

THE GRAIL

The Newsletter of the Mid Wales
and Marches Group of
'G' Scale Society
JULY 2013



A busy day on the Kenwater Valley Railway

2013 Open Days in the Mid Wales & Marches Area

Sunday 7 th July	11am – 5pm	Market Drayton	Tony Hayward
Sunday 21 st July	11am – 5pm	Newbridge on Wye	Ivan Byng
Sunday 4 th August	11am – 5pm	Bewdley	Mel Turbutt
(You must phone Mel beforehand – see letter below - to book as space is very limited)			
Sunday 11 th August	2pm onwards	Hereford	Steve Thornhill
Friday 30 th August	11am -5pm	Llanfair Caereinion	Dave Dowling
Sunday 22 nd September	11am – 5pm	Llandre Aberystwyth	Alan Millichamp
Sunday 13 th October	11am – 5pm	Ellesmere Port	Hugh Brightwell
(You must phone Hughie beforehand to book as space is very limited)			

If you intend visiting any of the above please let the appropriate Fat Controller know as a matter of courtesy

Other important Dates

Sunday 14th July Telford garden Railway show

Saturday/Sunday 31st Aug/1st Sept National Garden Railway Show Llanfair Caereinion

Wetton Gooley Light Railway Open day

Hello folks.

As you may have gathered, Dave has finally badgered us into having an open day on the Wetton Gooley Light Railway for the Mid Wales & Marches group on August 4th.

We'd love to see you on the day, but I'm afraid that we have to do things slightly differently to normal due to our circumstances.

Firstly, our garden is incredibly small (plus it's full of railway!) and we can't physically fit more than about half a dozen people in at a time comfortably. Also, parking in our road and the surrounding area can be a little tricky (especially on a weekend). Therefore, I'm afraid that we will have to operate some sort of appointment system.

If you could give us a ring and tell us what time you'd like to turn up, we'll do our best to fit you in. I think the fairest way would be to give everyone 3 time slots that they can choose from :-

11.00 to 1.00

1.00 to 3.00

3.00 to 5.00.

Also, if you could arrange to share cars as much as possible to keep the numbers down, that would ease any parking problems.

Secondly, the WGLR now runs purely on battery power. It also includes a number of R1 curves including reverse curves and clearances are quite tight in places. Therefore, we can't really run anything track powered and live steam locos can also struggle at times. If you would like to bring something to run within these limitations, then please feel free and if you'd like to run any stock behind one of my locos, then that should be fine as long as it's not too big.

Finally, I'm afraid our set-up is not really suitable for disabled access. There are steps in all directions, a step-over viaduct to get to the far side of the garden and our only toilet is upstairs.

I'm really sorry if this sounds very restrictive and doesn't sound very friendly, but this is the reason why we've never had an open day as such before. We do, however, try to operate an open door policy. So if you can't make the open day, but are planning to be in the Bewdley area at any other time, feel free to give us a bell and pop in if we're about. If you're travelling on the Severn Valley Railway, we'll happily come and pick you up from Bewdley station.

Thanks, fingers crossed for decent weather on the day.

Mel & Alison Turbutt

For Sale

Colin Clinton - Carter is selling a number of locos and a large quantity of rolling stock. all items are LGB and all are in near mint condition. Furthermore all come in their original boxes. He has been advertising these for a few weeks now and I know that most of the coaches have gone but if you are interested in anything please give him a ring to see if it is still available.

The items for sale are :-

LOCOS

£200.00...Loco No 2074D Spreewald in Silver/Gold

£200.00...Loco No 23701 Zillertal U Series in Silver/Gold

£320.00...Loco No 2085D DR Mallet in Silver/Gold

All of the above have been modified so that they operate both by two rail electric or by Battery power.

£180.00...Loco No 22660 DR Rail Bus in Red/Cream

COACHES

£25.00...Coach No 30503 3rd/4th Class Brown/Green

£25.00...Coach no 30504 4th Class Brown

Three of the following:-

£25.00 each...Coach No 30500 3rd Class Green

Three of the following:-

£25.00 each...Coach No 30200 3rd Class Green

Three of the following:-

£40.00 each...Coach No 31610 Celestery Roof red/Cream

WAGONS

£30.00...Wagon No 41352 with sound. Green 9v PP3

£25.00...Wagon No 40390 Brake with rear Lamp. Green.

£25.00...Twin Bogies with Steel Pipe load No 41500

£20.00...Wagon No 40770 Disconnect Bogies for logging

LGB catalogues – reasonable offers considered for all of these

- 1)...1996/7 paper back
- 2)... 2003- Hard backed and very large
- 3)...2006 Hard backed and very thick
- 4)...Two-2008 in Folder format
- 5)... 2009 in folder format

If you are interested in any of the above please contact Colin on 01650 511480

If you have any articles, Photos, Stories or items for sale etc.. please let Dave Dowling know so that they can go in the next issue of The Grail.

Dave Dowling,

BACK 2 BAY 6

The local authorities have decided to build a supermarket on the site of Steve Warrington`s shop at Mere Garden Centre Newport so the shop has now closed.

Steve will still be operating his business online and you can access the site through this link :-

<http://www.back2bay6.net/>

The Sparesman

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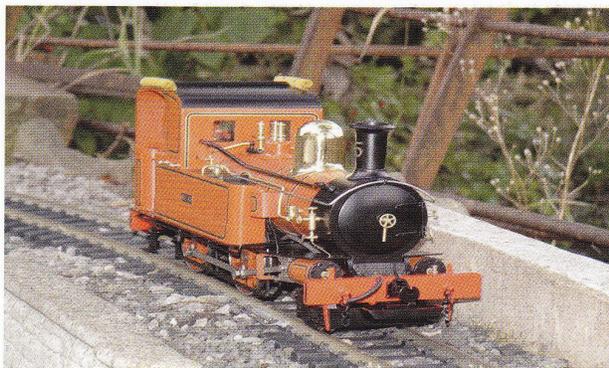
Hatton Gardens, Kington, Herefordshire HR5 3RB

TEL: 01544 230777, FAX 01544 231600



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 overtypelo 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 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.

