

COLEHAM PUMPING STATION

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Another successful year, six steaming open days, with the beam engines running and the usual other attractions of stationary engines, garden railway and various interesting exhibits in the main workshop. The number of visitors for the year, 738 in total, were very complementary about how the engine room and the beam engines had been cleaned and repainted. One visitor said it must have looked like this back in 1900 when it first opened.

The Annual General Meeting held on 11th October was well attended, with a number of changes of Trust officers. The meeting appointed Lorraine Evans as treasurer/secretary following the retirement of Clare Targett after many years service. John McLean continues as Chairman and the committee was re-elected. The outstanding matter of the Trusts draft Constitution was discussed and signed in its present form. The new committee will recommend any changes required.

A representative from English Heritage visited Coleham with the intention of reviewing our current Grade 11 listed status. We have asked that the beam engines be noted of high importance in his report to the office of The Secretary of State when reviewing the current status. A follow-up to the report is not expected until some time in 2015.

Members have continued during the year to improve the storage facilities in the back yard. A new fabricated building to house the stationary engines together with improvements to the shed for dry storage has been carried out. All done by the outdoor back yard team of, Al Ingle, Alan Brown, Gordon Woodruff, David Paddock, Keith Rees, Ron Targett, Paul Roberts and Frank Marsh.



Members corner

Russell Mulford

Russell our long serving Chairman died recently. Through his efforts the Shrewsbury Steam Trust developed into a viable and lasting entity.



He was one of the founder members who have restored the Coleham Pumping Station since 1991. He worked tirelessly, promoting the Pumping Station within Shrewsbury and beyond. Working with the local press he always promoted the Trust's activities, managing to get a mention of our open day activities in the local papers together with photographs of members. With failing health in recent years, he always managed to show up on open days keeping his long term interest in Coleham alive. He will be sadly missed. Photo, edited, copyright. Joe Targett

David Paddock recently made a trip to Belgium to visit war graves of WW1. He writes. "Around this time of the year we remember the allied soldiers who have fallen in the conflict. It was on this recent visit to Belgium that the magnitude of the loss suffered, hit home. Any loss, however small, affects someone-somewhere. On our trip we visited a number of cemeteries, the MENIN GATE at YPRES also a memorial to the Welsh Guards. After the visit to the graves and the memorials it really brings home the sacrifices that were made for us.

Michael Glover - editor
