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March Open Day



The sun shone brightly on our first Open Day of the new season and we had a good turn out of visitors. The day was especially important to the Society as we had our Food Standards Agency Inspection taking place on the day.

We had a very thorough inspection and the Inspector visited and tested every area. We are pleased to report that we achieved a Grade 5, the top one, as our Hygiene rating.

The picture shows Chris escorting the Inspector to the Burger Van.



There have been a few modifications and safety improvements to the Site over the winter months. The Ground Level maze has had the wooden railings and posts replaced with galvanised metal tubing which improves the safety and maintenance requirements.

A new safety rail has been erected between the Station Road and the Running Line to stop the passengers de-training on the wrong side. This work required some track re-alignment





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The patio area has had all the uneven and broken slabs removed and the area has had tarmac laid. Securing points have been inserted into the surface for gazebo guy lines. This will provide a much safer surface for the parties and ensure the safe erection of the gazebos.

The areas of grass surrounding the patio and path, which were damaged during the construction due to it being very wet, have been levelled and new turf laid.



The OO section has been very busy during the winter months. As soon as the Santa Special day was over, the old layout was dismantled and construction of the new one started. The layout was finally moved to its correct position only on Saturday and for the Open Day, limited running was achieved.

The limited capacity of the footbridge continues to cause problems and queues. It is a great concern especially for families who have to carry over pushchairs for the very young children. The need for the new bridge is obvious to all visitors.





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The tram ran very well over the recently replaced sleepers and re-laid rails a great improvement and another of the maintenance tasks carried out through the winter months.

