



The wonderful tram model displays prompted more than a few to talk about their tram memories. Paul Neason remembered the last tram along the Moseley Road – 1<sup>st</sup> October 1949.

*"We were just kids at the time, we used to travel on the trams all the time. Cars used to drive along the tram lines too if there was no tram coming of course! The tracks used to cause problems for horses and carts. If a horse fell over on the tracks he was difficult to get back up again. Same for bikes, a lot of us had bikes in those days and the tracks would throw you off if you got your wheels stuck.*

*We rode on the last day from Navigation Street, or Hill Street it was, on the 41. Then we went and had something to eat and went to the depot and waited for the last tram to come in, car number 386, and walked home afterwards, at about midnight, to Stirchley. It was the end of an era. The tram depot opened as a bus garage the following day and they were brand new Daimler buses which took over from the trams.*

*The tram tracks, I think, were taken up quite a time afterwards because of course there were tracks all over the place. What they used to do sometimes was tarmac the tracks over but eventually they were taken up and the overhead wiring taken down too. Of course it wasn't the last tram in Birmingham because the last tram ran in 1953 on a Saturday from Miller Street Depot in Aston. Unfortunately I missed that because I was doing National Service!"*