

# Single News – the KSM Volunteers News-brief – January 2023

## Volunteer visits

There have recently been invitations from two heritage sites within the London area that have provided those volunteers that participated the opportunity to have a great day out.

**Whitewebbs Museum of Transport:** an invitation was received from Lynn Watt who has visited Kempton on a number of occasions. The visit took place on 30<sup>th</sup> November with Lynn and the team opening the museum specially, laying on a buffet and providing guided tours. The museum is located in a former New River Company pumping station, which originally pulled water from a 200 foot deep well shaft and pumped it into the New River on its way to London. It houses an extensive collection of almost everything you can imagine! We thank Lynn and her team for making the visit so special.

**Markfield Beam Engine and Museum:** this trip occurred on 7<sup>th</sup> January with about a dozen volunteers accepting the invitation to their New Year steaming. Again a generous spread of food was kindly provided. After the elegant compound rotative beam engine, dating from 1866 and used for the less elegant purpose of pumping sewage, had finished its run the visiting volunteers were allowed to explore the murky depths below and climb to the top of the engine. Information was provided on their plans to open up a bricked in old window at the end of the building to provide a first floor viewing gallery which will give more space for visitors to view and appreciate this impressive and beautifully restored engine. Both visits were informative and enjoyable and the sites are strongly recommended for a great day out.

## Introducing the Technical Committee

Another of the committees set up following the merger of KGES with KGET is the Technical Committee. As with the other committees, meetings are held on a regular basis with minutes taken and information shared with the Trustees and the other committees. Responsibilities and membership are:

### Responsibilities

- ◆ Restoration, preservation and adaption
- ◆ Maintenance and installations
- ◆ Training and qualifications
- ◆ Operation of restored triple expansion engine
- ◆ Rostering of volunteers for operation of restored engine
- ◆ Volunteer health and safety
- ◆ Technical risk assessments
- ◆ Proposals and future plans
- ◆ Required and actual spend
- ◆ Project and work progress reporting

### Members

- ◆ Jerry Scholefield (*Chair / KGET Trustee*)
- ◆ Martin Wicks (*KGET Trustee*)
- ◆ John Barber
- ◆ Mike Diprose
- ◆ Graham Heron
- ◆ Bill Sallkild
- ◆ David Seager
- ◆ Colin Sowman
- ◆ Bob Webb
- ◆ Peter Webb

## Volunteer forum

All volunteers are invited to a forum to be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30 pm. KGET Trustees will be in attendance to provide an update on plans and to get your views about a couple of specific issues. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns. This will be held at a venue in the local area and the location will be publicised soon.

## New Trustees

I am pleased to announce that a further two new Trustees have recently joined the KGET board.

**Richard Albanese** has joined us from the London Museum of Water and Steam, where he has been both a volunteer and employee for over 40 years, most recently acting as Project Coordinator and Curator on their new exhibitions on water supply history and electric pumping machinery.

**Felix Charteris** is a Heritage Consultant with previous experience as a local authority Conservation Officer. He is experienced in working with planning and heritage issues concerning listed buildings. Felix has volunteered in museums before but this is his first Trustee role.

I would like to welcome both Richard and Felix to KGET. Their skills and experience in the operation, preservation and development of heritage sites will be a great addition to the Trust's capabilities.

*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.*