

# ***Single News*** – the Kempton Volunteers News-brief – February 2020.

## ***Health and Safety***

Following a couple of hazardous incidents during the Nevers filming, Martin asked whether or not we report these ourselves. The health and safety briefing does say this should happen but it was felt that a reporting mechanism is not in place. Martin will create a hazardous incident log that will be kept in the entrance foyer and this must be used should a hazardous incident occur. Note that it does not replace the accident reporting process that must be used if someone is injured in an accident.

## ***Thames Water Liaison***

At a recent meeting with TW they stated that no vehicles must ever be parked on any access road. This means that on open weekends we can no longer use the road to the Primary Filter House for parking when the overflow car park becomes full. To mitigate this we will now use the full length of the car park beneath the A316 all the way down to the Nailhead Road roundabout. The railway will issue tickets for their busy events to control numbers.

## ***Commercial***

The Nevers location hire yielded the sum of £46k, a tremendous result. Thanks are due to all volunteers involved to provide cover on the required shifts, operate No 6 and in particular to David Seager for all of the effort put in by him to make this such a success. There is a potential hire coming up in March, this is small but will need No 6 to be operated.

Our winter break is now over and the museum is open to the public on the 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of February.

## ***Museum Infrastructure***

The relocation of the refreshment area is planned to be carried out during the summer break. June and John Barber are working hard on this and have been visiting other sites to gain ideas on layout, logistics and equipment. They will refine the current proposals and then seek guidance on suitable equipment from suppliers. It is felt that the task is too large for the volunteer workforce to accomplish and contractors are likely to be used to do the work.

Bill has put forward proposals to allow visitor access to museum basement areas, specifically the central area below the turbine floor, the area to the North of No 6 and the walkway to the North side of No 7. It was agreed to progress with the central area and North side of No 6 first and Bill will develop the proposals to ensure that visitors can be safely accommodated in these areas.

## ***Engineering***

The first step in the lighting project is to purchase the new cradle. Much consideration is being given to this to ensure that the apparatus will be safe when used in conjunction with the crane.

The mechanical team are working hard to find out what the best arrangement is for the low pressure valves on No 6 to avoid the excess levels of noise being produced by the valve and camshaft gearbox mechanisms.

## ***Museum Aims and Objectives***

Work has been done to identify owners for the objectives present in the museum A&Os document and progress is being made on some of these. Work is also being done to identify all of the roles that need to be performed to operate and develop the museum, with each role being defined and assigned to a volunteer. Succession planning is also to be progressed to ensure that a role can continue to be carried out should a volunteer depart.

*For further information on any of these items or on other things going on at Kempton please see the minutes from the most recent KGES committee meeting or speak with your team leader.*