

Kempton goes Loco for steam!

Kempton Steam Museum's massive 1,000-ton Triple – the largest working triple-expansion steam engine in the world – will be getting extra steam power this summer thanks to the loan of *Thomas Wicksteed*, a narrow-gauge locomotive from Kew Bridge Steam Museum.

This magnificent steam engine and its partner are housed in the impressive building on the waterworks site, close to the elevated section of the A316, near Kempton, and powered the pumps for the water supply to part of London. The engines needed a good supply of high-pressure steam to power the pumps and therefore a good supply of coal to burn in the boilers to produce that steam.



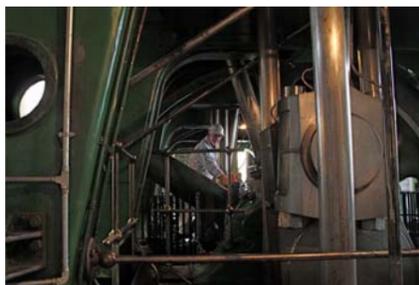
Today the engines are run for show and need much less fuel but volunteers have been renovating the railway that used to supply the coal and that is where the *Thomas Wicksteed* comes in.

The smart green loco will launch the Hanworth Loop – first leg of the Hampton & Kempton Waterworks Railway, which will eventually reinstate the

two-mile line that once brought 200 tons of coal a day from The River at Hampton to fuel the both of the Triples' boilers.

The Loop will be officially opened on Friday 17th May by Martin Baggs, CEO of Thames Water, followed by a public steaming weekend on 18-19th May, when both *Thomas Wicksteed* and the museum's Great Triple will be in action.

Volunteers are planning to run the train every Sunday throughout the summer, so go to www.HamptonKemptonRailway.org.uk for details and visit www.kemptonsteam.org for the Triple's steaming dates. Directions as to how-to-get- there are on the websites – but be careful it may not be as easy as just putting a post-code on your satellite navigation.



The "big end" of the triple expansion engine
Douglas Dick

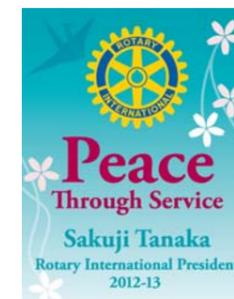


In April 2012, the final of the RIBI competition was held in the stunning surroundings of Glyndwr University, Wrexham, where seven senior and intermediate teams presented to a large audience and judges. Thousands of young people took the challenge across the UK, competing in school, district and regional competitions.

Farnborough Hill School, Hampshire, took the top spot for the Intermediate Category with the topic of 'Mind over matter'. Chair person Beatrice Cerrullo was awarded the Best Chair trophy while teammate Carys Daly scooped the Best Vote of Thanks award. The team was sponsored by the Rotary clubs of Farnham and Farnham Wayside. In the Senior category it was Oathill Community College, Sussex, who came top of the class with the topic 'Health and safety; Strangling common sense?'. Daniel Kingdom was awarded the Best Vote of Thanks trophy. Tom Hother was presented with the Best Speaker trophy. The team was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Cuckfield and Lindfield.



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A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

It never seems that a month has passed before it is time for another "View from the Bridge". With this May edition I realize that my tenure as your President is rushing to its conclusion, which should be very sociable with President's Night, Club Assembly and the Shepperton Fair.

On the whole we have had a very good year as a Club and I hope that the decision to close Oscars will prove to be the only major disappointment of the year. Unfortunately there was nothing we could do about the Studios' decision, as it was matter for Pinewood/Shepperton of getting the most out of the premises. It was certainly a shock when Ann informed us that Oscar's would be turned into storage space! Shepperton Aurora had become very settled into what was an ideal venue for our meetings and we have now been jolted out of our comfort zone. However, the Club is bigger than the venue and we will do our best to find the most suitable replacement.

Turning back to the good news we can celebrate a very successful Prestige Lecture, so well described by Joe in last month's edition, and the induction of a fourth new member of the year, Chris Arnot. Chris has been warmly welcomed in Aurora and his positive outlook on life and friendly manner will be a bonus for us all.

Joe Delahunty, Doreen and I visited TS Black Swan to exchange trophies, temporarily, with Gail Cramp, and to present a cheque for £3,200 to Sunbury and Walton Sea Cadets. We will arrange a permanent exchange at one of our breakfast meetings, when we have the final accounts for the lecture. With Barclays matched funding the Sea Cadets should receive nearly £4000 in total. Well done to all at the Club for their efforts at the Lecture which Mayor, Robin Sider, described as "an overwhelming success", as was evident from audience reactions.

