

Hello again from me, plus greetings from the NOGGies to all GOGGers. Quite a bit has happened since last I wrote. There has been progress with the club layout Kings Thorpe and my own too. Several NOGGies also helped out at Lavendon on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June dodging the (sometimes heavy) showers and hoping the wind didn't gust any faster as it would have blown away the sheltering gazebo where Chairman Les's Eastbridge was on display and operating for the visitors along with a DCC diesel sound stand. Two evenings before some of the same of the same, and a few other NOGGies had a running session on Bob Hill's garage layout in Earls Barton that was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

We've lost the chance of occasional working Saturday mornings to continue with progress on Kings Thorpe, as our shared meeting venue now has a regular booking, but advancement to Kings Thorpe still happens on the regular Wednesday club nights. Last week we had a focus group to redouble our efforts to do more on the layout and a new plan was agreed to proceed with the fiddle yard cassettes. The electrical wiring is ongoing thanks to Roger and over the last few months and the majority is now done. A new Tortoise point motor went in Wednesday after a point was moved to get a better alignment across the preserved railway station junction. The three-road shed (with inspection pits) mentioned in the previous article has an improved design of sides and roof from Tim's 'first draft' plywood building. Hopefully that will be made soon and work can happen to/around it. The side windows obtained from Duncan Models at the Kettering show have been ordered. We still await the second coming with anticipation, but it feels a little nearer now. 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. Work should also take place on the platforms and associated buildings over the coming weeks – all helping to get it nearer to completion. Kettering here we come!

All the planning for our July 20<sup>th</sup> exhibition is complete, though a couple of drop outs have occurred. We have found replacements for both. Of course, by the time you get to read this, it will have been and gone for another year and Telford will be looming large. I will provide a snapshot in the November edition.

With regard to my own layout Eden – en – Upvale, Johnnie is making progress with the track laying including the complicated station throat layout. Roger and Les have offered their services over the coming weeks and months too. I must give a special vote of thanks to Roger who has helped with providing a new 18volt, 10 amp transformer for eventual use with Eden and possibly the club layout Kings Thorpe if required.

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