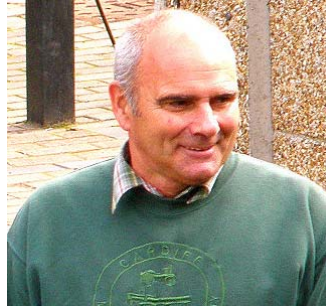




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Mike's Points



March 2015

March is always a busy month with final preparations to the site and the first Open Day of the season. We also had the news that planning permission for the new bridge has been granted and final drawings are being prepared. We hope to make progress with this soon. The Bring and Buy was well supported by members and the usual bargains were to be had. The footbridge was removed and returned after repainting and certainly looks very good. It should do us for many years to come. The small tram refurbishment is nearly complete and it has done its first proving runs.

Bring and Buy



Unfortunately Gerard, our usual Auctioneer, was not well, so John Cockfield stepped in, at short notice, to do the Auctioneering.



He did such a good job, he is now promoted to reserve Auctioneer!!





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The first Open Day of the year went well. The refurbished footbridge was commented on by many of the regulars. The tram ran well on the newly laid track. Even though the weather was not very good, we had a good turn out of the Public through the door.



The OO layout was watched by many with the trains running well over the complex track arrangement at the front of the layout. Frequent movement kept the children interested.





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The Footbridge was dismantled and taken away for shot blasting, galvanising and powder coating



When dismantled it showed that it was well timed as the rust was worse than a lot of people realised.



The site looked bare without it!!





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Members refitting the panels and adding the signalling furniture





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The refurbished tram chassis, which of course included new wheels, was pushed round the track to see if there were any problems. Then the chassis and body were reunited.



The end of the first very successful test run. Apparently white hair and beard are compulsory for the drivers!



Visitors to Cardiff's Heath Park can take pleasure trips on this miniature tram, driven here by the man who designed it - octogenarian Felix Cunuder, former chief engineer of Cardiff City Tramways. It is 12ft long, seats eight, and bears the legend 'Cardiff City Tramways' and the city's coat-of-arms. Its sister tram is a bogie car 20ft long, seating 20. Both cars, and the 18-inch tramway they run on, were built with the help of the Whitchurch and District Model Engineering