

EXHIBITION INFORMATION

Name of layout: **St. Mary's**

Scale: **0-16.5** – 7 mm/ft narrow gauge

Subject: A notional extension of the Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway to the town of St. Mary's, located close to the real life town of Meifod in Montgomeryshire.

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Layout details:

- a) space required: 3.8 metres x 2.0 metres (12' x 6'6")
- b) freestanding
- c) number of operators: 2
- d) insurance value: £4000
- e) power supply: 1 x 13 amp socket

Other requirements: Please provide one small table for stock storage. The layout is operated from the front.

Travelling expenses: Fuel for two vehicles one from East Tisted, near Alton.

Overnight accommodation: to be discussed based on distance from home

Vehicle parking: 2 vehicles

Programme Information:

This 7mm NG layout has been inspired by a long term fondness for the Welshpool and Llanfair, the Wild Swan book on this subject by Glyn Williams and the lovely models produced by Kevin Trim at Dorset Kits. Reading the book I learnt of the rivalry between two alternative routes to connect Llanfair with the railway system, that to Welshpool and the one via Meifod to Llanymynech. As is well known, the Welshpool route was chosen, but my 'what if' was to suppose a branch had been built from near Heniarth to serve Meifod as a kind of consolation prize and to widen the traffic sources of the W&LLR. However, as I am taking liberties with the location, the layout is called 'St. Mary's' after the Meifod parish church dedicated to St. Tysilio and St. Mary.

The layout is set in the summer of 1930 and a modified version of the real W&LLR timetable has been used to which has been grafted on a service to St. Mary's. Further traffic is provided from the quarry at Newbridge which is worked in to St. Mary's by the quarry company's own locomotives. Shunting at the station is done with a shunting tractor to allow the whole W&LLR to continue to operate with only one engine in steam.

