

Single News – the KSM Volunteers News-brief – May 2023

April steaming weekend results

April proved to be another popular steaming weekend with a total of 473 visitors over the two days and with the added attraction of the Routemaster bus.



Day	Adults	Children	Total	Takings	Net income
Saturday	149	58	207	£1,844	£1,559
Sunday	215	51	266	£2,979	£2,562

The bus ran a shuttle service between the museum and local rail stations making it easier to access the museum for those using public transport. On Saturday the bus ran from Feltham and Kempton Park stations and on Sunday from Twickenham and Kempton Park. The service was enhanced by having permission from Kempton Park racecourse for our visitors to use their car park which is located right by the rail station thus giving us our very own park-and-ride scheme!

Using these old buses does work well and we will try to do this again on another of our steaming weekends this year.

We go again on the weekend of 20th and 21st May with the Weekend of Power. Featuring a large collection of model boats, static engines and both model and full-size steam engines this event is sure to be another enjoyable and successful one that will attract many visitors.

Location hire takes off

Location hire is picking up again at the museum following the Covid-induced lull. Netflix were on site filming for their Guy Ritchie produced series 'The Gentlemen'. This was carried out beneath the elevated A316 and featured a shoot-out on a caravan site (just what you would expect from Guy Ritchie!).

We then had a half-day film shoot in the museum for a company called Modiphuis who are a creator and publisher of tabletop role playing games, wargaming, board and card games. Finally a very last minute outside hire was delivered for Adidas footwear.

These hires generate valuable income for the museum helping us greatly with the costs of our repair, maintenance and restoration work.

They would not have been possible without having volunteers in attendance to provide support for them. David Seager and John Barnes would like to say a really big thank-you to all of you who helped out on these.



Recruitment, recruitment, recruitment!

The Operations Committee have been taking action recently to find more volunteers to help out at the museum with particular focus on the visitor facing and administrative and support roles. Adverts have been placed on social media and also on a number of volunteer recruitment websites. A volunteer recruitment fair at Boston Manor House was attended along with the Community Race Day at Kempton Park racecourse – this was an interesting experience for Linda and I who have no interest at all in horse racing and also disapprove of betting and gambling! However these efforts have given encouraging results with a fair number of enquiries which are all being subject to follow up. You may well see new volunteers helping out at upcoming steaming weekends so please do introduce yourselves and say hello to any new faces that you encounter and offer any help and support that you feel that they might need.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering with us at Kempton please do encourage them to get in touch by coming along one day or contacting me at volunteering@kemptonsteam.org

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.