

THE GRAIL

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



The new raised area on Alan Millichamp's line being tested by a few important people



Mid Wales & Marches Christmas Dinner
Saturday 14th December 2013
The Corn Mill Llangollen

<http://www.brunningandprice.co.uk/cornmill/>

Two courses £20.95 Three courses £25.95

Starters

Roasted white onion and cider soup with celeriac and thyme bhaji

Crab, lemon and chervil cakes with red pepper and corn salsa

Potted ham hock topped with sage butter, with piccalilli and spelt toast

Baby beetroot terrine with goat's cheese and horseradish

Citrus cured sea bass with fennel, mint and broad bean salad

Venison, rabbit and thyme faggot with sticky red cabbage and juniper jus

Main Courses

Roast turkey and traditional accompaniments

Herb crusted pork fillet with apple and black pudding dauphinoise potatoes, sautéed sprouts and cider sauce

Pan-fried salmon with mussels, smoked paprika and pea risotto

Honey roast parsnip, chestnut and spinach suet pudding with cranberry gravy and buttered greens

Breast of pheasant stuffed with dates and pistachios served with sweet potato fondant, sticky red cabbage and juniper Port jus

Beef feather braised with red wine, smoked bacon and mushrooms with English mustard mash, roast carrots and kale

Puddings

Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

Meringue with lemon curd cream and blackberries

Fig and almond tart with marzipan ice cream

Maple and walnut sponge with custard

Dark chocolate truffle torte with Amaretto ice cream

Taster plate of local cheese with grapes, chutney and biscuits

We sit down to eat at 2pm

If you would like to come along can you please let Dave Dowling know what you would like to eat as soon as possible so that the booking can be firmed up.



THE FAIRBOURNE RAILWAY 15” GAUGE PROJECT

An appeal by BACK 2 BAY 6

Over the late May Bank Holiday this year Austin Moss brought former Fairbourne 15” engine 'Katie' back to the railway. A 100 yard length of dual gauge track had been laid to allow Katie to run. The weekend saw record modern day visitor numbers and much needed revenue.

The Fairbourne have since been offered the long term loan of a 15” gauge steam engine provided it can be stabled in the engine shed. This will require the purchase of a dual gauge point, rail, sleepers, fixings and ballast. The estimated cost of this is around £5,000. Steve Warrington at Back 2 Bay 6 has launched an appeal to try to raise this money. The fund currently stands at £592.74.

If you would like to make a donation please send a cheque, made payable to: 'The North Wales Coast Light Railway Limited' to:

THE 15” GAUGE PROJECT

FAIRBOURNE RAILWAY

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LL38 2EX

You can Gift Aid your donation by supplying your full name and address and declare that you are a UK taxpayer. Alternatively see Steve Warrington at a show or club meeting.

2013 Open Days in the Mid Wales & Marches Area

Hugh & Gill Brightwell were scheduled to have an open day on Sunday 13th October but unfortunately due to suffering with various health problems (Gilly`foot and Hughie`s Gall Bladder) they have had to cancel. I am sure that everyone will join me in wishing them both a speedy recovery.

This means that we have now had all of our open days for this year and I would like to thank everyone who held an open day for making the effort and for letting us enjoy their gardens and railways during the summer.

It was encouraging to see how much progress Alan Millichamp has made on his railway despite having the upheaval of having to move most of it earlier in the year to make way for a new conservatory and then suffering with a broken arm and ankle following a fall in the summer. Alan insists that there is still a lot of work to be done but to see the new raised station area whilst still being able to remember the railway as it used to be was an eye opener and certainly helped motivate me to get on with the work I need to do on my railway.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend John Wenlock`s open day earlier in the year but I was very interested to read his article in the Autumn issue of the G Scale Society `Journal` in which he chronicles the progress of his 45mm line. This line is now complete and I can`t wait to pay a visit next year.

If you would like to have an open day in 2014 and want to get your date in early please let me know so that I can book the date.



What is G Scale?

G Scale is essentially the modelling of narrow gauge railway on track 45mm wide representing, in the scale of 1:22.5, continental metre gauge; though in recent years this has been enhanced by the introduction of a number of proprietary items representing 3 foot gauge to the scale 1:20.3. The scales make little difference as visually both can be run together.

That said, it is possible to run any scale and prototype, albeit gauged to 45mm. At open days and meets all will be seen, though members do tend to run a prototypical locomotive and stock (most of the time!).