The AGM was held on 10th April at which reports from your President, The Treasurer and Chairs of Committees for the current year were presented. Kwasi Kwarteng MP was elected as an Honorary Member and Robin Sider and Paul Venn were re-elected as Honorary Members. Des Mulvany was elected as Vice-President for the current year, which put him in line for Presidency in 2014-15. Thank you, Des, for helping us out by generously offering to fill that post. At the Club Assembly on 15th May Doreen Pipe will set out her programme as President for the coming year and Chairs of Committees will do likewise. I would urge all members of Aurora to get involved in some capacity and to strengthen the Club further by so doing. After that it's all hands on deck for the Village Fair; let's give Dave Good all the support we can for our last major event of the year.

Nigel Wilson

Presentation to Black Swan

The three things I remember Gail Cramp from Black Swan saying to me, as she and her party left after the "Canaletto to Costain" lecture, were just how much she had enjoyed the lecture and, indeed, the whole evening, she congratulated Aurora on its organization and then asked if we would let them know the result of the money raised, which was understandable as they were the beneficiaries.

On Friday 12th we were able fulfil the last part, when four of us, President Nigel, President Elect Doreen and Joe visited T S Black Swan Shepperton, Headquarters of the Walton Sea Cadets, the chosen Charity for the Prestige Lecture. President Nigel presented Gail with a cheque for £3200 with the promise of more to come, when all the money is in. We understand the donation from the lecture will go towards building modular jetties that allow boats to get on and off the water a lot quicker, as well as improving the toilet and shower facilities. As part of the presentation, covered by a photographer from the local press, Nigel presented a framed certificate detailing Aurora's donations to Black Swan in 2013 and Gail presented a T S Black Swan shield to the Club.



After the formal part of the evening we moved outside and watched cadets return in a Black Swan motor launch. This prompted the suggestion from our party that a trip up river to see the new Walton Bridge from the river at night would be appreciated, unfortunately the gap from landing stage to boat proved too high for one old man with a dodgy knee so he was unable to participate, but Doreen, Nigel and Joe certainly reported enjoying the experience, but returned a little surprised that in this day and age of risk assessment, they weren't requested to wear life jackets.

We understand Black Swan are also benefitting from Aurora introducing them to Costain and, as a result, the company are helping to improve the car park and river bank.

Altogether a highly successful outcome for Rotary charity fundraising and, I would suggest, a great result from members efforts in running another Rotary Prestige Lecture. We have also received many accolades from the village for that evening.

Ken

FACEBOOK

Thanks to Chris and Karen we are now at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Shepperton-Aurora-Rotary/19322230826275> on Facebook. If anyone with Facebook accounts can LIKE the page, they can post to the Wall or if they'd like to add any posts or events, the members can send them to Karen or Chris. Our thanks to Chris Arnot who set the page up for us last-week. Karen and Chris have agreed to share the job of keeping it up to date.

Notes for Contributors.

Articles should be between 150 and 350 words long and emailed to john@dumbrell.org.uk or sent in typewritten format. Pictures can be any size and will be returned.

This is a monthly magazine and the deadline for contributions is **the 25th of the month.**

It is your newsletter, please keep sending contributions in preferably with some photos.

John Dumbrell, Editor



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ShelterBox

Someone remarked the other day that we had not heard much of ShelterBox recently—you remember that smart green box that weighs 45kg and supplies a family of ten living accommodation for up to 6 months and often longer. Well they have not been idle. They are now an official RI project and acknowledged as leaders all over the world as quick suppliers of relief aid in disaster areas.



Just to refresh your minds, the box measures 33 inches long, 25 inches high and 24 inches wide and contains a tent, blankets, cooking equipment and a stove, water purifying kit, tools and even a children's pack. It is designed around the needs of a family of up to ten people and costs £590 including delivery to its final destination. Each box has an individual bar code and donors can trace the box to its final destination.

ShelterBox have been very busy over the last few months and the following is a resume of a few of their many activities.

Syria - Conflict



After 18 months helping on the borders of Jordan, Lebanon and Iraq, ShelterBox has now found another way of getting aid into Syria itself via Turkey to help families displaced by the ongoing conflict.

Pakistan - Earthquake



Photo courtesy of Balochistan Rural Support Programme (BRSP).
Quake survivors walking amongst remains of their home, Mashail, Pakistan, April 2013.

ShelterBox tents are en route to help displaced families in Mashkail, an area in Balochistan Province in southwestern Pakistan that has been the most affected by a 7.8-magnitude earthquake, which hit inside southern Iran near the Pakistan border on 16 April.

Haiti - Hurricane Sandy

Hurricane Sandy wreaked widespread devastation upon New York, USA but also left a trail of destruction through many islands in the Caribbean. Its timing could not have been worse either. Not only did Tropical Storm Isaac strike just a couple of months before but Haiti was, and still is, recovering from the 2010 earthquake that left over two million homeless and led to a widespread outbreak of cholera and food shortages.

Rotary project partnership one year on

A year has passed since ShelterBox became Rotary International's first project partner. This agreement enables both organisations to collaborate more closely to bring relief and temporary shelter to survivors of disasters worldwide. The project partnership builds on both our strengths in responding to disasters all over the world.

Much more information can be found on their website at www.shelterbox.org

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