

G-Wizz It's Christmas Exhibition 2009

After eleven years of successful Christmas shows at the Assembly Rooms in Lytham we are moving this year's event to a new bigger venue in **St. Annes Town Centre**. The new site is very close to St. Annes Square and the shopping centre area and close to bus and train services from the west coast main line at Preston by travelling on the South Fylde Line to St. Annes Station which is just five minutes walk away. The new venue addresses most of the problems experienced at the old site, the hall is bigger, has level access, (good for our exhibitors and traders as well as the growing number of disabled visitors to the event).

But the best thing is that it has it's own car park! And plenty of on street parking in the area too.

The New venue is St. Annes URC Hall, St. Georges Road St. Annes FY8 2AE, it is easy to find being just off Clifton Drive, (The main Blackpool to Preston coast road). The date is **Saturday December 12th**. By the time you read this article a map, travel details and a list of exhibits and traders will be on our website. This year all proceeds from the exhibition will be donated to **North West Air Ambulance**; they operate from Blackpool Airport with a second helicopter due to start flying from Manchester City Airport (Barton) very soon.

It is hoped that all our regular contributors and traders will be able to attend and find this new site much easier for setting up. The line up should include Walter and Marion's Christmas Layout, Always popular with the children, Terry Daniel's large scale trams and of course the two G-Wizz layouts, our main layout being transformed into a very snowy Christmas scene, and G-Wizz USA providing something a little different built by Roy McCann and Geoff Ogden. Gregg Anderton is bringing his G Scale layout, "Christmas at Fairsnape Green", Tony Stephenson will be demonstrating his model building skills again, and the Fylde Society of Model Engineers will be supporting us as will the North West G Scale Society Promotional display

Trade will be represented by our usual team, Steve, (back 2 Bay 6), Bill, Alison and team (Bay Models), Keith Hunter, (Modeltown), Peter Metcalf, (O Gauge Models) and partner Mary Jones, (Crafts and Cards), Gavin Bairstow, (Railbus), plus Nina and Chris Spencer (Tuxcraft) We will also have AnDel models too. We are always grateful for their support for this important event.

As usual all the exhibitors and traders will be well fed and watered with Lesley and Norma providing the fine home cooked Hot Pot, Apple pie and Cream, and of course, Mince pies! Jo and Holly will be helping to ensure that the flow of tea and coffee doesn't dry up. Not only do these very important people look after the catering but they also set up and dress the Christmas layout too, there surely can't be many other model railway groups whose wives are so involved.

See you there on Saturday December 12th 10.00 until 4.30

It is always difficult moving an established event to a new location but we are confident that we will continue to "grow" this friendly and popular show at our new home.

Full details from www.g-wizz-group.co.uk

We all look forward to seeing you there again this year; let's try to break the donation record again.