a very close model of two loco's which ran in a U.S. West Coast logging forest. The kit is £651, built £775, with R/C, £960. For 32 and 45mm track as are all Easy-Line loco's. Several others of the Regner range include the *Chaloner*, a de Winton type, two Shay articulated loco's, two simpler vertical-boiler engines and an overtyp loco with chain drive similar to a prototype loco used on a paper-mill railway in south-east England. The full range can be seen on Regner's website along with their range of more conventional engines, some very highly specified. These can be equipped with every conceivable device including proper operating drain-cocks and even a Westinghouse pump used as a boiler feed controlled by radio.

We are also stockists and agents for models from Accucraft U.K. Pictured right is the Isle of Man Mona, a beautiful scale model developed by Accucraft from our hand-built prototype. We stock their range of finely-detailed rolling-stock based on vehicles from the Lynton and Barnstaple, Welshpool and Llanfair and Isle of Man railways. Currently stocks are limited so please contact us to reserve the items you would like. We will not be beaten on prices for these models. Accucraft also supply the most reasonably priced track for G-Scale and Gauge 1. We also supply track from Peco, Aristocraft (brass, stainless steel and aluminium, L.G.B. & Piko.



The loco on the left is one of Regner's fully-specified models, equipped as standard with drain cocks, whistle, water fill system and so on. These models are available to order only, although we usually stock just one as an example of the type of quality you can expect, the prices are around £2,000 complete depending on model and specification. The catalogue can be bought from us or viewed on-line. From time to time we are able to offer special models in limited runs. An example is our "Super Konrad", a more fully equipped model than the normal engine. All the Regner ranges may be retro-fitted with extras such as whistle and water-fill unit.

**Some of our other special products include the AutoSignals, automatic and realistically-operating colour-light signals working from track power or prototypically with separate detection to give realistic operation with any system whether track battery or steam power.**

**For visitors only we offer 30kg bags of 3 to 4mm gritstone ballast - very sharp to hold track in position - at £9.95. Please check for stock before visiting as this sells quickly and we can only get a few cwt. at a time.**

**For 16mm/ft enthusiasts we stock Peco track and Accucraft models as above.**

**We do stock many items not listed above and welcome visitors who are new to the hobby, our "Rail File" - a series of notes to help with making a start in the hobby - is available as a print or on line.**

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**NORMAL OPENING TIMES: MON-FRI 9 TO 5.30, WED & SAT 9-1.**

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At the Garden Railway Market in Telford on 1<sup>st</sup> December The door was up from 90 in 2011 to 154 this year. From the proceeds Steve Warrington has sent £180.25 to the Talylyn Railway and £124.20 to the Fairbourne Railway.

***NEW ADDITIONAL SHOWROOM TO  
OPEN SOON FOR CHRISTMAS!***

**Next Show**...Telford Garden Railway Market. Grays Hotel Telford

Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 2013

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AVAILABLE!***

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