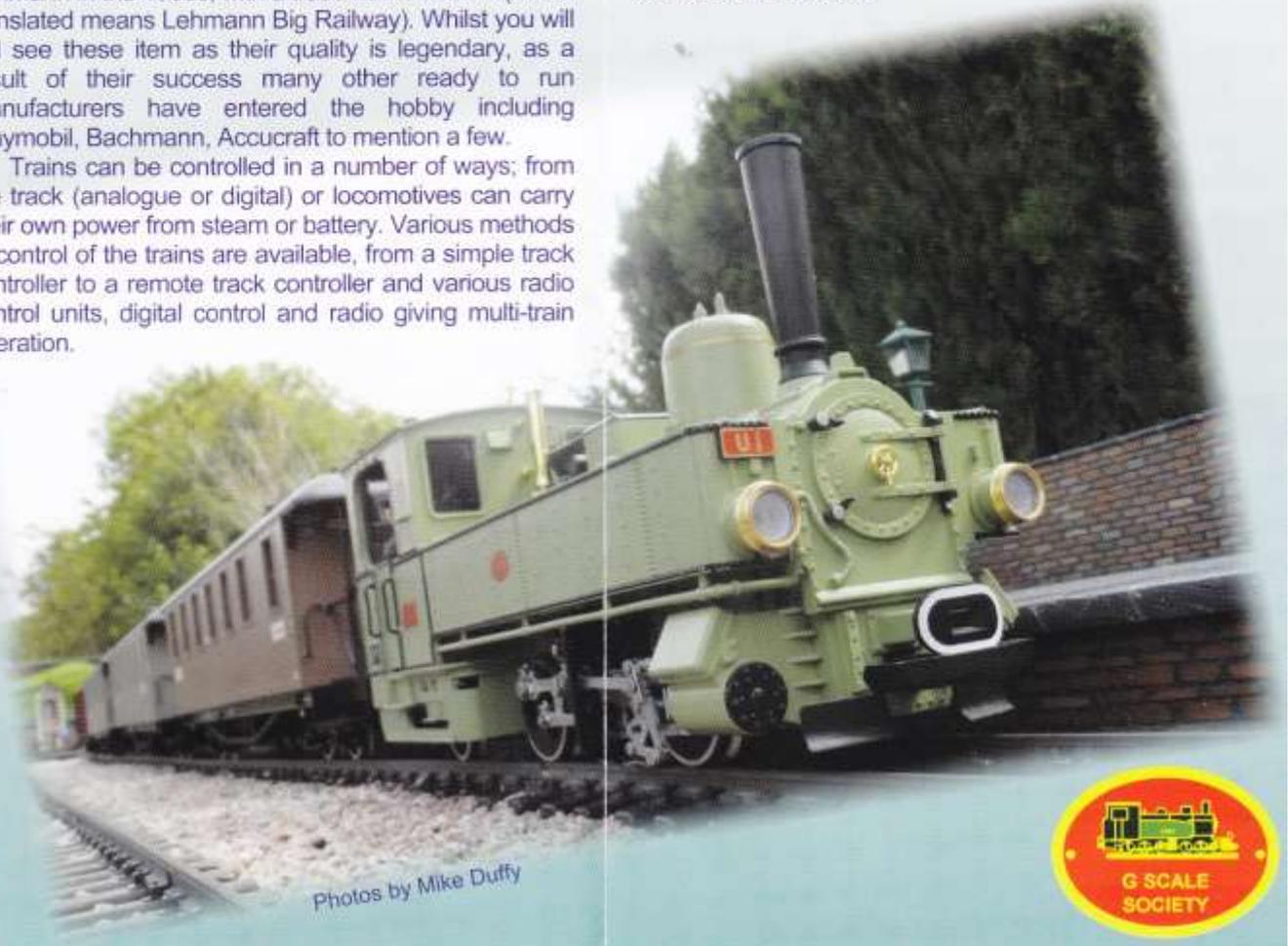
The scale was started by the German firm of Lehmann in the 1960s, with a trade name of LGB (which translated means Lehmann Big Railway). Whilst you will still see these items as their quality is legendary, as a result of their success many other ready to run manufacturers have entered the hobby including Playmobil, Bachmann, Accucraft to mention a few.

Trains can be controlled in a number of ways; from the track (analogue or digital) or locomotives can carry their own power from steam or battery. Various methods of control of the trains are available, from a simple track controller to a remote track controller and various radio control units, digital control and radio giving multi-train operation.

G Scale products are long lasting, reliable and generally weatherproof making them ideal for outdoor operation.

