

Northampton O Gauge Group (NOGGies)

Hello all and greetings from the NOGGies to all GOGgers. Since the last report, the NOGGies have visited the excellent show at Telford and to a man were very pleased with the reduction in admission charge, though concerned at the fewer number of stands; I guess the hobby industry isn't immune from the effects of the credit crunch, and we just have to hope that things improve rather than deteriorate further. Despite fewer attractions, there was plenty of interest at Guildex and most of us happily came away with a project or two, or something in ready to run form.

The master classes are still on-going and the one for the first Wednesday in October is another brass wagon/soldering event. I think this is mainly for my benefit, as I have a bogie bolster wagon which is looking good so far, but that is due to Les's expert guidance.

The big news is that the club's long awaited new scenic O gauge layout is finally up and underway. The new baseboards have been created by Ralph and there has been further discussion about track layout. This has resulted in a decision to make a two - tier layout which will feature a high - level loco shed which will be reached by a long straight climb situated right at the front of the layout for ease of viewing and will include (if we can find one to fit) a turntable. Does anyone have any ideas?

The test track is very nearly finished with the wiring done and most of the levelling also completed. A few jobs remain and these will hopefully be tackled before our exhibition on Saturday 29th November. A discount is available for anyone who wishes to attend. All you need to do is visit the website (see below) and follow the link labelled £1 discount voucher. We'd like to see as many people as possible, so do please come along and say hello.

Anyone can visit our club website at www.ndmrc.org or call (01933) 413500 in the evening except Wednesday which is club night meeting from 7:30 to 10:30 at Kingsthorpe Community Centre, Mill Lane, Kingsthorpe, Northampton NN4 9RR.

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