

## Episode 2

We don't get to spend as much time constructing our village as we wish, with work and care commitments it can be many days between building sessions. So progress is sporadic, which can be frustrating at times as ideas come into our heads at all times of day or night! We have no real plan ahead of construction, so it very much evolves as we go. Constant mini discussions take place on even the tiniest details to ensure we are both happy in the direction our villaging is going. The big board we bought has been painted and drilled with random holes for the power cables.



About this time of year we like to visit Garden Centres to view their Christmas village displays.

These are always Lemax displays as in the UK no other brand has any kind of presence in the market. Our favourite place is called Bosworths Garden Centre, about forty minutes drive from home in a town called Burton Latimer. They always put on a good display and we like to see any new pieces and also get any new build ideas.



The staff there are always friendly and pleasant and they stock a wide range of Lemax products plus items for scenery and landscaping etc.



It was agreed we do not need any new pieces this year, even last year we bought things after the village was finished, which remained in their boxes. Well, apart from the concession that if I lost the train, I could have a second tram (trolley) running around the village. Sue conveniently forgot this agreement, insisting that we need a piece featuring our son Robs name. We have Sues Beads and Baubles store and Daughter Emma's cottage. No piece we have seen has Robs anything in the name, However I recalled watching a village video from Cotswold House Photography where they cleverly personalised many of their village pieces. This was done as a charity fundraiser, a great idea I thought! This then led to the purchase of a Pizza Parlour which in due course will become in the ownership of our son Rob as his village business venture!



We hopefully have a free weekend coming up and can make headway with construction. We bought a cheap hot wire foam cutting kit last year and have started experimenting. Sue is much more artistic than myself and easily won the "make a wall " challenge?



That's all for now, have fun with your village building, remember no special skills are required, as we constantly prove!

Cheers

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