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Mike's Points



June 2014

Well, what a busy month it's been. We ended last month with thee two day opening for the Bank Holiday weekend. We had a good attendance and it helped to make up for the previous weather affected openings. Membership attendance to help run the days was just sufficient but we need more help to ensure that members get a break.

The main event for the month was the Welsh Locomotive Rally weekend which despite some overnight bad weather and gloomy forecasts turned out to be mainly fine and very enjoyable. All our visitors commented on what a good time they had had. Once again a great big thank you from all the members for the outstanding catering and organization by the Ladies. A separate report with photos and videos is being prepared.

We have just had one of our school visits which was thoroughly enjoyed by all attending and it is an important part of our community commitment. As I write we are in the middle of yet another Open Day which brings this busy month to a close. Thank you to all who have helped over this busy period.

24th Welsh Locomotive Rally



A splendid turn out of 7 1/4 in gauge locomotives





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There was a very good turn out of visitors with many of them staying overnight. They brought a wide selection of locomotives of many gauges, from Garden to 7 ¼ in and many types of motove power. As always they were well served for food and liquid sustenance. Our Life Member from Japan once again visited bringing with him a journalist from one of the Japanese Model magazines.

Once again the Ladies produced a brilliant Society Rally Buffet. Due to the terrible weather forecast the decision was taken to serve the Buffet upstairs. This was a fairly late decision and took a lot of organising and work. Even though the weather behaved in the end, it worked well and people were able to eat where they liked. In all over 90 meals were served. Well done to all involved.



A separate Rally report with more photos and Videos is being prepared and will be published soon..







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Result of overnight storm!

You don't often see a pair of GWR 47XX live steam locomotives



After the run to Roath Park Drivers and Engines recover

An evening run round the track to the amusement of the onlookers!!





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Christchurch Nursery School visit the Site and are given rides on the trains and enjoy a picnic. A good time was had by all (especially the adults!)





June Open Day



June Open Day with four parties. These parties are very useful in not only providing increased ride numbers but also by introducing new visitors who have not been to the Site before and many of them return







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Club TGV loco and Roger Sully's Mallard pulling a good 'load' of passengers.





Today a good range of trains were running and the children delighted in following them round the track.

As always the Garden Railway draws a good crowd of Parents/Grandparents with children. Thomas and Friends always being popular







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And then as the saying goes 'the heavens did open'!



