

Episode 5

We are about done with the placement of buildings, a few major changes this year have been instigated and some village folk have had to re-adjust.

Negotiations continue with Rudolph regarding the petting zoo and he is holding out for extra carrot rations.

We have introduced many new facades over the last few years, they lend themselves nicely to village displays as their compact dimensions and superb detail make them a great feature.



The big day has come! It's audition day at the village... all the little folk turn out, hoping to get a good position in the village, a prime spot to be noticed by all that come to view the seasonal display.



Some of these little people have been part of the village display for many, many years and it would seem harsh to leave them out. New arrivals constantly vie for prime spots and there is a nervous tension around as decisions are made. The skiers are pretty safe, as all duplicates didn't make it to the audition. Most villagers have a special talent or skill which pretty much guarantees their participation however one guy turns up every year and I'm just not sure what he brings to the party!



A last minute addition is a stream and pond, mainly to include the swans. This is the first time we have over layed our board with thin polystyrene sheets and this made it quite easy to cut a narrow channel out for the stream, a bit of blue tissue paper and a nice little stream is made, lined with an assortment of trees.



The last major feature to be constructed is the harbour. Traditionally this is Sue's domain and she has this strange idea that the harbour should be on a lower level to the rest of the village. This definitely wasn't mentioned in the planning stages! I'm not quite sure how it will work but I'm not going to question it.



Whilst out and about I'm always looking for anything "village" related, a building or landscape feature for instance. Recently we came across the most mundane of things that raised a conversation... a fence!



It was so like the ones we all use in our villages.



That's all for now, if you haven't already done so, why not make your own little village, it's not that hard and even just a few pieces can look really effective. That's how we started, many years ago!

Cheers!

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