

Single News – the KSM Volunteers News-brief – September 2022

August steaming weekend results

The August Science Show proved to be a very popular event with good attendance numbers. Huge thanks are due to Alan Rowell who worked really hard to create the various scientific displays and demonstrations. It really was his show! Thanks are also due to the volunteers who offered explanations to visitors about the displays and answered their questions.

Day	Adults	U-18s	Takings
Saturday	196	54	£2,400
Sunday	214	88	£2,758

KGES volunteer consultation session 20th August

The volunteer consultation session held on 20th August was well attended with a great response to the four issues the Trust asked volunteers to consider. This resulted in over 80 post-it notes containing suggestions. These are now being reviewed by the Trust who will provide feedback in due course.

KGES / KGET merger – membership transition

All KGES prime members have now been sent a communication giving more information on the merger and specifically its impact upon KGES membership. As a reminder, as KGES will cease to exist from 30th September KGES memberships will have to be changed to become KGET memberships. As KGET is a separate entity from KGES, we need to ask for your permission to make this change to your membership. Permission to move your membership from KGES to KGET can be easily done in our online membership system which is located here: <https://membermojo.co.uk/kemptonsteam/signin> If you have any queries about this please contact me at ‘membership@kemptonsteam.org’

Restoration of emergency generator



Work being carried out on the emergency generator (picture by Peter Fowler)

One of the more substantial restoration projects currently underway is the renovation of the emergency generator set (the machinery located between engines No 8 and 9 on the West side of the building). The plan is to be able to rotate this as a display item as has been done for the No 9 steam turbine, gearbox and impeller pump. However this is proving to be a challenging piece of work, summed up by chief engineer Jerry Scholefield as “two paces forward and one pace back”! Despite fitting a new bearing on the shaft at the end of the brake drum, the unit still does not rotate freely and further disassembly and inspection is now needed. The volunteers working on this project, Rod Ambler, Chris Dunlop, Peter Fowler, John Hennah and Bob Webb, will continue to progress this work and I am sure it will be successfully completed in due course to provide yet another exciting and informative display item for our visitors to enjoy.

Real coffee at last!

Firstly a very warm welcome to two new refreshments team volunteers, Michele and Sharon. Through their hard work and dedication in this area they are proving to be very welcome additions to the team.

Building on recent improvements within the refreshment area, the latest equipment to be added is a bean-to-cup coffee making machine which will provide visitors with fresh ground coffee. Non-milk coffees (espresso, americano) will be priced at £2-00, while milk coffees (flat white, latte, cappuccino) and hot chocolate will be £2-30. For volunteers there will be a £1-00 flat rate for all varieties. Instant coffee will still be available for anyone who prefers this for cost or other reasons, or who wants decaffeinated coffee. Please note that because of the stringent cleaning requirements needed for this machine it will only be used on public open days and is not for use on volunteer working days.

For further information on any of these items or on other goings on at Kempton please speak with your team leader, or view the previous issues of Single News available on the website volunteer area.