

Hello again from me, plus greetings from the NOGGies to all GOGGers. It has been mostly a quiet period since the last update, but there have been several highlights to bring you up to speed on. The biggest must be the Guild Spring show at Kettering. Most of the NOGGies made it and this year we were able to roam freely as we had no stall to man. The view was that generally speaking it was a high quality show which we enjoyed. Most of us had a shopping list to take around to various traders and whilst there were some reservations about the layouts, these were minor. As a group we wanted to obtain personal and club layout items. By and large we were able to obtain nearly everything we wanted with only a few exceptions for out of stock items. Many of these have since been sent on. Well done to the organisers.

We've had our normal club weekday nights and two working Saturday mornings to continue with progress on our layout Kings Thorpe. This has been noticeable, with electrical wiring ongoing thanks to Roger and a few helpers in the last few months. The three-road shed (with inspection pits) mentioned in the last article has also progressed a bit with Tim bringing in a 'first draft' plywood building to see how it sat and what tweaks it needed. It looked very impressive as a structure, but Tim wanted to make some changes to the roof design and the shed door height increased. He also wanted side arched windows obtained from Duncan Models at the Kettering show. We await the second coming with anticipation. We decided that one inspection pit (hopefully with lights) would suffice. Outside the shed we have decided upon the semaphore signals needed and these have been ordered and in some cases supplied already by Scale Signal Supply of Bolton. The colour lights for the BR% part have also been handsomely built by Johnnie.

Planning for our July 20th exhibition is almost complete. Les has shouldered more of a burden than anticipated and done a wonderful job too as Bert has had some health issues. We wish him well.

I've suffered a blow with the boards for part one of my own layout Eden – en - Upvale after the builder had family issues and has had to stop work on tracklaying an electrical work. But heroes come in many guises, and when you really need them several including Johnnie, Roger and Les have stepped forward to offer much needed help and support. I give heartfelt thanks to them all. I've no doubt too that others will emerge.

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