Starter sets are available from manufacturers, which make a cost effective entry into the hobby. To start off it is simply a case of laying the track on a flat area, connecting the power and start running. There are also a number of child friendly systems available; we have members that entered the hobby with children as young as six.

Some modellers run their stock straight from the box, others make simple modifications like fitting lights or changing couplings, whilst others assemble kits or scratch build models.



Photos by Mike Duffy



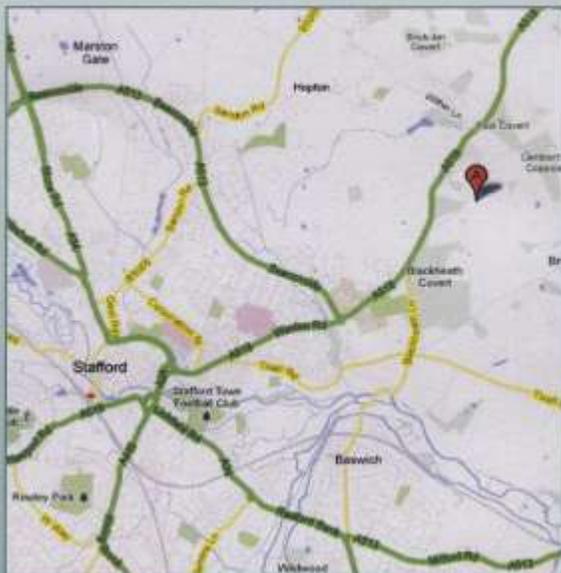
Details About Travel

- Free car parking at Stafford Showground.
- Complimentary Vintage shuttle bus from Stafford Railway Station to the Showground throughout the day.
- Complimentary Vintage shuttle bus between the exhibition halls and the miniature railway.

Entry Costs

Society Members & Members' Partners	£4
Non Members	£6
Accompanied Children under 16	Free

Location Map of Stafford Showground



G SCALE SOCIETY

G Rail 2014

Garden Railway Show

Sunday 23rd March 2014

from 10am to 5pm

at the

Staffordshire Showground

Weston Road, Stafford

ST18 0BD



- Layouts in G and other scales
- Trade support
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- Members' modelling competition
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It is with great sadness that I learned on returning from a short holiday in Germany, that Herr Manfred Regner, the founder and principal of Regner Dampf-und-Eisenbahn Technik, had passed away on 21st July. He will be greatly missed by us, his humour and kindness were a large part of the friendly relationship we have had with his company over the last 24 years. His engineering and inventive modelling skills were outstanding and much appreciated by all who have had experience of his fine models. Planning had been made for some time for this eventuality, so we are assured of continuity of production in the future.

The Regner Lumberjack with our own radio control of reverser and regulator is seen below in a typically adventurous landscape! Price complete with R/ C is £995.00. Ready to run without R/ C £825. Other "Easy-Line" engines (including our own "Super" versions of the V/ B Willi and open-cab Konrad) are in stock as available from the factory, please ring for current stock position. We can e-mail or post a full list of these with prices. Deliveries of the Otto tram loco have not yet come in, please be patient those who have already ordered them - if you haven't, the earlier you order, the quicker you will get delivery. Other new and exciting Regner engines may be seen on their website - just Google "Regner". The text is in German - for the latest items click on "neuheiten 2013".



At the time of writing we also have in stock the very pleasing No. 22 0-6-0 tender loco, with full R/C (including brakes) at £2050, and the Wangerooze Island 0-6-0T, R/C with loads of features at £2095. Our shop (and office!) is stacked with loads of track from Aristo (brass and stainless steel), Accucraft, and Peco as well as some secondhand in useable condition. We have Accucraft rolling stock at prices to match anybody's, Pola and Piko buildings, a pile of Piko loco's including the ICC streamliner and spare coaches, loads of Bachmann loco's at heavily discounted prices, including a K27 at £742.50 (one only). Lots of other bargains, just call and see! Pick up some of our gritstone ballast in 3 - 4mm screen at the same time, £9.95 per bag of approximately 30kg.

Our 2-aspect "AUTOSignals" are in stock again from £19.00 for the 2-aspect without lens hoods.

Normal hours 9 - 5 Monday to Friday 9 - 1, Weds & Sat. Please do call before visiting our shop to ensure our personal attention

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Articles Wanted

If you have an article, some photos, a story, something to sell – in fact if you have anything which can go into future copies of `The Grail` please let Dave Dowling know

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