

Hello again from me, plus the usual greetings from the NOGGies to all GOGGers. I'll start with news of our exhibition. We are nearing the end of planning for our 2012 exhibition. It will be the usual recent venue; albeit renamed from Weston Favell School to Weston Favell Academy. Again we will be filling four large halls with British, Continental and American layouts, traders and demonstrators. It could even beat last years and again be the biggest the club has ever mounted 31 layouts and 14 traders have been booked in and there might be room for another one or two to squeeze in. We are trying to cater for the real enthusiast as well as giving a great day out for families to come and watch the trains running. This year the show will be opened by Chris Leigh of Model Rail magazine and we thank him for his contribution. We just squeeze in six days ahead of the Olympics on Saturday 21st July. On behalf of the club, I must thank our chairman Les who has done the lion's share of the exhibition manager's role and done it very well.

In the last few months, activities on club nights have been supplemented by several working Saturday mornings (with more to come) and this has helped to advance part-built layouts and resulted in a clear-out of our storage cupboard which had been getting somewhat overloaded.

Some of the items cleared out were on sale at the Guild Spring Show at Kettering and many of you who attended will have walked away with a bargain; whether it was a kit, complete loco, coaches, power tools or metal for use in future projects. Only a few items weren't sold. So as last year, please let me thank those who bought from us at Kettering and on behalf of the NOGGies we hope you are pleased with your purchases. I did take part in the day this year having missed out through holiday last year. I was joined by Chairman Les, Treasurer Ralph and Roger and Tim did a half day each. The days' takings added around £1,500 to club funds which we were pleased with, especially considering we were taking £1 for many smaller items

In the last article I mentioned I had purchased two JLRT diesel kits from the Reading trade show in early December. A Class 25/1 and the other is a refurbished Class 50. They have now been built for expertly for me and I'm delighted with them. Hopefully it won't be too long before they are converted to DCC and equipped with sound. I'm also having baseboards built for a new garage-based layout and these will be with me soon after this appears in GuildNews.

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